

CHIEF'S REPORT

June 16, 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Digital Alerting (Update)
- Bees @ Oak Creek (Update)
- Standard of Cover Study (Update)
- CRFPD Tender - It's Here!
- CRFPD Type 3 (Super Single)
 - October-ish
- RRV Program
 - Chiefs Letter
 - Fall Academy
- Firefighter EMT Recruitment
 - 9+ Starting August 17th
- EM Report

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May 2026

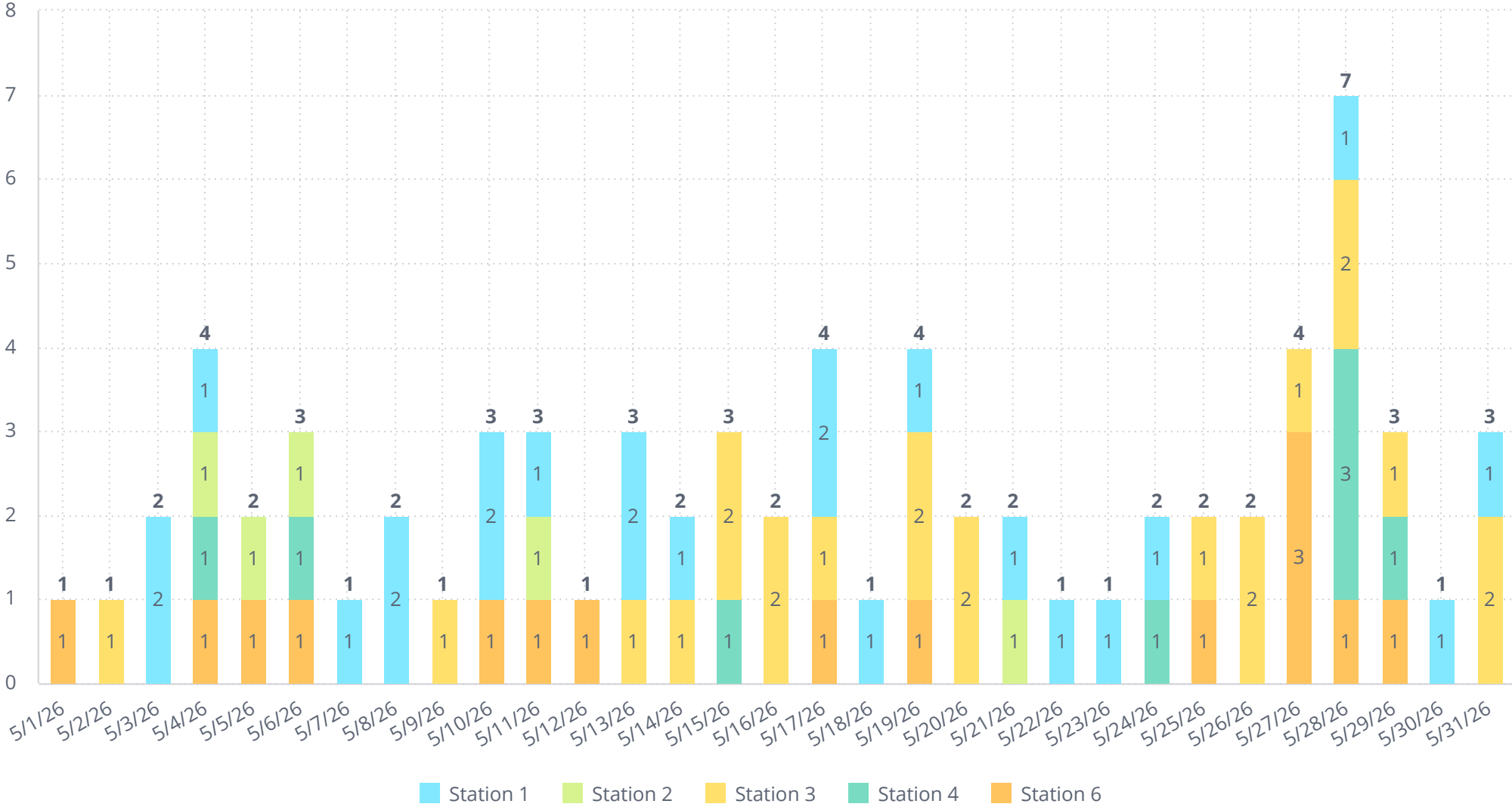
CFD CALL COUNTS BY INCIDENT CATEGORY AND DISTRICT FOR MONTH

Core district	Call Count							Grand Total
	Fire	Hazsit	Lawenforce	Medical	Noemerg	Pubserv	Rescue	
Adair RFPD				3	1			4
Albany Fire Department						1		1
Alsea RFPD	1			4				5
Blodgett-Summit RFPD				3				3
Corvallis Fire Department	23	15	19	502	45	112	2	718
Corvallis RFPD	4	3		43	7	15	1	73
Halsey Shedd RFPD				2				2
Hoskins-Kings Valley RFPD				3				3
Monroe RFPD		1		20	2			23
No Fire District				2				2
Philomath Fire & Rescue	2			52	2			56
Grand Total	30	19	19	634	57	128	3	890

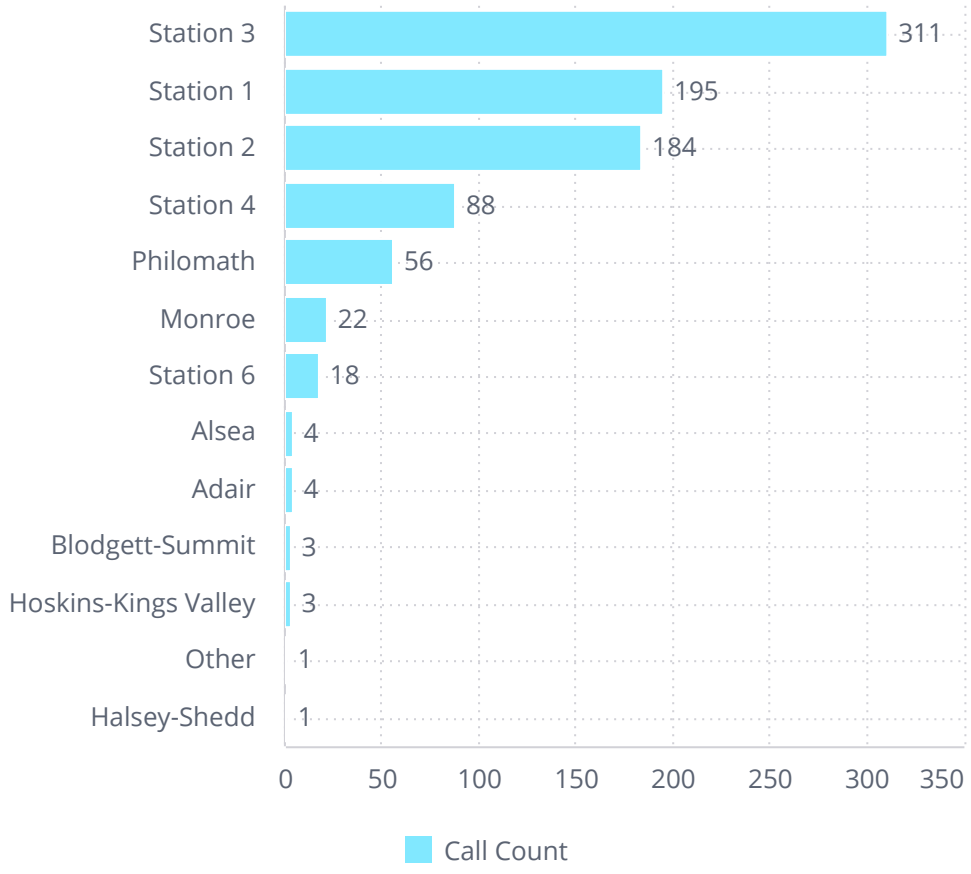
CFD CALL COUNTS BY INCIDENT CATEGORY AND DISTRICT FOR YEAR

Core district	Call Count							Grand Total
	Fire	Hazsit	Lawenforce	Medical	Noemerg	Pubserv	Rescue	
Adair RFPD	1	1		28	4			34
Albany Fire Department	1			6		2		9
Alsea RFPD	1			26				27
Blodgett-Summit RFPD				10	1			11
Corvallis Fire Department	94	116	66	2,443	174	460	13	3,366
Corvallis RFPD	11	21	7	200	23	40	1	303
Halsey Shedd RFPD				18	2			20
Harrisburg Fire & Rescue				3				3
Hoskins-Kings Valley RFPD				6	1			7
Monroe RFPD		2		83	17	1		103
No Fire District		1		14				15
Philomath Fire & Rescue	6	2	2	219	20	3	1	253
Tangent RFPD				4				4
Grand Total	114	143	75	3,060	242	506	15	4,155

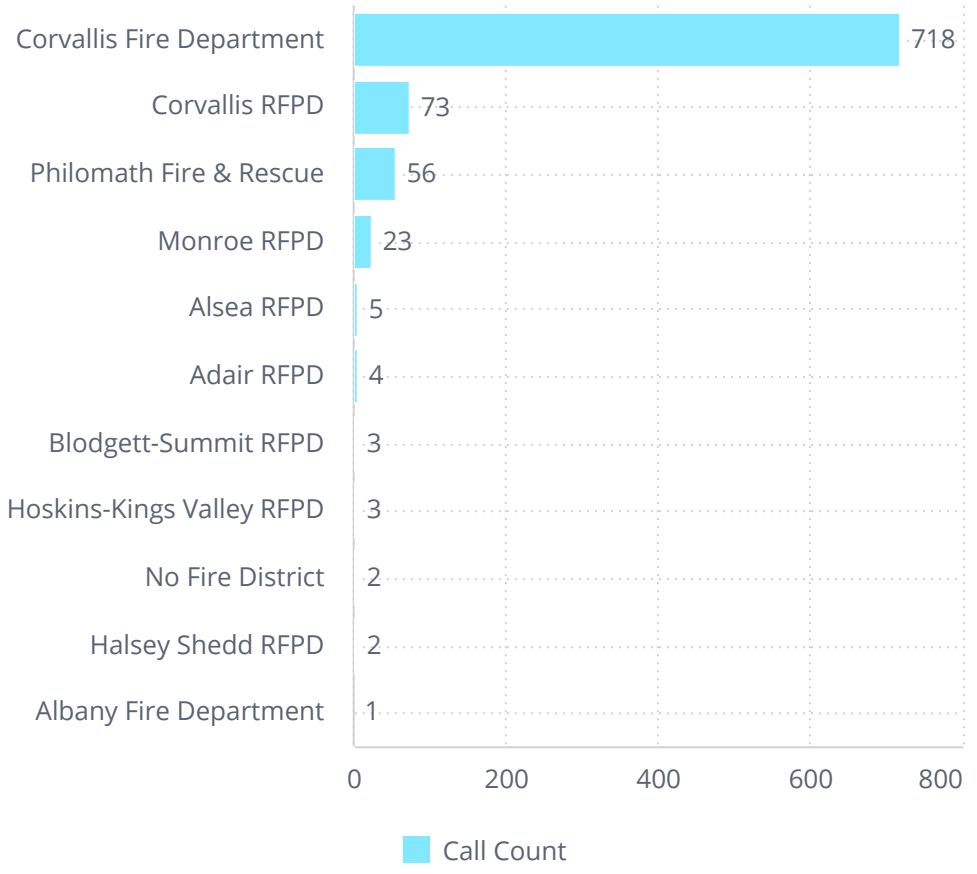
CRFPD CALL COUNTS BY DAY OF MONTH AND STATION



CFD CALL COUNT BY STATION DISTRICT



CFD CALL COUNT BY FIRE DISTRICT



CALL COUNTS FOR CRFPD UNITS, TENDERS, AND BRUSH RIGS

Unit name	Core district	Core station	Call Count
W136	Corvallis Fire Department	Station 1	4
		Station 2	2
		Station 3	11
		Station 4	2
		Station 6	3
	Corvallis Fire Department Total		22
	Corvallis RFPD	Station 3	1
		Station 6	10
	Corvallis RFPD Total		11
	W136 Total		
W141	Corvallis RFPD	Station 1	2
W143	Corvallis RFPD	Station 1	1
W161	Corvallis Fire Department	Station 1	1
W166	Corvallis Fire Department	Station 1	2
		Station 3	7
	Corvallis Fire Department Total		9
	Corvallis RFPD	Station 1	1
		Station 6	5
	Corvallis RFPD Total		6
W166 Total			15



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CRFPD Board of Directors,

I would like to provide the Board with an update on the Locke Station Rural Resident Volunteer (RRV) Program and the anticipated impacts of recent hiring activity at the Corvallis Fire Department.

As many of you are aware, several RRVs from Locke Station were successful in CFD's recent firefighter hiring process and are expected to transition into career positions this summer. While this is a testament to the quality of the RRV program and the caliber of individuals it produces, it will create some short-term operational challenges at Locke Station.

Based on current projections, the departure of these members in August will temporarily reduce staffing depth within the program. However, Lieutenant Jacob Rose anticipates that 2-4 current RRVs will complete Apparatus Operator training by mid-August, helping offset some of the impacts. Additionally, the station currently has a strong complement of EMTs, and we do not anticipate significant impacts to EMS response availability. While the program may temporarily fall below its target staffing level of 16 RRVs, this reduction is expected to last only a few months until the next academy class is completed.

The recruitment outlook remains very positive. Interest in the program has been exceptionally strong, with 56 applicants expressing interest during the most recent recruitment cycle. Following a screening and evaluation process, approximately 20-24 candidates advanced to the physical ability testing and interview phase. Lieutenant Rose reports that the overall quality of applicants has been impressive and gives confidence in the program's future.

Looking ahead to the fall academy, current projections indicate that between seven and ten new RRVs could be brought into the program. This estimate accounts for known vacancies and anticipated turnover associated with career hiring opportunities and other personal transitions. Staff are also exploring options to establish alternate candidate lists to ensure vacancies can be filled quickly should additional openings occur.

From a long-term perspective, the Board's previous decision to expand the program to 16 RRVs has proven beneficial and continues to support recruitment and retention efforts. One of the primary challenges moving forward is not attracting members but rather providing the necessary training and development opportunities to advance a large number of Apparatus Operator trainees simultaneously. CFD leadership is exploring potential improvements to the training model, including the possibility of dedicated Apparatus Operator academies, to better support member development and maintain operational readiness.

Overall, I remain optimistic about the future of the Locke Station RRV Program. While the transition of several RRVs into career positions will create temporary challenges, it also demonstrates the program's success as a pipeline for future fire service professionals. Strong recruitment numbers, a healthy applicant pool, and ongoing efforts to improve training and development position the program well for continued success over the coming years.

Thank you for your continued support of the Locke Station and the RRV Program. I look forward to discussing these updates with the Board and answering any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Janes".

Ben Janes

Fire Chief: "One team, one mission."

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Good Morning Commissioners,

I wanted to thank you again for letting us come and present to you during the recent information session. I am excited with all the coordinated efforts we are making between local fire, law enforcement, emergency management, and state partners. Our entire goal is to make sure we can manage our incidents locally and ensure we do the greatest good for our community. I wanted to give you a short summary of Emergency Management related activities in preparation for wildfire season as well as a follow up with some of the FEMA Review Committee Recommendations and some impacts. Please note, the list below is not exhaustive and is meant to provide a meaningful overview of our activities to prepare for wildfire season.

- **Wildfire Preparedness Fair and social media outreach**
 - This outreach event involved local and state partners and was led by the

City of Corvallis

- The social media campaigns around wildfire preparedness, readiness, etc. were coordinated between BCSO, Emergency Management, Health, and County Communications.
- **Emergency Management Volunteer Corps. Call Center**
 - Emergency Management has hosted multiple training and exercises to ensure our call center is ready and able to support a major incident including coordination of evacuation information, call volume management, and clearly outlined protocol and procedures for operations.
- **EOC Trainings/Exercises**
 - Emergency Management hosts monthly EOC trainings that focus on the development of critical skillsets, discussions, and decision-making as a coordinated team to support operations in the field. Over the last five years, we have shifted our focus of this team to train as a local Incident Management Team (IMT) to provide flexibility to support our partners in response.
 - Emergency Management hosts at least two functional exercises in which the EOC Team can practice the skills learned throughout the year to better understand the overall incident management process and familiarize themselves with the operation of the entire incident management system. These exercises are critical in bringing all the information together and simulating a real response and the complexities of making critical decisions, documentation, and filling critical functions to protect the community.
 - Wildfire Functional Exercise- We completed the wildfire related functional exercise this week. It was a great success with key first responder partners from BCSO, Monroe Fire, ODF, and Philomath Fire participating to work through the process with the entire team. There are many lessons learned and areas to improve, but the team demonstrated their capabilities to work together to solve critical public safety problems and collaborate on solutions and support.
- **Benton County Fire Defense Board Tabletop Exercise**
 - Emergency Management facilitated a wildland fire exercise with the local Fire Chiefs and state partners. This was to help outline roles and responsibilities as well as to share critical information and decision-making processes between all partners.
 - Local Fire Chiefs were able to share their updates at the information

session, but one summary is that many have received staffing and equipment grants to support operations this summer. Furthermore, the BCFD has been working diligently to expand mutual aid agreements and refine processes to help address gaps identified throughout the year.

- Radio communications and infrastructure continue to be an ongoing concern for all responder agencies as the systems continue to degrade and costs for equipment and improvements increase.

- **Alert and Warning**

- Emergency Management conducts monthly tests as well as twice annual community-wide tests. We have worked with the CRCC to establish clear protocol and procedures on notifications to key personnel when alerts are needed.
- Genasys EVAC- the funding for Genasys is not yet secured, but we anticipate this will be in place by July 1. However, in discussions with our operations professionals, there are limitations related to the zones, mapping, and overall use of the software. For now, this is an evacuation planning tool and will be utilized to support information sharing with the public when time allows. Our priority will always be to ensure rapid alerts are sent with a target time of 3 minutes or less once we are notified. Genasys related updates will come secondary to all other operational tasks and needs from our first responders.

- **Mass Care and Sheltering**

- Our region has a new Red Cross coordinator that met with Emergency Management to develop relationships and share information. We have confirmed our livestock sheltering plan with the NAPE Director, and we work regularly with our partners in Public Health to ensure readiness related to sheltering evacuated populations.

- **Evacuation Coordination**

- BCSO Patrol participated in the development of our local Evacuation Plan. In short, Emergency Management works closely with Patrol leadership to ensure processes and procedures are outlined to make evacuations happen smoothly and efficiently. BCSO Patrol is very engaged in ensuring we have clear lines of communication and information sharing related to emergency response.
- Search and Rescue resources are often being used to support evacuations across the state, and our BCSO SAR Team has conducted several evacuation related trainings to support that effort if needed.

- **Emergency Management Readiness**
 - In addition to the above efforts, Emergency Management is ensuring all equipment, supplies, resources, and tools are deployment ready should the need arise.
 - During fire season, Emergency Management maintains regular communication with local partners including close monitoring of fire related calls for service to help anticipate any critical needs should the incident expand.

- **State level coordination**
 - Emergency Management in Benton County is leading the effort to coordinate the Oregon State Sheriffs Association Incident Management Team. As a result, we have a unique tie and network of partners across the state who are willing and able to support major disaster response in any jurisdiction, including ours. This effort ensures that Benton County, the Willamette Region, and the state have a critical incident management organization available through mutual aid. This team has been on numerous deployments and conducts monthly trainings and exercises to ensure readiness at all times.

- **Planning updates**
 - Emergency Management will complete a project review and update of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and Community Wildfire Protection Plan the first week of June. These plans are often leveraged to obtain grant awards and prioritize projects should funding become available.
 - Our Emergency Operations Plan and some of our critical annex plans have been updated to ensure accurate information is reflected.

- **Other:**
 - As we continue into the fire season, we will expand our relationships and networks and provide updates as to any risks that may occur. We are closely connected to both Law Enforcement, Fire, State partners, local partners, and a robust network of professionals to ensure we have a high level of situational awareness throughout the year.

Thank you for your ongoing support and thank you to the Sheriff and Undersheriff for allowing us to continue to support our community. If you have any additional questions, please let me know. Please see the attached document and information below regarding the FEMA Review Council Recommendations and summary.

FEMA Review Council Recommendations:

I wanted to share some highlights from the FEMA Review Council Meeting. This meeting was delayed multiple times, and many topics were presented. I have attached the slide deck as well as the original “draft” report. The FEMA Review Council was established by Executive Order 14180 (January 2025) to conduct a full-scale review of FEMA. Their process was extensive gathering over 11,700 public comments, surveying 1,387 emergency management stakeholders, and holding 16 listening sessions across all 50 states and territories. The overarching theme is a fundamental rebalancing where states lead and federal government supports. This represents a significant departure from the current model where FEMA often drives disaster response and recovery. The main note is that these have not been approved yet by the administration, so these are the formal recommendations and may change. The final report was “approved” by the Council and will be on the website later today.

FEMA Review Council Members:

- Secretary Markwayne Mullin, Department of Homeland Security (Co-Chair)
- Secretary Pete Hegseth, Department of Defense (Co-Chair)
- Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas
- Phil Bryant, Former Governor of Mississippi
- Jane Castor, Mayor, City of Tampa, FL
- Mark Cooper, Chief of Staff for Former Governor John Bel Edwards
- Rosie Cordero-Stutz, Sheriff, Miami-Dade County, FL
- Robert Fenton, Jr., Region 9 Administrator, Former Acting Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management
- W. Nim Kidd, Chief, Texas Division of Emergency Management
- Michael Whatley, Former Chairman, Republican National Committee
- Glenn Youngkin, Former Governor of Virginia

[FEMA Review Council](#) (slide deck)

FEMA Review Council website: [Federal Emergency Management Agency Review Council | Homeland Security](#)

Key Findings and highlights:

1. **“Locally executed, state managed, federally supported” becomes the core doctrine**
 - The Council argues disaster response works best when led by local and state authorities, with FEMA serving primarily as a support and

coordination agency rather than the lead operator.

- Federal intervention would be reserved mainly for catastrophic events that overwhelm state capacity.

2. Creation of “FEMA 2.0”

- The proposal recommends transforming FEMA into a smaller organization focused on coordination, logistics, standards, and oversight.
- The plan reportedly includes major workforce reductions and decentralization of authority away from Washington, D.C.

3. FEMA should remain within DHS

- The Council rejects making FEMA an independent cabinet-level agency.
- Recommends FEMA stay inside the Department of Homeland Security to preserve integration with national security, intelligence, logistics, and interagency coordination systems.

4. Disaster costs and responsibilities should shift downward

- States and local governments would be expected to build greater self-sufficiency and preparedness capability.
- The report suggests the current federal disaster system has created overreliance on FEMA and is financially unsustainable as disasters increase in frequency and scale.
- Shift in HMGP to an entirely different model (30-day rapid + 6-month strategic)
- Increase thresholds and cost-share to locals and states.

5. FEMA mission expansion

- The Council argues FEMA has drifted from its “core mission” due to expanding responsibilities over time.
- It highlights a mismatch between growing disaster demands and FEMA’s limited staffing and resources.

6. Strong emphasis on efficiency and reducing bureaucracy

- Recommendations include reducing administrative costs, closing out long-open disasters faster, streamlining grant processes, and simplifying federal assistance systems.

7. Heavy stakeholder engagement

- The Council states it gathered input from all 50 states and territories, tribal representatives, nonprofits, and private-sector partners.
- More than 11,000 public comments and surveys from emergency

managers were reportedly reviewed.

8. **Concern about FEMA capacity and future disaster readiness**

- The presentation/report repeatedly warns that increasing disaster frequency and complexity are outpacing FEMA's current structure and staffing model.
- It frames reform as necessary to maintain national resilience.
- Adjust FEMA to a leaner, more focused agency

9. **Other**

- Changes to NFIP towards incentivizing states to change land use law and work directly with private sector insurance to cover floodplain insurance to "risk-based" structures.

Concerns Raised

The proposals have generated substantial concern within the emergency management community:

- Many emergency managers argue FEMA should instead become an independent cabinet-level agency with more authority, not less (including IAEM).
- Critics warn shifting costs and responsibilities to states could leave poorer or disaster-prone jurisdictions unable to recover effectively.
- There are concerns that reducing FEMA staffing and federal leadership could weaken nationwide coordination during catastrophic incidents.

Overall Takeaway

Significant philosophical shift in U.S. emergency management policy:

- less federal operational control,
- greater state and local responsibility,
- a smaller FEMA focused on coordination,
- and stronger integration with homeland security functions.

Thank you,



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