EMS and Logistics Board Report

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January’s Events

* ASA Reporting – SW Polk RFPD, Dallas Fire & EMS and PCFD worked towards a unified format for reporting ambulance performance to the County of Polk.
* Pediatric Advanced Life Support – PCFD hosted this class for the region. We had several members attend to renew their certification. Just as importantly, it provided an opportunity for PCFD staff to train with EMS providers from around the area.
* Pedee Station Exterior Lighting – SDAO awarded PCFD a matching Safety and Security grant to improve the exterior lighting at Pedee. The lighting has been installed and is a significant improvement from the previous fixtures.
* Area Trauma Advisory Board – This group meets quarterly to discuss trauma system improvements in Oregon Healthcare Region 2. This group will transition to the Regional EMS Advisory board in 2026 as part of EMS Modernization.
* WRAP Demonstration – Independence and Monmouth Police Departments invested in a full body restraint device that is designed to limit self-injury to those in custody and protect their airways. This device is being used more frequently on calls with EMS providers. Independence PD Officer graciously demonstrated the device’s use to members of C-Shift and provided information for dissemination to the rest of our members.
* Community Paramedic Ride Along – Chief Ehrmantraut was given the opportunity to ride along with Paramedic Nina Kerr-Bryant at Scappoose Fire District and learn from her experience. Her position is funded by their regional coordinated care organization and is so successful reducing healthcare costs that the CCO will be funding a second position.
* EMS Committee – This group has been instrumental in several changes that have positively impacted the quality of clinical care received by our community members. The members are Brady Andersen, Stephen Hoem, and Daniel Homer. The three of them have been strong advocates for constant system and provider improvement.
* Salem Trauma Review – This collaborative meeting between PCFD and Salem Hospital’s Trauma Nurse Coordinator seeks to identify opportunities to improve how PCFD interacts with the larger trauma system.

Apparatus Updates

* Pump testing occurred for apparatus that were currently in state. A big THANK YOU to Matt Connery for his help during this process. He shouldered much of the burden to get this task completed.
* M474 – Routine preventative maintenance, new steer tires, new rear brakes, headlights replaced.
* M480 – An electrical issue was fixed that was stopping power to the patient compartment.