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To: Grant County 9-1-1 Users

**RE: 9-1-1 Transition Planning & User Board Meeting**

Dear User:

The City of John Day has provided 9-1-1 emergency and communications dispatch services for Grant County for the past thirty years. Because of declining state tax revenues and escalating costs, **we will no longer be able to provide this service after June 30, 2019.**

We are committed to working with our local agencies and users across the county to do our part to ensure the successful operation of this countywide service in the future.

**TRANSITION PLANNING**

As required under ORS 403.130 (9-1-1 Jurisdiction Plan), if an established 9-1-1 jurisdiction proposes to move a public safety answering point (PSAP) to another location or establish a new PSAP, the 9-1-1 jurisdiction or governing body shall submit a revised 9-1-1 jurisdiction plan setting forth the changes to:

- (a) The Office of Emergency Management;
- (b) Public and private safety agencies in the 9-1-1 service area; and
- (c) Any other public or private entity in the 9-1-1 service area that may be affected.

Additionally, the revised 9-1-1 jurisdiction plan must describe the capital and recurring costs for the proposed components of the emergency communications system within the 9-1-1 service area.

The City of John Day as the Jurisdiction Lead has established a 9-1-1 Task Force to make recommendations on a new 9-1-1 Jurisdiction Plan. The task force includes representatives from the Grant County Court, City of John Day, the Rural Fire Protection Board, the Blue Mountain Hospital District/EMS, and the Forest Service.

The task force is currently evaluating three options for the new 9-1-1 Center:

- (1) Outsourcing 9-1-1 services to Frontier Regional 9-1-1 in Condon;
- (2) Forming a two-county cooperative partnership with Harney County; or
- (3) Creating a new intergovernmental agreement for local cost sharing and local control of 9-1-1 services under an independent agency with an independent board of directors.

We will consider multiple criteria to evaluate these options, including: cost of service (today and tomorrow);

level of control and decision-making authority over user services and fees; anticipated quality of 9-1-1 service; economic benefits for Grant County residents such as the impact of retaining six local jobs; users' ability-to-pay; and fairness in the cost structure and services provided.

## **NEXT STEPS**

A summary of the transition options, associated costs and analysis will be presented to the **9-1-1 User Board Meeting on March 20, 2018, 7PM at the John Day Fire Hall.**

Invitations to the board meeting will be sent by email to the various agencies who were signatories on the original 9-1-1 agreement (enclosed) and to any new users that joined after this agreement was ratified. Current User Board agencies are:

Blue Mountain Hospital, Ambulance Services  
Canyon City Fire Department  
Dayville Fire Department  
Grant County Sheriff's Department  
John Day Fire Department  
John Day Police Department  
John Day Rural Fire Protection District  
Long Creek Fire Department  
Monument Fire Department  
Mt Vernon Fire Department  
Mt Vernon Rural Fire Protection District  
Oregon State Forestry  
Oregon State Police  
Prairie City Fire Department  
Prairie City Rural Fire Protection District  
Seneca Fire Department  
U.S. Forest Service

During the meeting, each agency will be given the opportunity to discuss their preferred transition option. Viable alternatives will also be considered.

**We ask that you appoint one authorized individual to represent your agency at the board meeting.** Prior to the meeting, please provide the name of your authorized individual to: Valerie Maynard, 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Director; [maynardv@grantcounty-or.gov](mailto:maynardv@grantcounty-or.gov); (541) 575-0030.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Green  
John Day City Manager