

Emergency Services Communications in Coos County

The radio system used for emergency response in Coos County has aged to the point where the electronic capabilities are failing at an alarming rate. Replacing the system will require a levy in the amount of \$0.20 per \$1000 of assessed property value. (A property assessed at \$200,000 would equal a monthly amount of \$3.33 on individual's taxes.)

A planning group has worked since August of 2018 to engineer a total solution, a system that will serve the people of Coos County and last for as long as possible. Representatives from the Southwestern Oregon Fire Chief's Association, the Coos Forest Protective Association, ambulance services, police services and civilians have all coordinated to ensure an adequate system.

CFPA has agreed to share their infrastructure in the expansion, which will both save hundreds of thousands of dollars, and increase the coverage area inside the county.

Coos County has been repairing the system when able, but is forced to purchase old, used parts from resell sites. Parts are becoming increasingly scarce and more expensive.

The money collected through the levy will be solely dedicated to the Coos County radio communications system (as per ORS 280.040(2)(b)) and a built-in cost for maintenance.



Contact Captain Gabe Fabrizio at the Coos County Sheriff's Office at 541-396-7811 with questions or for further details.

Who benefits

The Emergency Communication System is used by every agency in Coos County, including:

Bandon Fire

Charleston Fire

Coquille Fire

Fairview Fire

Hauser Fire

Millington Fire

North Bay Fire

Powers Fire

Coos County Sheriff's Office

North Bend PD

Myrtle Point PD

USFS Law Enforcement

NOAA Law Enforcement

Coquille PD

Coquille Ambulance

Powers Ambulance

Bridge Fire

Coos Bay Fire

Dora-Sitkum Fire

Greenacres Fire

Lakeside Fire

Myrtle Point Fire

North Bend Fire

Sumner Fire

Coos Bay PD

Bandon PD

Powers PD

BLM Rangers

Coquille Tribal Police

Confederated Tribes PD

Myrtle Point Ambulance