EMS and Logistics Board Report

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February’s Events

* Difficult Airway Course – The District hosted for 19 students from 5 agencies. The nationally known instructors teach what is commonly referred to as the best curriculum regarding airway management for prehospital providers. The course was partially funded by the Oregon Department of Rural Health, Roundhouse Foundation and Zoll Medical.
* Northwest Leadership Seminar – Chief Ehrmantraut was able to receive excellent education and network with peers from across the Pacific Northwest.
* New Employee Orientation – The newly hired employee attended several EMS training sessions as part of their orientation.
* Advanced Cardiac Life Support – The District physician advisor requires that our paramedics have a current ACLS card. The District is able to provide this class in-house to our members and partner agencies at a significantly reduced cost.
* Collaborative Simulation Planning – Several meetings were had with faculty from OHSU’s School of Nursing on the Western Oregon University campus to plan a simulation that benefits our EMS providers and their students. The training will include transport of simulated patients to a nursing student operated Emergency Department.
* STEMI Meeting – The District participates in a regional quality management process with Salem Health to improve access to definitive care and recognition of severe heart attacks.
* Youth Conference – Chief Ehrmantraut was invited to present about the Paramedic profession at the Polk County Youth Conference. This conference is attended by the majority of high school juniors in Polk County.
* EMS Committee – This employee group meets bi-monthly to provide recommendations on changes that impact how EMS care is delivered by District members.
* EMS Drill – Jessica Crocker, the stroke coordinator for Salem Health, presented education on stroke care and assessment. She was also able to provide data that demonstrated the benefit of prehospital recognition and transport of stroke patients.
* CPR Class – The District hosted staff from Independence Health and Rehabilitation as they completed CPR training.
* Ambulance Model Presentation – A member of the community presented the District with a cardstock model of M480 as a token of his appreciation for several years of response to their home. This model required collaboration with a partner in Germany to build the template before being assembled by the citizen in their home. The model took an untold amount of hours to complete.

Apparatus Updates

* L91 – The ladder truck is in Hillsboro being repaired by True North.
* E469 – The heavy brush received was inspected and a few up fits to make it more functional during conflagration response.
* M477 – The dash interface was reprogrammed to reduce light pollution during nighttime driving. An oil change was performed and an oxygen valve repaired.