EMS and Logistics Board Report

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April’s Events

* Collaborative Simulation – A group of volunteers partnered with OHSU’s School of Nursing, located on the Western Oregon University campus, for an all-day simulation. The simulation included arriving to mock scene calls, assessing patients, and transporting them to the improvised emergency department located on the WOU campus.
* Community Health Improvement Plan – The District was invited to participate in the creation of this reoccurring five year plan. The plan is used to fund initiatives related to goals that were identified during the regional Community Health Assessment. The three goal areas are Mental Health & Substance Use, Housing, and Access to Healthcare.
* Community Client Plan – The District partnered with multiple county agencies to ensure that we are providing the right services, at the right time, and in the right place to a member of our community.
* NarcBox Implementation – The District members responsible for controlled substances completed the training to use the new hardware and software combination to track scheduled medications “cradle to grave.” The program was successfully implemented on May 1st and provides much better oversight of controlled medications owned by the District.
* State of Our Region’s Healthcare – The District attended a breakfast hosted by Salem Health. The event allowed Salem Health to showcase their trauma program, share current and future concerns, and provided an open forum for questions for regional leaders.
* Polk County Ambulance Service Plan Committee – The District attended this meeting as part of our compliance process with the County. It also provides an opportunity to discuss EMS system improvements and concerns with County leadership.
* EMS Drill – The District hosted Chaplain George Escalante, a local first responder chaplain and leader of Salem Health’s mental health program for employees, who taught the Question, Persuade and Refer curriculum to our responders. This curriculum provides framework for speaking with someone experiencing suicidal ideations.
* Chemeketa Open House – Leo Mellein represented the District at Chemeketa’s Open House for their Career Technical Education programs including the fire and paramedic degree pathways. He was able to meet several potential candidates for future openings in our residential volunteer program. Leo did a great job representing our organization!

Apparatus Updates

* L91 – The ladder truck was serviced and repaired by True North which is a shop that specializes in fire apparatus. In addition to several smaller items, the leaks in the pump were sealed and the aerial had several fixes to ensure that it remains consistently operational.
* Light Rescue – Ward Apparatus has started to build the light rescue. They have started sharing photos of the build which are being posted on the internal communication board.