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Fire Department and EWEB Create Video on Fire Hydrant Testing

Eugene Springfield Fire, in partnership with Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB), has created a video detailing the Fire Department's role in testing fire hydrants. Fire hydrants are a critical tool in protecting life and property, so it is important that each one is checked regularly to ensure they are all in good working order. There are almost 5,000 hydrants in the EWEB water system and Eugene Springfield Fire conducts regular testing on an ongoing basis.



The video that showcases this process may be viewed via [this link](#). For more information, please contact Training Chief Matt Ennis at 541-682-7131 or at matt.r.ennis@ci.eugene.or.us.

Parks and Open Space Division Recognized for Management of Ridgeline Park and Trail

From the initial grassroots acquisition effort for Spencer Butte in the 1930s, the citizens of Eugene have had a place in their hearts for the ridgeline in south Eugene. For decades, the City's Parks and Open Space Division (POS) has successfully



grown and managed this area for the community's enjoyment. The City manages over 2,000 acres of Douglas-fir forest, oak savanna, and prairie habitats and 16 miles of trail. The recently renovated summit trail on Spencer Butte melds the community's desires to provide recreation opportunities and to protect rare habitats like those found on the butte.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Association (ORPA) has recognized this vision, and POS's management of the habitat and trail assets in the Ridgeline, by awarding the **2015 Asset Management Award** to the City of Eugene's Parks and Open Space Division. A team of staff from POS will receive the award on Nov. 2 in Portland during the annual ORPA conference.

As a requirement to receive the award, Parks and Open Space produced a video about the ridgeline and the work POS has done (<https://vimeo.com/142417154>). Looking ahead, the City's Parks and Open Space Division will continue to work with [Rivers to Ridges partners](#) to deliver on a vision of a connected network of trails and natural areas in the southern Willamette Valley from the foothills of the coast range to the foothills of the Cascades.

For more information, please contact Natural Areas and Urban Forestry Manager Eric Wold at 541-682-4842.

City Staff and Partners Collaborate to Make Presidential Visit Safe and Successful

President Barack Obama visited the Eugene Airport on Oct. 9 on his way to Roseburg to help comfort grieving families and the community in the wake of the tragedy at Umpqua Community College. Mayor Kitty Piercy was honored to greet the President at the airport. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, and Congressman Peter DeFazio also travelled with the President.



Accommodating the visit, including the arrival and departure of Air Force One, Marine One, and other supporting aircraft, was a huge undertaking by City of Eugene staff, business partners on the airfield, and community partners. Participating staff were from the Eugene Airport, Eugene Police Department, Central Services - including the City Manager's Office, Public Works Maintenance, and Eugene Springfield Fire Department. The U.S. Air Force, U.S. Secret Service and White House staff expressed their appreciation for all the work and cooperation needed to make the operation go smoothly.

For more information, please contact Assistant Airport Director, AIC, Cathryn Stephens at 541-682-6638.