



GFP RESPONSE

PROTECTING WHAT MATTERS

WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

FIRE SEASON RECAP: >>>

THE 2024 FIRE SEASON WAS ONE OF THE BUSIEST ON RECORD IN OREGON AND IDAHO. IN 2024 THERE WAS 54,769 FIRES BURNING 8,503,953 ACRES ACROSS THE COUNTRY, 1,900,000 ACRES BURNED IN OREGON. THE PARK FIRE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BURNED 429,603 ACRES, THE PARK FIRE WAS THE LARGEST WILDFIRE OF CALIFORNIA'S 2024 WILDFIRE SEASON AND THE FOURTH LARGEST IN CALIFORNIA HISTORY.

WE STARTED GETTING CREW DISPATCHES IN EARLY JULY TO FIRES ACROSS OREGON. WE HAD 5 CREWS DEPLOYED THROUGH THE MONTH OF JULY ON WILDFIRE. FROM AUGUST THROUGH THE END OF SEPTEMBER WE HAD 6 CREWS WORKING CONTINUOUSLY ON FIRE ACROSS THE NATION. OUR CREWS FOUGHT FIRES IN OR, MT, ID, AND CA.

CARTER ASHER TOOK HIS FIRST CREW BOSS ASSIGNMENT IN JULY AND DID A GREAT JOB THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SEASON. ERIC IRISH'S CREW BOSS BOOK WAS FINISHED IN 2024; CONGRATULATIONS TO ERIC, HE WILL BE RUNNING HIS OWN CREW SOON ENOUGH. ALL THE CREWS SAW EXTREME FIRE CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, FIRES WERE SHORT STAFFED, AND ALL OF OUR CREWS PERFORMED WELL, WITHOUT ANY SERIOUS INJURIES.

OUR ENGINES DEPLOYED ACROSS THE WEST. MOST WERE WDS ASSIGNMENTS. WE HAD 3 ENGINES STAGED IN COLORADO FOR 30 DAYS FOR WDS. WE HAD 2 VIPR DISPATCHES TO THE WILLAMETTE COMPLEX. CLARENCE GAHAGAN AND RON STEVENSON WERE JUST DEMOBILIZED FROM THE FRANKLIN FIRE IN MALIBU, CA ON DECEMBER 12TH. 2024 WAS A VERY PRODUCTIVE YEAR FOR OUR ENGINES.

IN LATE SEPTEMBER OUR FOCUS WENT FROM WILDFIRE TO HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF.



With over four hundred pieces of equipment and over three hundred employees geographically located throughout the United States, GFP can respond quickly to fires, hurricanes, and other disasters. Natural or man-made.



COACHELLA ROUND TWO!

➤➤➤ FROM OUR CEO: DON POLLARD

We continue to build relationships in the event industry. We are thankful to be a provider for Coachella and Stagecoach. Our intensions are to continue to build this relationship and others that will lead to additional off- season work.



EMPLOYEE FEATURE: DAVE PENNA!

1: HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING IN FOOD SERVICE?

"I'VE BEEN FEEDING THE HERO FIREFIGHTERS FOR 35 YEARS. THIS INCLUDES 3 MONTHS IN KATRINA, 3 MONTHS ON THE SPACE SHUTTLE RECOVERY, AND I'VE DONE A LOT OF MOTION PICTURES. ALSO FED ISB AND NBC FOR 39 DAYS AT THE 2002 WINTER OLYMPICS"

2: WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OR INTERESTS?

"FISHING, GOING TO RAIDER GAMES, TAKING VACATIONS. OTHER INTEREST, I OWN A FEW HUMBLE BUSINESSES IN ALTURAS, CA. JAVA DOC COFFEE, SHOP AND SHIP RIGHT."

3: WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT WORKING FOR GFP?

"THE BEST THING I LIKE ABOUT WORKING FOR GFP IS THE WAY THEY TAKE CARE OF THEIR EMPLOYEES. NEVER IN MY 35 YEARS HAS A COMPANY TAKEN CARE OF MY CREW LIKE GFP HAS"

4: IF YOU COULD TELL YOUR FELLOW EMPLOYEES ONE THING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

"KEEP YOUR MINDS RIGHT. WHAT I MEAN BY THIS - STAY IN THE MOMENT. DON'T LET THINGS GOING ON AT HOME DISTRACT YOU FROM WHAT YOU'RE DOING. GIVE YOUR LIVER AND LUNGS A BREAK. DON'T BE DRINKING OR SMOKING TWEEDS DURING SEASON."

5: IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANYBODY IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND, WHO WOULD IT BE?

"KEN STABLER"



FROM DAVE-

"I ENJOY WHAT I DO. I HAVE BEEN THE HEAD CHEF AT DIFFERENT PLACES OVER THE YEARS BUT EVENTUALLY THE SAME ROUTINE GOT BORING. I ENJOY THE TRAVEL, THE CHALLENGE OF HUGE FIRE CAMPS, AND THE FACT YOU COULD BE HEADING TO A DIFFERENT STATE AT A MOMENTS NOTICE."

-CONSISTENT DISCIPLINE-

RYAN SERVES AS A CHAPLAIN FOR GFP. IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING PSYCHOLOGICAL, SPIRITUAL OR EMOTIONAL NEED PLEASE REACH OUT TO RYAN FOR HELP. HE'S AVAILABLE AT RMOFFAT@SISTERSCHURCH.COM

I'VE HEARD IT EXPRESSED THAT MATURITY IS "THE ABILITY TO DELAY GRATIFICATION". IN THE BIBLE, THE BOOK OF HEBREWS VIVIDLY DESCRIBES THE COMPLEX NATURE OF DISCIPLINE AND WHY WE ARE SO SCHIZOPHRENIC IN OUR RESPONSE TO STRUCTURE, TRAINING AND DISCIPLINE IN OUR LIVES. WE BRISTLE AT THE THOUGHT OF BOUNDARIES, STRUCTURE AND RESTRAINT BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY LONG FOR THE FREEDOM AND JOY THAT COME FROM CLEARLY DEFINED LANE LINES AND PROCESS. LISTEN TO THIS INSIGHTFUL PASSAGE FROM THE BOOK OF HEBREWS:

"NO DISCIPLINE SEEMS PLEASANT AT THE TIME, BUT PAINFUL. LATER ON, HOWEVER, IT PRODUCES A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY IT." -HEBREWS 12:11

I LOVE HOW HONEST THIS REFLECTION IS; "NO DISCIPLINE IS PLEASANT AT THE TIME". MY TODDLER NEVER STOPPED ME WHEN I WAS PREPARING TO DISCIPLINE HIM AS 4 YEAR OLD AND SAID; "WAIT DAD, BEFORE YOU INFLECT DISCIPLINE I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT I REALLY LOVE AND APPRECIATE THE PAIN YOU'RE ABOUT TO CAUSE". WHY NOT? BECAUSE DISCIPLINE IS HARD! DISCIPLINE, BY DEFINITION, IS PRO-ACTIVELY INFLECTING PAIN TO KEEP YOU FROM A MORE PAINFUL FUTURE TROUBLE. THE ARCHITECT DISCIPLINES HIS PLANS AND DRAWINGS SO HE DOESN'T BUILD HIS HIGH RISE IN AN EARTHQUAKE ZONE. THE MIDDLE-AGED DAD DISCIPLINES HIS FORK AT DINNER TIME SO HIS WEIGHT IS MANAGEABLE AND HE CAN (ONE DAY) PLAY WITH HIS GRAND KIDS. THE SMART PARENT DISCIPLINES THEIR CHILD'S SCREENTIME, SO THEY LEARN HOW TO HAVE SOCIAL SKILLS WITH REAL PEOPLE.

HERE'S THE PAYOFF FOR THE TEMPORARY PAIN OF DISCIPLINE; "LATER ON, IT PRODUCES A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY IT". ISN'T THAT AN EPIC OUTCOME? WHO WOULDN'T WANT MORE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE?

AS YOU LOOK AT THE DEMANDS OF THE JOB, THE PROCESS OF HOW YOU APPROACH THIS WORK, THE DETAILS, THE DISCIPLINE TO NOT SKIP STEPS OR CUT CORNERS REMEMBER THAT THE END GOAL OF DISCIPLINE IS GREATER JOY, LESS ANXIETY AND ULTIMATELY A GREATER SENSE OF PERSONAL AND CORPORATE PEACE.

BLESSINGS,
RYAN MOFFAT
GFP CHAPLAIN AND FRIEND TO THE POLLARDS



MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES:

HEALTHIES APP:

A FREE APP THAT ESTABLISHES FIRST RESPONDERS TO TRACK THEIR MENTAL WELL-BEING AND EASILY ACCESS MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES.

SHARE THE LOAD:

A SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS. VISIT THEIR WEBSITE FOR RESOURCES TO FIND LOCAL PROVIDERS WHO ARE TRAINED TO HELP FIREFIGHTERS, EMS PROVIDERS, RESCUE WORKERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

[HTTPS://WWW.NVFC.ORG/PROGRAMS/SHARE-THE-LOAD-PROGRAM](https://www.nvfc.org/programs/share-the-load-program)

FOR IMMEDIATE SUPPORT:

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE (CALL OR CHAT ONLINE)

1-800-273-8255

• [HTTPS://SUICIDPREVENTIONLIFELINE.ORG](https://suicidpreventionlifeline.org)

NATIONAL HELPLINE:

1-800-622-HELP (4357)

CRISIS HELPLINE

• **TEXT HOME TO 741741**

ALL ABOUT HURRICANE SEASON:

SINCE THE END OF SEPTEMBER, GFP ENTERPRISES, LLC HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN DISASTER RELIEF RECOVERY EFFORTS FOLLOWING THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANES HELENE AND MILTON. AT THE HEIGHT OF THE RESPONSE EFFORTS, GFP WAS PROVIDING NEEDED RESOURCES AND SERVICES AT 40 SEPARATE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT NORTH CAROLINA, FLORIDA, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND GEORGIA. THE SERVICES AND RESOURCES BEING PROVIDED INCLUDED FULL-SERVICE BASE CAMPS, SHOWER TRAILERS, LAUNDRY TRAILERS, RESTROOM TRAILERS, POTABLE WATER PROVISION AND WASTEWATER REMOVAL, FOOD SERVICES, ALONG ON-SITE MANAGEMENT AND STAFFING.

TO DATE, GFP HAS PROVIDED OVER 55 SHOWER TRAILERS, 31 LAUNDRY TRAILERS, 25 RESTROOM TRAILERS, MORE THAN 75 POWER GENERATORS, 10 POTABLE WATER TANKERS, 10 WASTEWATER TANKERS, 4 BASE CAMPS, ADA-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM AND SHOWER TRAILERS, 4 FULL-SERVICE STAFFED MOBILE KITCHENS, AND OVER 150 FIRST RESPONDERS.

MANY OF THE SITES THAT GFP IS SERVICING REQUIRE FULL WRAP SERVICES INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF POTABLE WATER, POWER, WASTEWATER REMOVAL, FUEL, PROPANE, AND ONSITE MANAGEMENT. ONE OF THE STANDOUT FEEDING MISSIONS REQUIRED GFP TO PROVIDE 2,500 MEALS WITHIN 18 HOURS OF NOTIFICATION. MANY OF THESE SITES DO NOT HAVE CLEAN WATER, REQUIRING THE LIFELINE PROVISION TO BE TRUCKED IN MANY TIMES PER DAY. GFP'S SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF LOGISTICS SAID "THIS HAS BEEN AN EXTREMELY REWARDING EXPERIENCE. WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES MORE THAN ANY JOB I CAN REMEMBER. IT WAS A VERY EYE-OPENING EXPERIENCE THAT I WON'T FORGET. WE HAVE A SOLID GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT WORK FOR US. (I BELIEVE) NO OTHER COMPANY COULD DO WHAT WE DID WITH THE QUALITY AND COMPASSION OUR EMPLOYEES SHOWED.