

## TURNER FIRE DISTRICT IS AWARDED SDAO 2021 INTERNSHIP GRANT!

by Captain Max Alberts

In May of this year Turner Fire District was excited to learn that they were awarded a \$3000 Internship Grant from Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO). The grant was a 50/50 award, meaning that TFD would match the \$3000 funds from SDAO, for a total amount of \$6000. Turner Fire District used this grant to hire an intern specifically to ensure TFD had current and accurate inventory of all personal protective equipment (PPE). The PPE included fire fighter helmets, structure turnouts, boots, wildland protective clothing and boots, uniforms, and various tools and equipment used on the fire grounds.

The grant also allowed TFD to build a central storage area in a safe and secure area for non-issued PPE. Once a current inventory and storage area was created, the intern created a more efficient way to track and issue PPE electronically. With having the real time counts of PPE available, TFD is better suited to ensure that they are prepared to handle the wide variety of emergency calls for service in the district.

Turner Fire District would like to thank Special Districts Association of Oregon for the grant and their help in ensuring that the fire fighters and people of the fire district are better protected.



FF/EMT Gordon explaining the new inventory system.



FF/EMT Gordon said that she was happy with what she was able to achieve in the 3 months of the grant.