EMS and Logistics Board Report

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October’s Events

* EMR Class – A select group of our firefighters and others from around the region are participating in a grant funded EMR class hosted by Polk County Fire District. This class consists of approximately 40 hours of online training followed by 20 hours of in person learning.
* Blood Drive – The District hosted an American Red Cross blood drive. Our site is consistently one of the top performers in the region.
* OFCA EMS Section – This meeting is a subgroup of the Oregon Fire Chief’s Association that focuses on EMS advocacy and leadership education in Oregon.
* Oregon EMS Conference – Chief Ehrmantraut attended and presented at the Oregon EMS Conference.
* ESO Regional User Group – This annual training is held in Seattle and provides access to ESO executives and developers. It is also an opportunity to network with agencies from across the PNW that share similar agency visions.
* Stroke Care Committee/EMS for Children/State EMS Committee/State Trauma Advisory Board – These groups provided recommendations to Oregon Health Authority on their respective subjects. They are being revamped to align with Oregon EMS Modernization taking effect January 1st, 2025. The modernization process will continue the work of those groups, but in a new format that formalizes their relationship with each other and better empowers them to take action.
* Polk ASA Committee – The County of Polk submitted a first draft of the ambulance service plan to Oregon Health Authority for feedback. We expect that changes will be necessary after their review.
* Area Trauma Advisory Board – This regional group of EMS and hospital providers meet to measure and improve the trauma system in our healthcare region.
* Chemeketa Advisory Committee – This group provides oversight to the EMS program at Chemeketa Community College as part of their accreditation.
* Regional Protocol Development – Representatives from Polk County Fire District and Dallas Fire & EMS meet regularly with Dr. Lucas to review EMS protocols and make improvements.

Apparatus Updates

* E469 – Battery switch replaced after it failed.
* E461 – New engine belt, oil and exhaust leak were fixed
* S468 – Oil change and inspection
* S406 – Oil change and inspection