



# EAST UMATILLA FIRE & RESCUE

## SAFETY MEETING

July 6, 2023, 6:00 PM

Medic 400

431 E. Main Street

Athena, OR 97813

### Mission Statement

East Umatilla Fire and Rescue is committed to preserving life, property, and the environment by providing and supporting the best possible emergency services to the communities in our district. Volunteer fire fighters are dedicated to safely minimizing suffering, loss of life, and loss of property incurred by fire, accidents, disasters, and medical emergencies. Fire fighters do this through fire training, suppression, preparation, education, and prevention.

### In Attendance

Jason Hall, Michael Kobasa, Dakota Reasor, Juan Avila, Max Magee, David McCuiston, John Reitz, Bill Boyd, James Cornelius Jeremy Lasater

## MINUTES

### 1) MEETING TO ORDER

Safety Chair, Jason Hall called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

### 2) DISCUSSION

We are into the wildfire season; a lot of stuff up on the hill, we also had a house fire the other day. A Reminder for everyone about operating near or under powerlines and the unique set of hazards that come with that. Precautions that need to be taken to prevent injuries and damage. When at all possible, need to get ahold of the power company to disconnect the lines as soon as possible. If you don't know then it's still live. Do not operate heavy equipment under power lines, do not stand ladders under powerlines, don't use powerlines as a support, do not park under power lines. Keep in mind smoke can conduct electricity. Do not apply any water to powerlines. If a power line falls on your vehicle, then stay in your vehicle. Possibly have a meeting with the power company come in a speak with us, for wintertime training. Everything on flat is pacific Power, everything up the mountain is Umatilla electric.

### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

### NEW BUSINESS

The power company has a new policy in place that if one power spike at all on the power grid will completely shut down the power grid. If the power goes off for a couple hours, please be vigilante about when the power comes back on.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

The next meeting will be August 3, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Station in Weston.

  
SAFETY CHAIR

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MINUTES RECORDER

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