

# Wildfire Awareness Campaign Week 6 Volunteering: Get Involved Now Before Any Fires Start

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During wildfires, individuals and families may be displaced because of evacuations or harmful air quality levels. Local fire service organizations and nonprofit organizations step up and provide trained volunteers to assist.

“Whenever there is a disaster, people want to help. We are thankful for that, however, when we are responding to a disaster situation, we often don’t have time to train new volunteers,” said Justin Gibbs, Clatsop County emergency management director.

“Volunteer and community organizations active in disasters have many different roles from providing support services to individuals and families who have been evacuated to helping fight fires. Right now, our local fire agencies are facing a shortage of trained volunteers throughout the county. If you want to be able to help, now is the time to get involved,” he said.

All 12 Clatsop County fire districts and departments are coming together 2 p.m. Sunday, June 11 for a free showing of [Odd Hours, No Pay, Cool Hat](#) at SISU Brewing at the Times Theatre and Public House in Seaside.

The film follows the inspiring journey of volunteer firefighters in communities across the U.S. as they encounter heart-breaking challenges and exhilarating triumphs to fulfill a single mission: serving their community.

To find out about local opportunities to volunteer, contact your [fire service](#) or a [community organization](#) active in Clatsop County.

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