

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on the morning of September 14, 2025, at approximately 6:23 a.m., the Willamette Valley Communications Center (WVCC) received a 911 call reporting a house fire on Matthews Loop South in South Salem; and

WHEREAS, the Salem Fire Department responded rapidly with Engine 7 arriving first to find a single-family home fully involved in fire and portions of the roof actively collapsing; and

WHEREAS, under the command of Battalion 2, and facing extreme fire conditions, crews from Engines 7, 4, 6, and 9, along with Ladder 2 and Medic 7, initiated an aggressive fire attack and a coordinated search and rescue operation, embodying the courage, discipline, and teamwork that define the fire service; and

WHEREAS, during the search, two victims were located and removed from the burning structure by Salem Firefighters and treated on scene by emergency medical professionals from the Salem Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, despite heroic efforts, one victim tragically lost their life, but the second victim survived and was transported to Salem Hospital in stable condition due to the timely and brave intervention of these first responders; and

WHEREAS, the fire was brought under control in approximately 20 minutes with no extension to adjacent homes; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals are recognized for their bravery and lifesaving actions during this incident:

Engine 7 - Capt. Pat Shaw, Engr. Brent Stepman, FF-P Desiree Barringer

Engine 4 - Capt. Mark Hansen, Engr. Tyler Hordichok, FF-P Jared Haag

Engine 6 - Capt. Paul Bridgehouse, Engr. Nick Ottele, FF-P Tyler Mendel

Engine 9 - Capt. Nick VanBishler, Engr. Andrew Monsrud, FF-P Riley Walker

Ladder 4 - Capt. Silas Ohlgren, Engr. Dustin Baum, FF-P Holden Partain

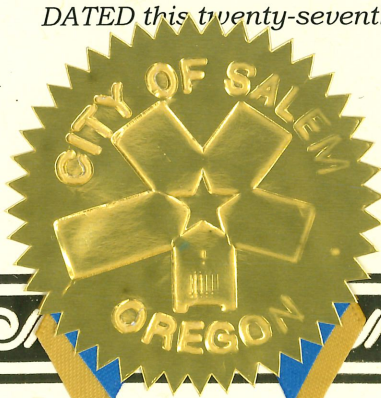
Medic 7 - PM Heather McHugh, EMT Dawson Burris

Dispatch - Communications Specialist III Ashley Pope

Battalion 4 - BC Shawn Barnes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby recognize and commend these individuals for their selfless actions in the service of others during the structure fire on September 14, 2025. Their professionalism, bravery, and dedication reflect the very best of Salem's public safety community.

DATED this twenty-seventh day of October, 2025.



Julie Hoy
Mayor