

.3POLK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
Board of Directors
July 9, 2026
6:00pm – Central Station
Location: 1800 Monmouth St., Independence, OR 97351

Also Virtually at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83280363029?pwd=NGRDbTVmOHJNMIRQR3ZSV055Um1wZz09>
Meeting ID: 832 8036 3029 - Passcode: 801072

President Jeff Hamilton	Chief Ben Stange
Vice President Cord Von Derahe	DC Neal Olson
Secretary Mike Lippsmeyer	DC Frank Ehrmantraut
Director Curtis Cole	DC Troy Crafton
Director Dan Miller (absent)	Office Administrator Stephanie Hale
	Office Assistant Anne Schuyler-Moon

CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Anyone wishing to address the Board please sign the sheet on the back table with your name and topic that you would like to discuss. If you are online, please use the raise hand feature when it comes time for public comment. Comments are limited to three minutes but the Board welcomes additional information in writing. Typically, a speaker's comment is taken under advisement to allow time for the Board to review an issue, however, the Board may ask a speaker for additional information or may convey to the speaker some information that addresses their comment.

Meeting minutes will be recorded and kept for 60 months.

Open for public comment on any of the agenda items.

President Jeff Hamilton – Motion to take the agenda as a whole.
Vice President Cord Von Derahe – Second
President Jeff Hamilton – Discussion? No discussion.
President Jeff Hamilton – All in favor, none opposed, carried – Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Board Agenda
- 2) Approve June 11, 2026 Budget Hearing Minutes
- 3) Approve June 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 4) Financials:
 - 3a. Approval of Disbursements for June 1-30, 2026
 - 3b. Finance report for the month of June 2026

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) None.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Crash Involving Medic 480**
 - a. **Chief Stange:**
 - i. Everyone is okay and healing, at work or on track to be at work
 - ii. Let the board know, only communication was to inform, nothing discussed, will submit screenshots

iii. Scenario:

1. M91 at fatal motorcycle crash, helping with scene. Interrupted for a breathing problem, upgraded to chocking issues.
 2. Hoffman Rd, going through intersection with lights and sirens, someone traveling S Bound collided. The ambulance rolls on its side and hit a car heading Eastbound (sit was stopped). 3 cars in total. S Bound driver that crashed transported to Salem Hospital. Eastbound car occupants evaluated and not transported.
 3. 3 people in our ambulance. Driver/EMT Basic and Paramedic Intern self-extricated. Paramedic unable to get out and was extricated.
 4. Chief Olson came on scene took command. Chief Ehrmantraut on coverage. Chief Stange to hospital.
 5. Mutual aid offered from dozen agencies. As smooth as it could go.
 6. Employees and intern discharged home
- iv. Questions and discussion ensued about the state of the ambulance and what the insurance companies will do or say.
- v. New ambulance, ordered before this, on its way. First in line and coming soon.
- vi. Workers have a lot support to help them navigate the workers comp system. Lots of advocates to make sure everyone gets what they need.
- vii. No updated about the other drivers.

b) Resolution 2026-04 Transfer Funds from the General Fund to the Equipment Reserve Fund

- a. **Vice President Cord Von Derahe** - motion to approve as written.
- b. **Director Curtis Cole** – Second.
- c. **President Jeff Hamilton** – Any discussion? No discussion.
- d. **President Jeff Hamilton** - All in favor, none opposed. Resolution passes.

c) Miscellaneous Annual Reminders

- a. Selection of Regular Board Meeting Dates, Time, Place, and Meeting Posting Location: 2nd Thursday at 6pm at Station 90
- b. Reminder of Insurance Agent of Record: SDIS
- c. Reminder of Attorney of Record: Local Government Law Group
- d. Designation of Legal Publications Newspaper: Itemizer Observer

CHIEFS REPORT:

a. School Year Wrap Up Celebration

- i. Field day at MES
- ii. Last day of School at Riverfront Park with Chief Crafton

b. Recruit Graduation

- i. Chief Olson wrapped up academy (started February)
- ii. 120-150 people at the party.

c. 4th of July Activities

- i. Pancake Feed - 1259 people.
 1. Allison Wells was IC. Great after-action.
 2. Great effort by volunteers etc. to clean up and return borrowed items before parade began.
- ii. Bike medic EMS calls between here and the river
- iii. Chief Olson in Engine 2, our Tahoe, and Spring Valley had our old engine.

d. Safe Streets and Roads for All Update

- i. Had kick-off planning meeting.

e. Regional Collaboration Conversation

- i. On 6/29 to talk about how we work with SW Polk and Dallas.
- ii. Noted may need a third-party study.

f. Notable Incidents

- i. Crash, mentioned in new business.
- ii. Field fire yesterday and today. Went well and in both instances, we have agreements with SW Polk and Kings Valley and if there is a high-risk grassfire, we will self-dispatch.
 - 1. Discussion about challenges with radios.

g. Member of the Month

- i. Isaiah Moran: Handworker. On B81 today. He shows up way early to drill to do apparatus checks.

TOPICS FOLLOWING THE PREPARATION OF AGENDA:

Rural Health Transformation Grant - Willamette Health Council.

Chief Stange –Chief Erhmantraut working on this. To fund community paramedic. First step to Identify high frequency users and find them resources they need. 2-year pilot, if successful expands 3 years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Jeff Hamilton – Impressed with community involvement.

Vice President Cord Von Derahe - Impressed with resilience of the organization. Significant event then to the 4th of July. The team shows up when times are tough.

Secretary Mike Lippsmeyer – 2nd that. Good work on grant, that's a needed gap we are addressing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to ORS 192.660. If necessitated by business. None.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jeff Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm

Minutes by Anne Schuyler-Moon