

Office of State Fire Marshal

2020 Fire Season Review

House Committee on Veterans & Emergency Preparedness

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



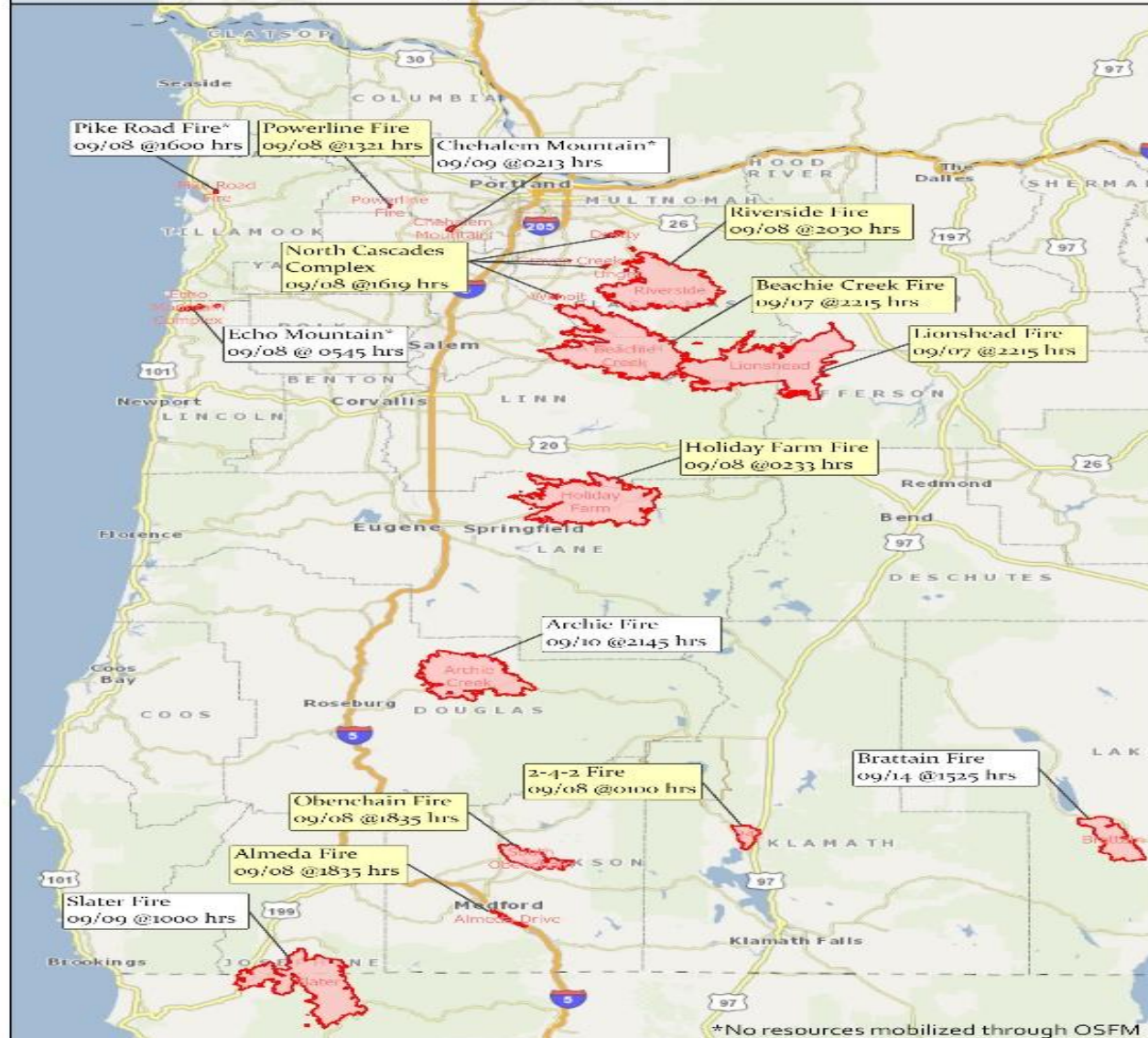
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OSFM September 2020 Conflagrations

- 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:

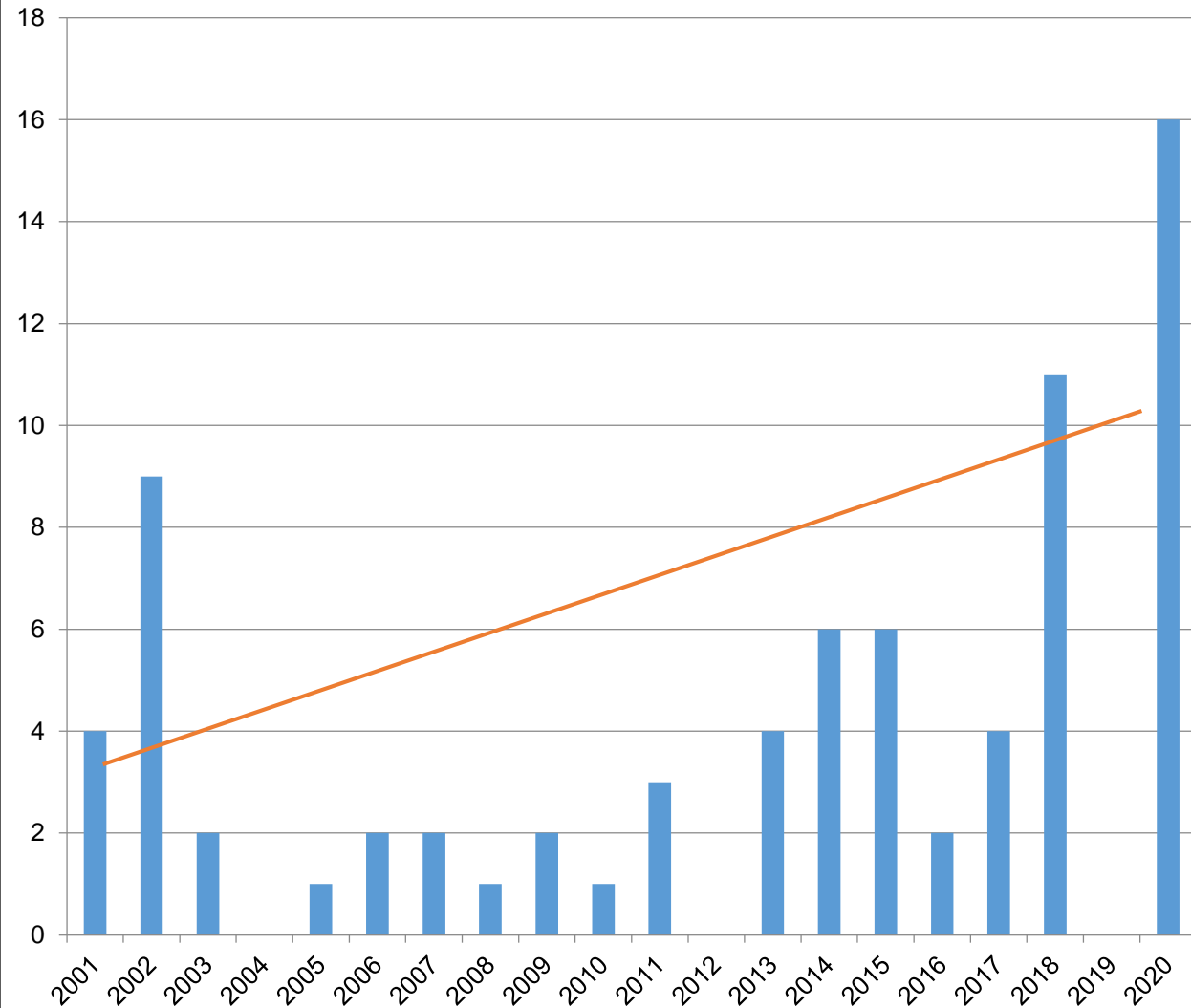
- 172,427 threatened structures
 - \$43,463,314,807 estimated value of saved residences
- 4,026 residences destroyed
- 9 confirmed fatalities

OSFM costs to date:

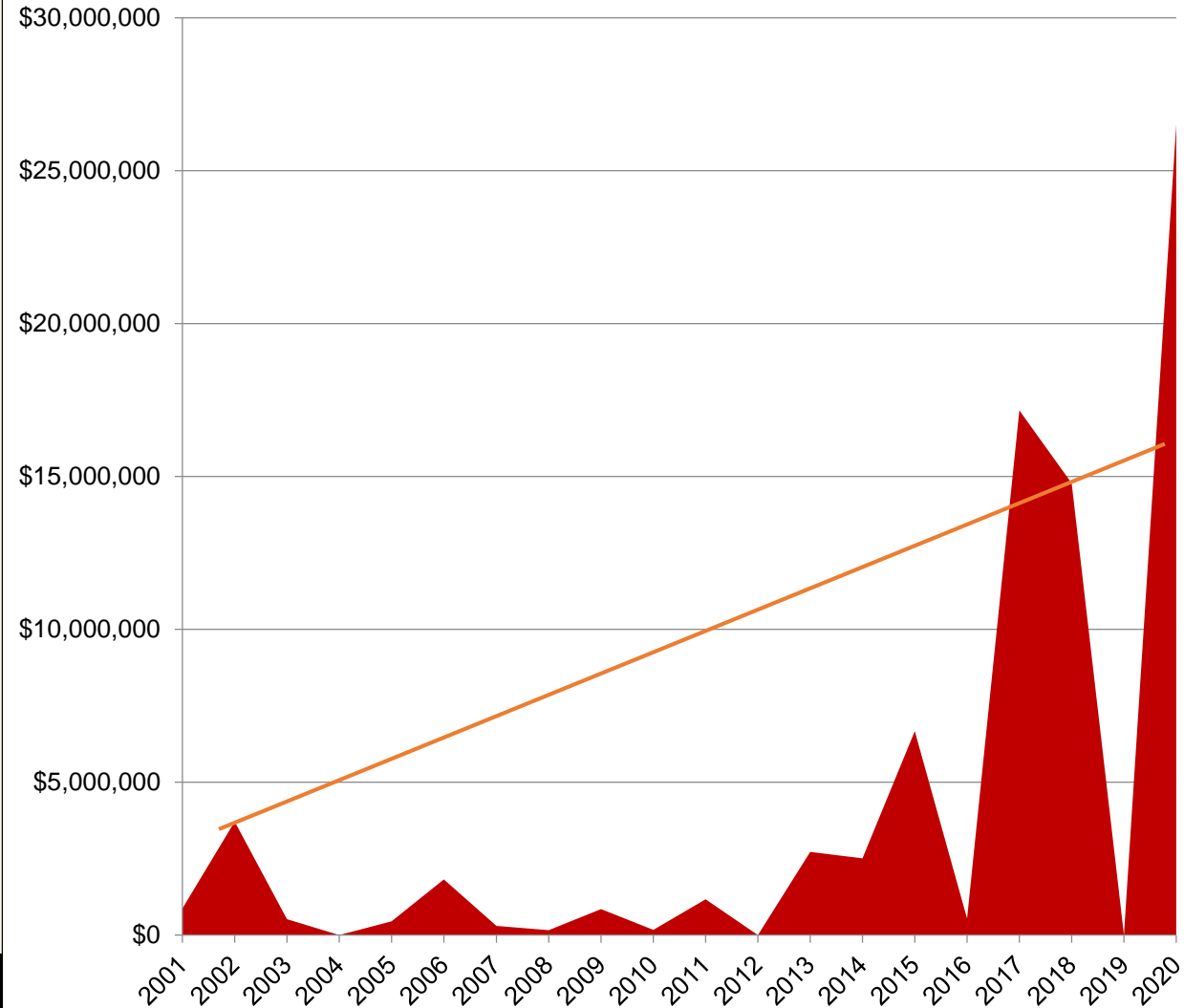
- \$ 26.5 Million
 - \$6,625,000 State Share

OSFM Mobilizations and Costs

OSFM Mobilizations since 2001



Gross Fire Costs



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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

