

Portland Fire & Rescue Receives Additional Response Units Thanks To Grant



The City of Portland has two unique characteristics within its city limits. There are over 5,000 acres of forest and over 50 miles of river. These two characteristics provide a special challenge for Portland Fire & Rescue. With the addition of two four-wheelers and a personal water craft, Portland Fire & Rescue will have the resources to respond quickly and safely to emergencies on the trails or on the river.

Thanks to the Hays Companies and Fireman's Fund® Insurance Company, who provided a \$25,000 grant, two Honda four-wheelers and one three-person Sea-Doo will expand the response capabilities of Portland Fire & Rescue.

The two Honda ATVs will be outfitted with water tanks, firefighting foam, and small pumps so they can be used to fight small wildland fires. Additionally, they will be used to find lost hikers, rescue hurt citizens, and conduct forest patrols.

The Sea-Doo will be outfitted with a rescue board, which can be used to transport an injured person, and will respond with an operator and a rescue swimmer. Any citizen having a water emergency on the Willamette River will have rescuers quickly responding to their aid.

The Fireman's Fund® Heritage Grant Program, in conjunction with the Hays Companies and Fireman's Fund® Insurance Company, has provided the citizens of the City of Portland additional assurance of a safe and quick response to emergencies, on the river or in the forested areas. We want to thank the Hays Companies and the Fireman's Fund® Heritage Grant Program for assisting Portland Fire & Rescue in providing a safer community to live and work.