EUGENE SPRINGFIELD FIRE

CITY OF EUGENE CITY COUNCIL
WILDFIRE UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Our Mission: To serve our communities by preserving life, protecting property, and the environment through prevention, education, emergency medical services, rescue, and fire suppression services.

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INTRODUCTION

- Eugene Springfield Fire – Wildfire Efforts
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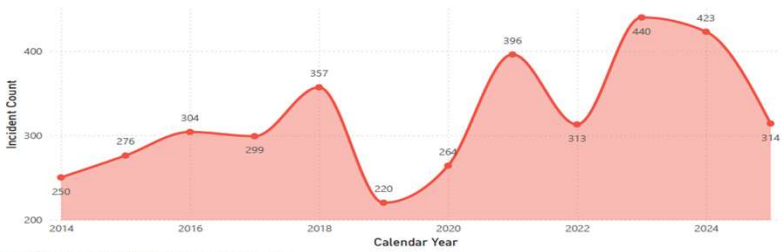
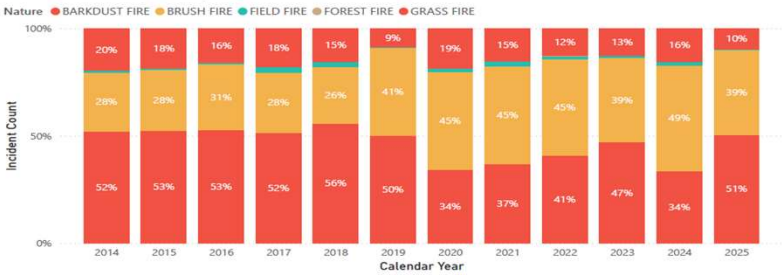
BRUSH & WILDLAND FIRES
DISPATCHES

Brush, Grass, & Wildland Dispatched Fires



Calendar Year	Incident Count
2025	314
2024	423
2023	440
2022	313
2021	396
2020	264
2019	220
2018	357
2017	299
2016	304
2015	276
2014	250

Brush, Grass, & Wildland Dispatched Fires



Dispatched Fires:
Indicates a Brush & Wildland Fire in which at least one ESF unit was dispatched. This metric gives a good indication of resource commitment to these types of incidents since it includes all responses. The situation found on-scene may differ from the dispatched situation. Units may be cancelled prior to arrival.

For incidents where a fire was confirmed on-scene, see NFIRS Fires on later pages. an NFIRS Fire indicates an incident where the unit response reported a fire of the appropriate type on-scene.

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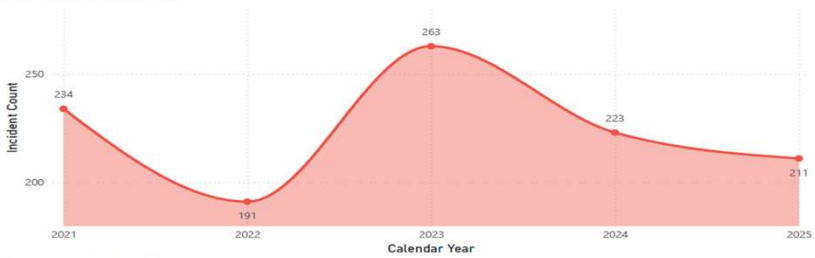
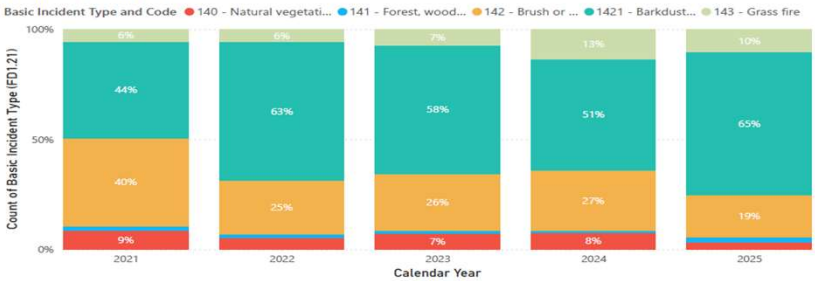
BRUSH & WILDLAND FIRES
NFIRS NATURAL VEGETATION FIRES

Natural Vegetation Fires



Calendar Year	Incident Count
2025	211
2024	223
2023	263
2022	191
2021	234

Natural Vegetation Fire Types



NFIRS Fires:
Data is based on the completed incident report (NFIRS) and may include incidents where the dispatched incident nature was other than fire but a fire was found on-scene.

Due to a system change, data is reported from 2021 forward.

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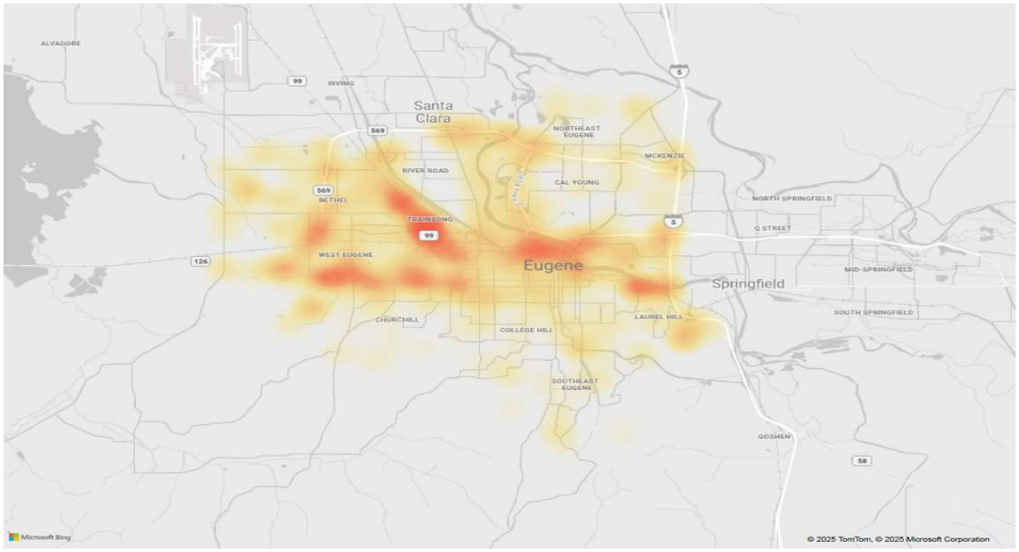
BRUSH & WILDLAND FIRES
HEATMAP - ALL YEARS



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LOCAL FIRES

- Fires trended down with a cooler summer
- West 11th and Hwy 99 Are high volume areas, but wildfire is a risk across the community.
- Unhoused related fires were down from 44% in 2024 to 32% in 2025 with nearly half as many Fires.
- Most significant responses were mutual aid in rural Lane County.

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CONFLAGRATION UPDATE

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LOCAL FIRES

- In 2025, ESF has deployed to 5 fires with 19 members for 51 days.
- Eugene Springfield Fire has 78 FTE cross trained and qualified to deploy on conflagrations.

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LOCAL FIRES

Conflagrations Year to Year

2024

- 16 conflagrations
- 1.3 million acres burned

2025

- 7 conflagrations
- 128 thousand acres burned

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WILDFIRE PLANNING & FUELS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Mission: The ESF Wildfire Planning and Fuels Management Program works to diminish wildfire risk by educating residents, assessing and improving defensible space, strengthening home hardening, reducing hazardous fuels, and integrating wildfire planning into emergency management.

- The program was launched in February 2024 with funding from the Community Safety Payroll Tax (CSPT) and is managed by ESF's Community Risk Reduction & Resilience (CRRR) Division.
- The program has now been operating for 18 months and provides a strong foundation for long-term wildfire resilience.

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Public readiness built on measured growth

- IN 2024, WE ENGAGED MORE THAN 1,000 RESIDENTS IN PERSON AND ANTICIPATE MORE THAN 1,300 BY THE END OF 2025.

- KEY PARTNERS IN THIS WORK INCLUDING OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, THE OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE, THE WESTERN FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, EWEB, AND THE RIVERS-TO-RIDGES PARTNERSHIP.

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- Since February 2024, we have assessed 326 properties and by the end of 2025, we expect to reach approximately 500 properties.
- 57% of property owners have already made recommended corrections to make their homes more resilient.
- Starting in the fall of 2025, Deputy Fire Marshals will conduct defensible space assessments, expanding the program's reach.
- 35 cubic yards of vegetation were removed from 15 properties in high-risk areas.
- Next steps include expansion of home-hardening outreach, targeted vegetation removal, and advancing a South Hills fuels-reduction project in partnership with EWEB.

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BUILDING CAPACITY: STAFFING, STRUCTURE, AND STRONGER CODES FOR SUSTAINED IMPACT

Early engagement has been scaled to stay within available resources ensuring high-quality follow-up.

Moving forward, engaging the planning and development community with key stakeholders to explore land-use and building code improvements that support defensible space and home-hardening requirements, improving the community's resilience.

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PLANNING: SECURING LONG-TERM RESILIENCE

- Evacuation readiness has been strengthened with updated maps, completed in the summer of 2025 using the Genasys planning platform and implemented through CLCC's Everbridge emergency alert system.
- The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is in development. The ESF CWPP will serve as an annex to the Lane County CWPP and is being developed in parallel with the County's five-year update.
- The CWPP will map wildfire hazards, set priorities for fuels reduction, defensible space, and home hardening, strengthens evacuation preparedness while ensuring eligibility for grant programs.

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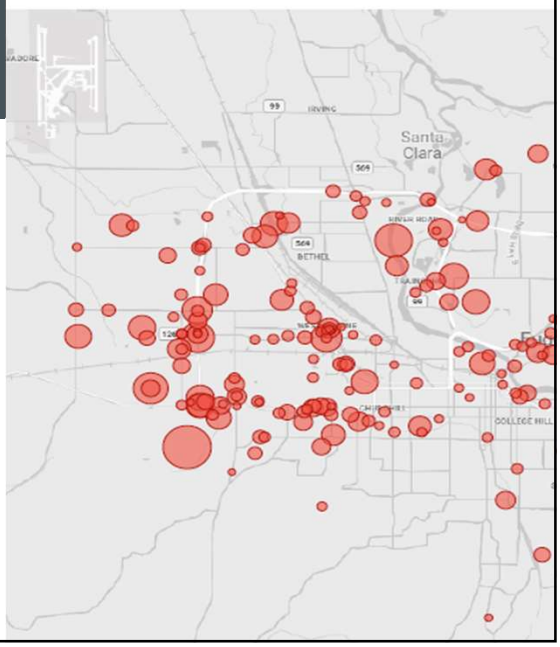
MAP - LAST YEAR



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