

 The logo of Siletz Valley Fire District is a red Maltese cross. Inside the cross, there is a blue circle with a white fire hydrant and a white fire hose. The words "SILETZ VALLEY" are written in red at the top and bottom of the cross, and "READY TO STRIKE" is written in white inside the cross.	<p>Siletz Valley Fire District 149 Buford PO Box 380 Siletz, Oregon 97380 541-444-2043</p>
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HOUSE FIRE CLAIMS A LIFE

On the afternoon of July 29th, 2019, a residential structure fire on NE Metcalf Ave. in Siletz claimed a life of a resident. Immediate family to those involved have been notified. Siletz Valley Fire District, Toledo Fire Rescue, and Newport Fire Department assisted with extinguishment and rescue efforts.

At the time of notification about the fire, Siletz Valley Fire District was nearing completion of another medical aid call that involved an extensive rescue, adjacent to the Siletz River, off of Old River Road. Lincoln County Rope Rescue Team (members from all Lincoln County Fire Agencies), and Pacific West Ambulance joined Siletz Fire with medical aid rescue and coordination of landing a Life Flight helicopter at the time the tones sounded for the structure fire. Resources were strategically managed so that first responders could focus on both emergencies at the same time. As a result, Siletz Fire and mutual aid resources were able to provide a rapid response. Unfortunately, we could not rescue the victim in time.

Two people lived in the home, but only one was home at the time of the fire. The fire was determined to be accidental in cause and no foul play was concluded. The loss of one of our neighbors affects our entire community. To the family and friends who are mourning, we stand with you as your neighbors and keep you in our thoughts. We also honor the bravery and efforts of the volunteer firefighters who strived for a better outcome.

Lincoln County Fire Investigation Team, composed of members from all county fire agencies, along with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, and the State Fire Marshal's Office performed investigative efforts.

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Siletz Valley Fire District, established in 1977, is a predominately volunteer agency. We protect 42 sq. miles including the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, City of Siletz, the community of Logsdan, and the surrounding rural areas. Led by Fire Chief RC Mock, the district is on pace to respond to over 400 calls for service in 2019.