

South Lane County Fire & Rescue  
Planned Service Cuts  
July 1, 2026



In the event Measure 20-383 fails, the following cuts to service will be implemented by the District at 1201 am on July 1, 2026.

# Ambulance Service Cuts

- The District will be reducing to one staffed ambulance daily on July 1, 2026.
- The District will rotate the one staffed ambulance between the Cottage Grove and Creswell stations every other day.
- The District may not be available for response to “Public Assistance” calls for lifting, medical alarms, unknown injury crashes, and unknown down person calls.
- The District will not be available for special event standbys.
- Non-Emergency services will not be available including blood pressure checks.
- Ambulance service usage rates will have to be significantly increased.
- The District will immediately begin evaluating the future of its ability to provide ambulance service.
- The District’s only ambulance will not be sent outside the fire district boundary meaning a private ambulance will be utilized through a public/private contract for response in the ambulance service areas outside the fire district boundaries.

# Fire Med Ambulance Subscription Program

1. The future of the District's long standing FireMed annual ambulance subscription plan will be in question, and the annual rate will increase from \$65/yr to \$95/yr beginning July 1, 2026.
2. The District's Board of Directors will have to consider terminating the program due to associated costs by July 1, 2027.
3. The Terms of Service will likely be changed reducing the program benefits until such time as the program is ultimately terminated.
4. Please understand FireMed is not an actual ambulance service but an annual subscription service that helps defray the cost of an ambulance transport to the hospital.

# Fire Response Staffing

1. The District is currently unable to staff a fire engine almost 19 hours per day. This situation can now only be remedied by cutting ambulance staffing.
2. The District will staff one fire engine for the entire 132sq/mile area by cutting to only one available ambulance.
3. The one staffed ambulance will be the only District ambulance available for 800sq/miles.
4. The fire engine will be staffed on a daily rotating basis between the Cottage Grove and Creswell fire stations.
5. This will help ensure fire and rescue response but will increase response times.

# Future Impacts

- The District may cease providing ambulance service entirely and vacate the ambulance service area agreement with Lane County by July 1, 2028, or sooner.
- In the event the District ceases providing ambulance service the FireMed Program will be terminated entirely.
- The District will reduce staffing by at least two firefighter/paramedics per day and provide only traditional Fire/Rescue response services.
- To centrally locate response resources the District may move all response staffing to the Saginaw Fire Station and cease 24/7 staffing at the Cottage Grove and Creswell fire stations.
- The reduction in staffing and station brownouts will likely cause a reduction in the District's ISO rating leading to potential significant increases in property owner's insurance premiums.

We regret these reductions and changes in service may become necessary on July 1, 2026, if Measure 20-383 fails. The amount of misinformation being posted about the levy effort is dangerous and misleading. One individual does not reside in the District and can't vote on the measure yet persists in publishing misinformation.

Regardless, we will still do our best to ensure emergency response delivery.

John Wooten

Fire Chief

