

EUGENE SPRINGFIELD FIRE

ALTERNATIVE MEDICAL RESPONSE WILDFIRE UPDATE

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL
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SEPTEMBER 2024



Our Mission: To serve our communities by preserving life, protecting property, and the environment through prevention, education, emergency medical services, rescue, and fire suppression services.

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COMPASS



Our guiding direction for alternative response development is to address system challenges through sustainable funding models, innovative service delivery, and enhanced integration with other components of the healthcare system.

Our plan to achieve this is through our “Getting it Right” lens:

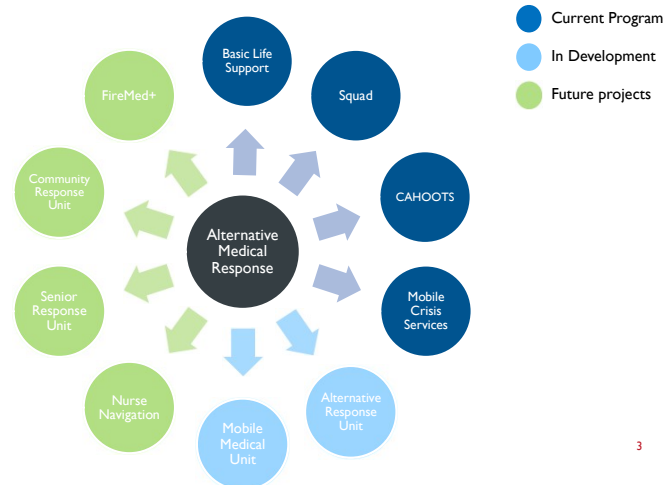
- Right Patient
- Right Resource
- Right level of service or care
- Right Mode of Transportation
- Right Destination

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ALTERNATIVE MEDICAL RESPONSE

The objective of alternative medical response is to provide timely and appropriate medical care to individuals in need, focusing on situations where traditional emergency services (911) may not be immediately available or suitable. This program aims to ensure efficient deployment of resources paired with the collaboration and integration of current healthcare system services to enhance overall community health and well-being.



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CURRENTLY IN ACTION: BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS), SQUAD, CAHOOTS, MOBILE CRISIS



- **BLS Units:** taking care of lower acuity calls to keep higher level response units available for incidents of a higher risk to patient life and wellbeing. \$1.3M funding from HB4136
- **Squads:** are smaller apparatus which are staffed with a cross-trained staff that can assist with medical/fire, usually during ice storms, UofO events, call back due to large incidents.
- **CAHOOTS:** will continue to be a response asset to our community to provide low acuity mental health support on the streets. Their new vans recently arrived which will help with unit reliability and response. Contract renewed July 2024.
- **Mobile Crisis Response:** which was mandated by legislation and recently went live with mental health professionals responding to higher level, acute mental health crisis throughout the county. Deployed by Lane County Behavioral Health

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IN DEVELOPMENT: ALTERNATE RESPONSE UNIT, UNHOUSED RESPONSE UNIT

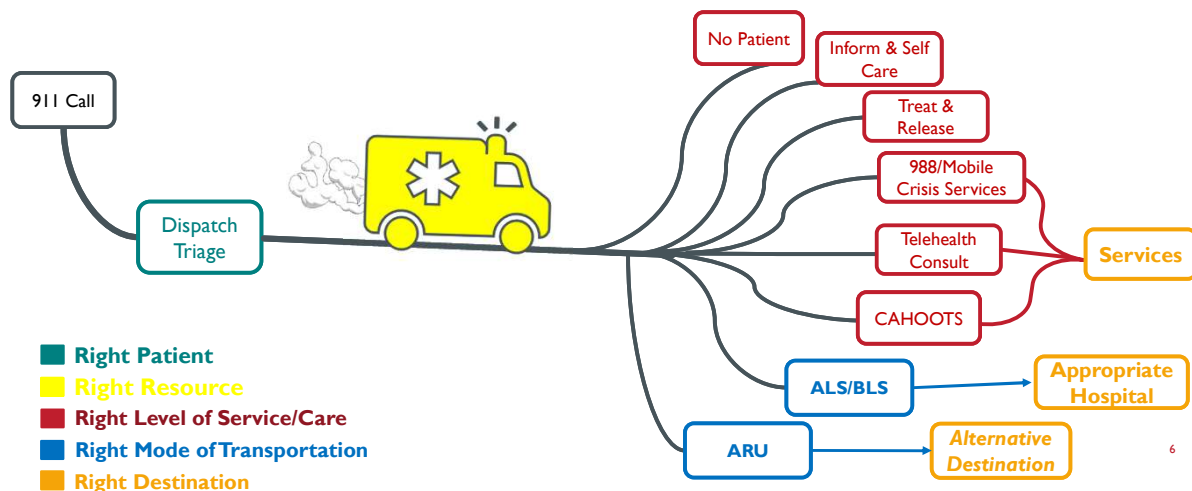


- Our next two units that are coming together are funded through the HB 4136 Innovation Grant, in development.
 - **Mobile Medical Unit:** provide mobile primary care services for unhoused and underserved communities. Utilizes unit equipped with exam room and provider. Similar program operating in Cottage Grove. Deployed by Lane County Public Health. Funded by HB4136.
 - **Alternate Response Unit:** is funded by HB4136 in cooperation with PeaceHealth. Staffed with a Paramedic and either Nurse Practitioner or Physicians Associate. Expected deployment in October.

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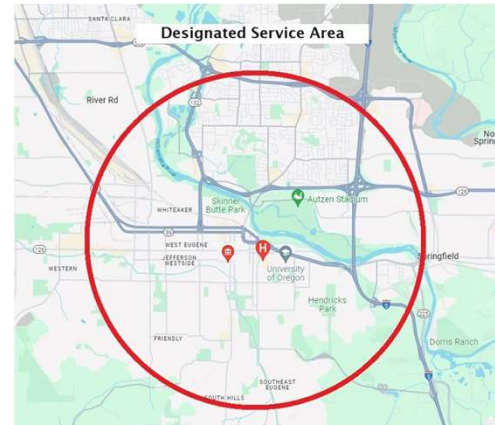
GETTING IT RIGHT WITH THE ARU



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ARU OPERATIONS



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FUTURE PROJECTS:

NURSE NAVIGATION, SENIOR RESPONSE UNIT, COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT, FIREMED+

- **Nurse Navigation:** is a partnership with PeaceHealth where after calling 9-1-1, if the situation is not a pre-hospital concern, the caller can connect with a nurse over the phone for a care plan.
- **Senior Response Unit:** responds primarily to facilities who care for our senior community members. This unit focuses on providing care specific and treatment dispositions to their unique needs. Funded by HB2397, Senior Emergency Medical Services Innovation Program, Grant Approval Pending
- **Community Response Unit:** is a single resource supporting “up stream” efforts to reduce utilization of 911, EMS and emergency room utilization. In partnership with other healthcare system providers responds to patients that need on-going support outside of an immediate emergent response. Commonly call Community Paramedic
- **FireMed+:** Expand the current FireMed program to offer Community Paramedic like services versus a traditional 911 response

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REIMAGINING OF THE EMS PROGRAM COORDINATOR ROLE

- EMS PROGRAM COORDINATOR role has moved from focusing solely on our BLSS program to being a coordinator for all our various alternate response programs and community partnerships that allow us to integrate with other community programs of similar purpose.



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ALTERNATE RESPONSE & MEDICAL UPDATE QUESTIONS?



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LARGE FIRES IN OREGON

Total Number of Large Fires:	83
Residences Threatened*:	9,672
Residences Lost:	49
Other Lost**:	124
Total Acres*:	1,829,770



Large fires, are wildland fires in timber greater than 100 acres or fires in grasslands/rangelands greater than 300 acres, or an incident with an IMT assigned to it

*The highest reported value overall for structures threatened and acres.

**Per the NWCC Intelligence Center, "Other" reflects all Structures that is not a Residential Structure

NWCC's Northwest Large Fire Information Summary as of 9/10/2024



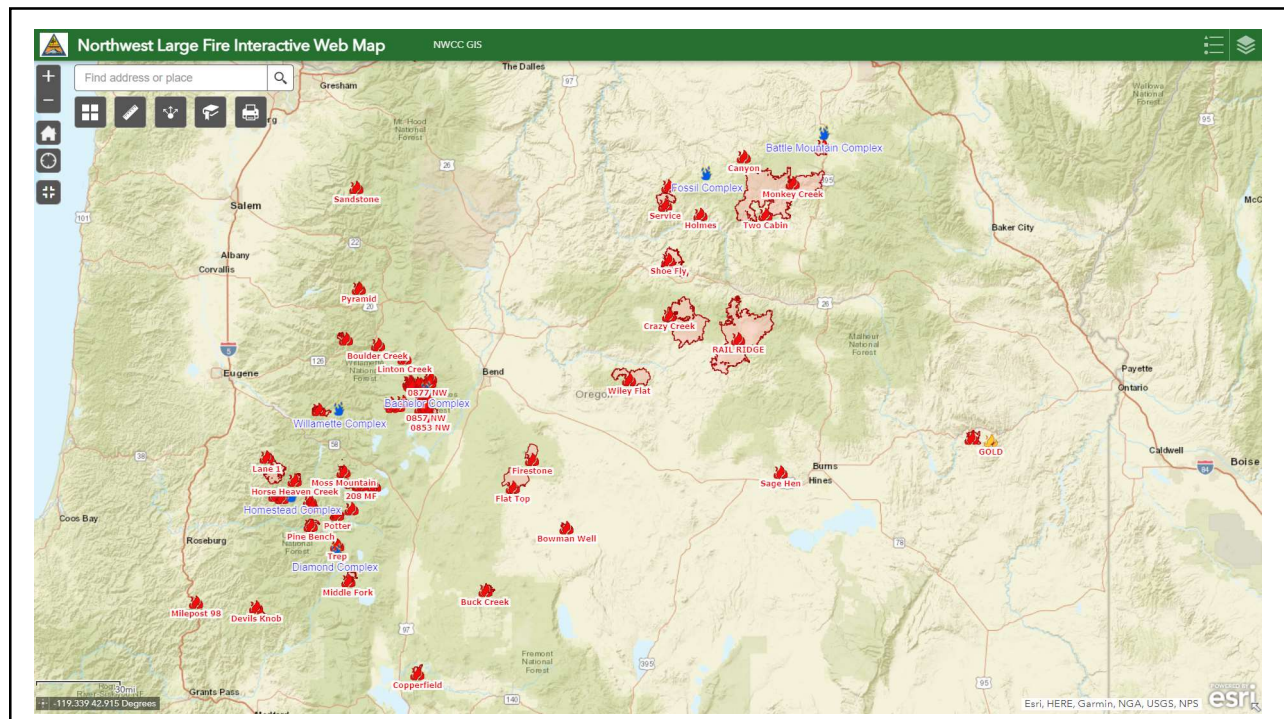
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A red Ford pickup truck with emergency lights is parked on a road. In the background, a large wildfire is burning on a hillside, with thick smoke rising into the air. The truck has a red emergency light on its roof and a red fire extinguisher mounted on the back. The scene is set in a dry, hilly area with sparse vegetation.

■ Number of Conflagrations:	8
■ Number of Staff Deployed:	19
■ Deployment Hours:	2,582
■ Backfill Hours:	799
■ Apparatus Hours:	1,896
■ Estimated Reimbursement:	\$424,642

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OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE IS SUPPLYING ESF WITH A BRAND-NEW TYPE 6 APPARATUS WHICH ARE INCREDIBLY USEFUL IN WILDFIRE SITUATIONS DUE TO GREATER MOBILITY IN THE VARIOUS TERRAIN TYPES. THIS NEW RESOURCE SHOULD BE ARRIVING SOON.



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