

# OREGON WING

## Wing Proud to Serve During Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic might have halted in-person activities, but that didn't stop the Oregon Wing and its Civil Air Patrol colleagues from serving its communities and state.

In late September and early October, members of the Oregon, California, Nevada and Washington wings came together to assist the state of Oregon in the wake of devastating wildfires. As thousands were being evacuated from their homes and people were advised not to travel due to dangerous conditions,

wing members set up a virtual incident command post, with members located at the state Emergency Operations Center or their homes and offices. They spent the next 19 days planning and conducting disaster relief operations at the behest of state and federal agencies.

Even though pandemic restrictions prevented most members from participating in the operation in person, the wing was able to work with federal and state emergency managers of critical infrastructure to develop a plan to carry

out aerial photography sorties and produce information on fire damage to communication sites and cell phone infrastructure.

Over the 19-day mission, wing members launched 63 flights, flew 113 hours, generated 6,703 photos, carried out 27 ground missions and totaled 424 volunteer days. It was the largest mission in Oregon Wing history as well as its first virtual disaster relief mission.



An Oregon Wing aircrew took this photo of cell phone towers threatened by the Archie Creek Fire. In total, Oregon wildfires burned over 1 million acres of land and destroyed thousands of structures.

# Oregon Wing 2020 Statistics

## Volunteer Members

292 adult members  
249 cadets  
85 aircrew personnel  
346 emergency responders

## Squadrons

10 locations statewide

## Aircraft

8 single engine

## Vehicles

19 vehicles

## Interoperable Communications

10 VHF/FM repeaters  
218 VHF/FM stations  
37 HF stations

## Missions

15 search and rescue missions  
    36 flight and 5 ground sorties  
    3 cell phone and radar forensics  
    7 lives saved  
    14 finds  
2 disaster relief missions  
    87 flight and 26 ground sorties  
32 air defense intercept training and  
    evaluation missions  
248 flight and 46 ground sorties  
1 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet  
    orientation flight mission  
12 orientation sorties  
2 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
    missions  
72 flight sorties  
9 training missions  
286 flight and 15 ground sorties

## Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2020

Homeland Defense Exercises; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Double-Crested Cormorants (DCCO) Support; Oregon Fire Support

## Cadet Flying

36 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC  
    cadet orientation flights

## Total Hours Flown

670

## Financial

\$1,746,352 value of wing's volunteer  
    hours

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ The Oregon Wing completed the largest – and first virtual – mission in its history in 2020 by taking photos of areas ravaged by wildfires.
- ✓ The wing partners with the Oregon National Guard to assist in fighter intercept training.
- ✓ The wing transitioned to fully virtual programs to provide members with cyber security, aerospace education and leadership training.

