

# Office of State Fire Marshal

## 2020 Fire Season Review

### Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

The Office of State Fire Marshal's **Mission** is to protect people, their property, and the environment from fire and hazardous materials



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## Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal

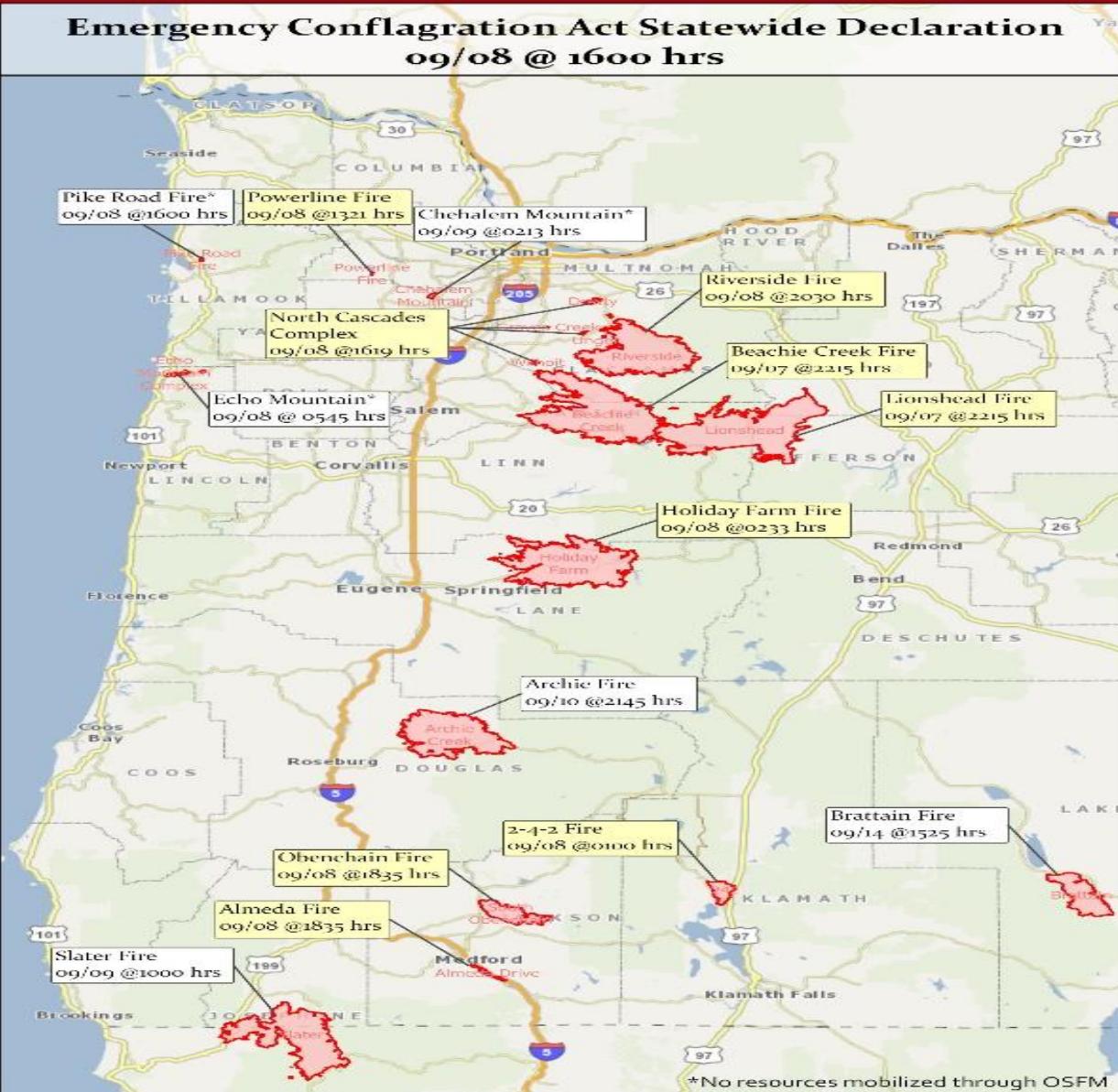


### OSFM September 2020 Conflagrations

- Beachie Creek Fire  
09/07 @ 2215 hrs
- Lionshead Fire  
09/07 @ 2215 hrs
- 2-4-2 Fire  
09/08 @ 0100 hrs
- Holiday Farm Fire  
09/08 @ 0233 hrs
- Powerline Fire  
09/08 @ 1321 hrs
- Echo Mountain\*  
09/08 @ 0545 hrs
- Pike Road Fire\*  
09/08 @ 1600 hrs
- North Cascades Complex  
(Dowty, Unger, Wilhoit, and Graves Creek)  
09/08 @ 1619 hrs
- Almeda Fire  
09/08 @ 1835 hrs
- S. Obenchain Fire  
09/08 @ 1835 hrs
- Riverside Fire  
09/08 @ 2030 hrs
- Chehalem Mountain\*  
09/09 @ 0213 hrs
- Slater Fire  
09/09 @ 1000 hrs
- Archie Fire  
09/10 @ 2145 hrs
- Brattain Fire  
09/14 @ 1525 hrs



### Emergency Conflagration Act Statewide Declaration 09/08 @ 1600 hrs



# OSFM 2020 Fire Season – By the Numbers

## Response:

- Record number of Conflagrations
  - 18 Mobilizations
  - 14 Conflagrations
  - 1 Statewide Declaration
- 180 Fire Agencies Responding
  - Over 60% of Fire Agencies
  - Over 40% of responders were volunteer firefighters
- 12 Counties Impacted



## Impacts:

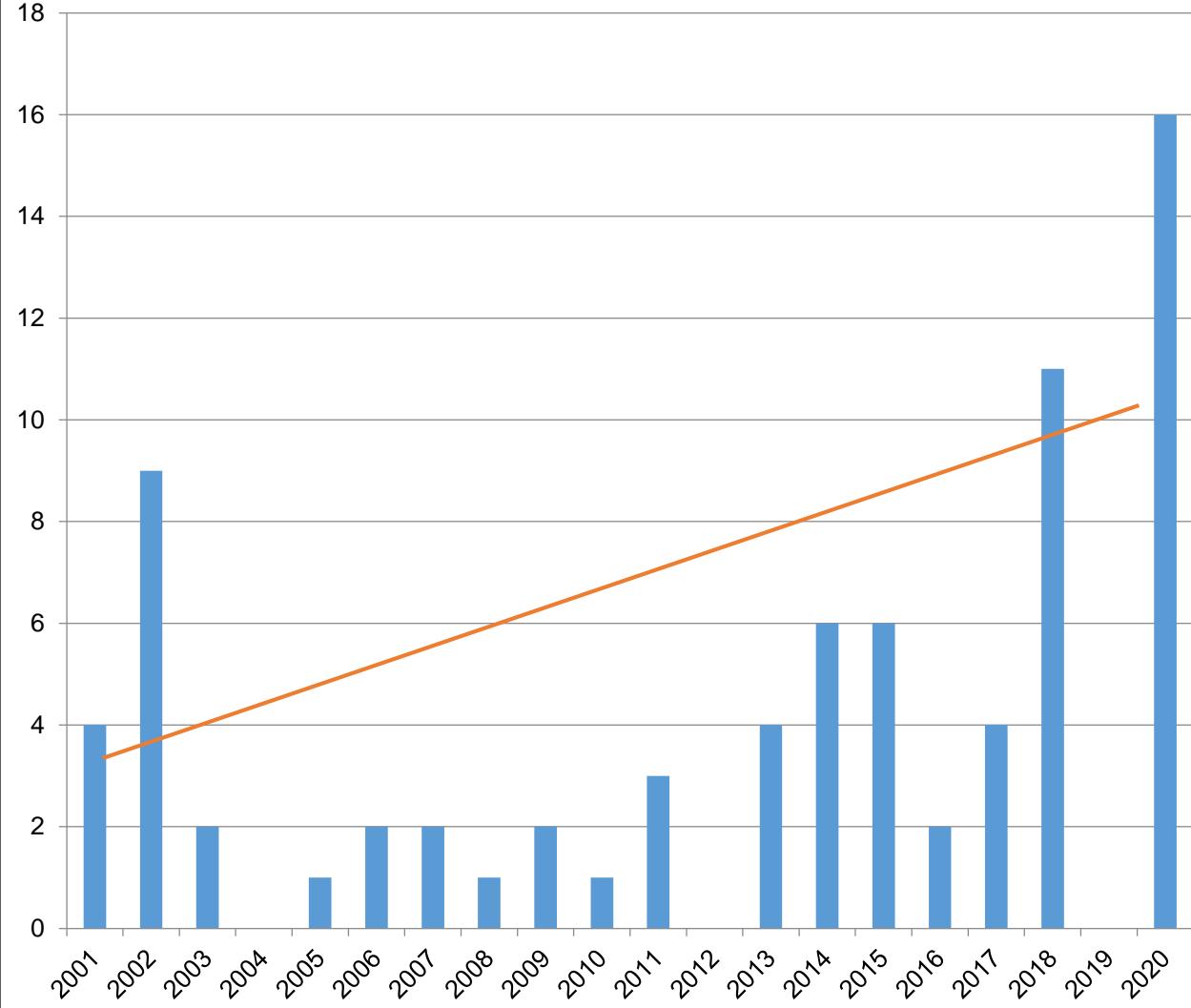
- 172,427 threatened structures
- \$43,463,314,807 estimated value of saved residences
- 4,026 residences destroyed
- 9 confirmed fatalities

## OSFM costs to date:

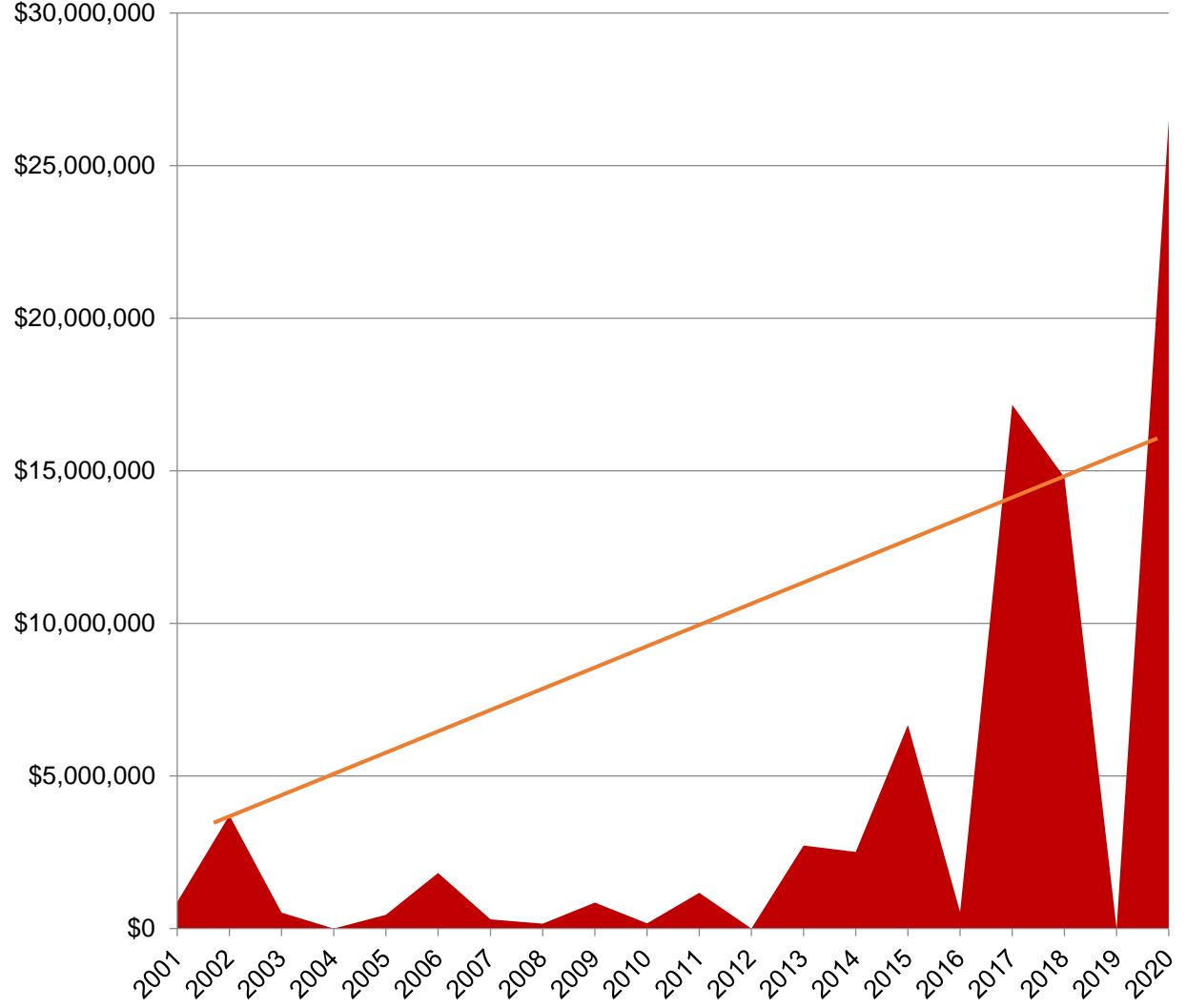
- \$ 26.5 Million
- \$6,625,000 State Share

# OSFM Mobilizations and Costs

OSFM Mobilizations since 2001



Gross Fire Costs



# OREGON OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

## OREGON FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM



- 1. Local Response**  
Initial attack by AHJ or nearby agencies
- 2. Local Mutual Aid**  
Local agency agreements used to bring in partners from neighboring jurisdictions
- 3. Expanded Mutual Aid**  
Local agency agreements which may be county-wide or inter-county used to bolster capability
- 4. Statewide Mutual Aid**  
Conflagration or other state-level response by resources mobilized by State Fire Marshal
- 5. Interstate Mutual Aid**  
State-level agreements allowing resources from other states to respond



# Lessons Learned

The National Cohesive Strategy and Governor Wildfire Council Recommendations provide a holistic framework

- ✓ **Response**
  - ✓ Additional OSFM capacity
  - ✓ Modernization of the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System
  - ✓ Support of the local fire departments and statewide sharing of resources
  
- ✓ **Community Preparedness and Planning**
  - ✓ Prevention and Education
  - ✓ The Wildland Urban Interface
  - ✓ Prepare Responders and Oregonians



# COVID 19 and Fire Camps - 2020 & 2021

- **Best Management Practices**
  - Elimination of congregant settings; regular screening; module as one concept
- **COVID-19 Modules**
  - Fire personnel assigned to implement Covid-19 mitigation measures
- **No Fire Camp Outbreaks**
  - 9,250 individuals assigned to fire camps at peak of activity on Sept 9
- **2021 & moving forward:**
  - Covid-19 needs to be planned for to ensure protection of our communities and firefighters



# OSFM Focuses into 2021

- Governor's Wildfire Council Review
  - Increased Response Capacity
  - Conflagration Large Fire Funding
  - Technology improvements
  - Review of the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid system
  - Wildland Urban Interface
- Continued focus on prevention and preparedness to reduce risk to communities

