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~ Media Advisory ~

Improved Air Medical Transport planned for Eugene/Springfield

The Metro area FireMed Network will soon begin a partnership with Life Flight Network that will provide air medical services from the Eugene/Springfield Area. This will provide emergency air medical service nearly 15 minutes faster than the community currently receives. Eugene, Springfield and Lane Rural fire personnel and FireMed staff will participate in helicopter and airplane orientation on Tuesday, March 18, at the Eugene Airport Fire Station #12.

The partnership between the two networks of ground and air ambulance providers will be made available at no cost to members of the FireMed Plus program. Annual household membership is \$84 per year while the cost to non-members for ground ambulance is up to \$2,000 for ground ambulance and \$15,000 or more for air ambulance. The ground ambulance network covers most of the state while the air network covers over half of Oregon and portions of five other states.

What: Air Medical Transport Orientation

When: **Tuesday, March 18 at 11:30 a.m.**

LOCATION: The briefing is scheduled to be held in the Flightcraft hanger (about 100 feet away from the Airport Fire Station.) This location provides the advantage of being outside the TSA security line and includes a large indoor area for media members if the rain persists. Access is from Boeing Drive, just off Airport Road. When approaching the airport, turn left at the general aviation sign (Airport Road,) then right on Boeing Drive.

Background: Life Flight will be based locally and provide immediate service to Eugene/Springfield. Critically injured patients in rural parts of Lane County will benefit as well as those who need hospital to hospital transport. Additional information on Life Flight can be found at lifeflight.org

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Interviews: The Life Flight Network helicopter and fixed-wing (airplane) transport are scheduled to land near the Eugene Airport Fire Station #12 at 11:30 a.m. Personnel will be made available for comments. **The media will have access in order to film the landings.**