

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



This presentation outlines the service cuts and reductions being implemented by the fire district at 1201am on July 1, 2026, due to the failure of Levy Measure 20-383.

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.
3. The Terms of Service will likely be changed reducing the program benefits.

Fire Response Staffing

1. Prior to the failure of the levy increase the District was unable to staff a fire engine almost 19 hours per day. This situation can now only be remedied by cutting ambulance service.
2. The District will staff one fire engine for the entire 132sq/mile area by cutting to only one available ambulance 24/7.
3. The fire engine will be staffed on a daily rotating basis between the Cottage Grove and Creswell fire stations.
4. 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.
- In the event the District ceases providing ambulance service the FireMed Program will be terminated.
- 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 were necessary and we will still do our best to ensure emergency response.

