

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Amending the        )  
Columbia County Ambulance        )  
Service Ordinance                    )  
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ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1

The Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, ordains as follows:

SECTION 1.            TITLE.

This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 2016-1. Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, shall be known as the "Columbia County Ambulance Service Ordinance".

SECTION 2.            AUTHORITY.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to ORS 203.035 and 682.031.

SECTION 3.            PURPOSE.

The purposes of this ordinance are to: (1) integrate the amendments made by Ordinance No. 2002-3 on April 17, 2002, into the Columbia County Ambulance Service Ordinance, which was originally adopted by Ordinance No. 90-23 on September 19, 1990; (2) update statutory and administrative rule references in the ordinance which have been renumbered in the Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules; (3) correct typographical errors in the Ordinance; (4) delete ordinance provisions which are no longer relevant to the Ambulance Service Ordinance; (5) add ordinance provisions which enhance administrative efficiency; and (6) adopt a format which is similar to other County ordinances.

SECTION 4.            AMENDMENT.

The Columbia County Ambulance Service Ordinance is amended to read as provided in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 5.            NON-REVIVAL.

The deletion of previously numbered Section 24 of the Ambulance Service Ordinance, "Repealer and Savings Clause", shall not act as a revival of Ordinance No. 88-9, Ordinance No. 88-11, and/or Ordinance No. 89-5, and those ordinances remain repealed.

SECTION 6.            SCRIVENER'S ERRORS.

Scrivener's errors in any portion of this ordinance, or any part of Exhibit "A", the Columbia County Ambulance Service Ordinance, may be corrected by order of the Board

of County Commissioners.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.

If for any reason any court of competent jurisdiction holds any portion of this ordinance invalid, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion, and any such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

Approved as to form by

By: [Signature]  
Office of County Counsel

Attest:

By: [Signature]  
Recording Secretary

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: [Signature]  
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: [Signature]  
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: [Signature]  
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

First Reading: 5-18-16

Second Reading: 6-1-16

Effective Date: 8-30-16

EXHIBIT "A"

COLUMBIA COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE ORDINANCE

SECTION 1.        TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Columbia County Ambulance Service Ordinance," and may be referred to herein as "this Ordinance".

SECTION 2.        AUTHORITY.

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to ORS 682.062, 682.017, and 682.031 and ORS 203.035.

SECTION 3.        POLICY AND PURPOSE.

The Board of County Commissioners finds:

1. That ORS 682.062 and OAR 333-260-0000 to 333-260-0070 require Columbia County to develop and adopt a plan for the county relating to the need for and coordination of ambulance services and to establish Ambulance Services Areas (ASAs) consistent with the plan.
2. That this Ordinance, which establishes methods for creating and modifying Ambulance Service Areas (ASA) and methods for selecting ambulance service providers for each ASA, and establishes the Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee, together with the most recently adopted Columbia County Ambulance Service Area Plan (ASA Plan), make up the complete plan for ambulance service for Columbia County.

SECTION 4.        DEFINITIONS.

1. For the purpose of this Ordinance, words used in the present tense include the future, the singular number includes the plural, the word "shall" is mandatory and not advisory, and the term "this Ordinance" shall be deemed to include all amendments hereafter made to this Ordinance.
2. The words and phrases in this Ordinance shall have the meaning provided in ORS Chapter 682 and OAR Chapter 333, Division 260, unless specifically defined herein to have a different meaning.
3. The provisions of ORS Chapter 192 regarding meetings, notice and records shall apply to this Ordinance.
4. Other specific definitions include:
  - a. Administrator. The person designated by resolution of the Board to

administer this Ordinance and the duly authorized deputy or assistant of such person.

- b. Ambulance Service. A person, governmental unit or other entity that operates ambulances and that holds itself out as providing prehospital care or medical transportation to persons who are ill or injured or who have disabilities. This note and the subsequent notes will not appear in the final ordinance.
- c. Ambulance Service Area or ASA. A geographic area which is served by one ambulance service provider, and may include all or a portion of a county, or all or portions of two or more contiguous counties.
- d. Board. The Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon.
- e. Committee. The Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee, or ASA Advisory Committee, created pursuant to this Ordinance.
- f. Franchise. A franchise to provide ambulance service issued by the Board pursuant to this Ordinance.
- g. Person. Means and includes individuals, corporations, associations, firms, partnerships, joint stock companies, and special districts formed and existing pursuant to the Oregon Revised Statutes.

SECTION 5. EXEMPTIONS.

This Ordinance shall not apply to:

1. Ambulances owned by or operated under the control of the United States Government or the State of Oregon.
2. Vehicles being used to render temporary assistance in the case of a major catastrophe or emergency with which the ambulance services of the surrounding locality are unable to cope, or when directed to be used to render temporary assistance by an office at the scene of an accident.
3. Vehicles operated solely on private property or within the confines of institutional grounds, whether or not the incidental crossing of any public street, road or highway through the property or grounds is involved.
4. Ambulances or vehicles transporting patients from outside the County to a health care facility within the County, or which are passing through without a destination in the County.
5. Air ambulances (aircraft utilized as an ambulance) and marine ambulances

(marine craft utilized as an ambulance).

6. Vehicles operated by lumber industries solely for the transportation of lumber industry employees.
7. Any person who drives or attends an individual who is ill or injured or who has a disability, if the individual is transported in a vehicle exempted by this section.
8. Ambulance services that are located outside of the county, which may come into the county for the purpose of fulfilling service agreements or specialty transportation needs, provided the service(s) are currently identified and on file with the Administrator. The Administrator and/or the Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee may request and review copies of these service agreements as needed to ensure that they do not interfere with the financial stability of the services located and operating within the county.

#### SECTION 6. ADMINISTRATION.

The Administrator, under the supervision of the Board and with the assistance of the Committee, shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Ordinance. In order to carry out the duties imposed by this Ordinance, the Administrator, or persons authorized by the Administrator, are hereby authorized to enter on the premises of any person regulated by this Ordinance at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner to determine compliance with this Ordinance and regulations promulgated pursuant hereto. The Administrator shall also have access to records pertaining to ambulance service operations of any person regulated by this Ordinance. These records shall be made available to the Administrator at the person's place of business, or copies made and provided as requested by the Administrator.

#### SECTION 7. AMBULANCE SERVICE AREAS.

The Board adopted Ambulance Service Areas (ASAs) in Ordinance No. 90-23, and they were described in the Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Plan dated August 14, 1991. The current ASAs are described in the most recently adopted ASA Plan (ASA Plan). The Board may change the number and/or boundaries of the ASAs by amendment to the ASA Plan, by adoption of a new ASA Plan, or separately by adoption of an order to that effect. Pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement and for administrative convenience, the Board may authorize another County or Counties to award and administer ambulance service franchises within portions of Columbia County, and/or accept the authority from another County or Counties to award and administer ambulance service franchises in portions of such other County or Counties.

#### SECTION 8. AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS REGULATED.

No person shall provide ambulance services in Columbia County, Oregon, unless such person is franchised in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as

provided by Section 5 above.

SECTION 9. APPLICATION FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE FRANCHISE.

1. Applications for franchises shall be accepted only when the Board, or the Administrator, calls for the submittal of applications. This applies to all applications, whether for the initial franchise or a franchise renewal, or franchises to be issued due to early discontinuance or termination of a franchise.
2. Applications for franchises shall be on forms provided by the Administrator. In addition to information required on the forms, the Administrator or Board may require any additional information deemed necessary.
3. The applicant shall provide the following information:
  - a. The name and address of the person or agency applying.
  - b. The Ambulance Service Area the person desires to serve, the location(s) from which ambulance services will be provided, and the level of service to be provided.
  - c. A statement as to whether or not the franchisee will subcontract for any service to be provided. If some service will be provided by subcontract, a copy of that subcontract shall be provided.
  - d. A list of vehicles to be used in providing ambulance services including year, make and model, and verification that each vehicle is certified as a basic life support, intermediate life support and/or advanced life support vehicle by the State of Oregon.
  - e. A statement that all equipment and supplies in each ambulance conforms to State standards.
  - f. A list of personnel to be used in providing ambulance service and their current Emergency Medical Technician certificate number, or other appropriate certification.
  - g. Proof of financial ability to operate, including an operating budget or financial statement, references and/or statement of past ambulance service. Private companies must provide a profit and loss statement, in addition to the above materials. Other appropriate financial information, such as income tax returns or reports by governmental authorities shall also be submitted upon request.
  - h. Proof of the following minimum levels of insurance to protect the County, its officers, agents, and employees.

- i. Workers' compensation and employers' liability insurance meeting statutory limits mandated by state and federal laws.
- ii. Commercial general liability and property damage insurance in an amount of not less than \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence.
- iii. Automobile liability (owned, non-owned, and hired) for bodily injury and property damage in an amount of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence.
- iv. Professional liability insurance covering claims made at any time prior, during or subsequent to the completion of the proposer's services, with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000.

The applicant shall provide County a certificate or certificates of insurance in the amounts described above which names County, its officers, agents and employees, as additional insureds and shall be accompanied by one or more additional insured endorsements. The certificate of insurance shall include a statement by the insurer that County shall be given no less than thirty (30) days advance written notification if the policy is going to expire, be terminated, cancelled or modified in any material way. If the applicant is granted a franchise under this Ordinance, the applicant shall notify County immediately upon notification to the applicant that any insurance coverage required by this paragraph will be canceled, not renewed or changed to make the coverage no longer meet the minimum requirements of this Ordinance.

The County, in its sole discretion, may raise the minimum level of insurance required if the County's tort claims limit under Oregon law exceeds \$2,000,000.

Coverage shall be carried for the duration of the applicable statute of repose in Oregon. All of applicant's and any subcontractor's liability insurance policies, with the exception of workers' compensation, shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the County.

- i. A statement of past experience in properly providing ambulance service of a comparable quality and quantity to the service required by this Ordinance, regulations promulgated hereunder, any franchise issued hereunder, and the Ambulance Service Area Plan.
- j. Proof of compliance with the terms and conditions of the ASA Plan and applicable county ordinances, in the form of a narrative summary.

SECTION 10. EXISTING AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall act as a revocation of a franchise granted prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, or any amendment to this Ordinance, except pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 below.

SECTION 11. REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR FRANCHISE.

1. Applications shall be reviewed by the Administrator, who shall make such investigation as may be appropriate and who may request assistance of other persons as necessary.
2. The Administrator shall notify the holder of a franchise for providing ambulance service to an ASA of any application by another person to take over that franchise.
3. Unless the time is extended by the Board for good cause, the Administrator shall make a recommendation to the Board to grant, deny, modify or attach appropriate conditions to the application. The Administrator shall transmit his or her recommendation within thirty (30) days after the application and any required supplemental information has been received.

SECTION 12. BOARD ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR FRANCHISE.

Upon receipt of the Administrator's recommendation, the Board:

1. Shall publish notice of its intent to hold a public hearing on the application and the Administrator's recommendation at least ten (10) days, but not later than thirty (30) days following publication of the notice.
2. May require additional investigation by the Administrator if it finds that there is insufficient information on which to base its action.
3. Shall, upon the basis of the application, the Administrator's recommendation, and such other information as may be before the Board, make an order granting, denying or modifying the application or attaching conditions thereto.
4. Shall not make an order adverse to the applicant, or to the holder of, or applicant for, another franchise, effective less than thirty (30) days after the date of such order and shall notify such persons in writing of such order. The Board may suspend operation of this subsection and enter an emergency order if it finds that there is an immediate and serious danger to the public or that a health hazard or public nuisance would be created by a delay.
5. After the Board makes an order granting an ambulance service franchise, with or without conditions, and the franchisee is unable to provide a particular service, the Administrator may permit the franchisee to sub-contract such



service to another person upon a finding that the quality and extent of the service would not be jeopardized. The Administrator may require the filing of such information as deemed necessary.

SECTION 13. FRANCHISE TERMS AND RENEWALS.

1. The initial ambulance service franchise in an Ambulance Service Area shall be valid from the date of issuance until December 31, 1995.
2. Thereafter, unless the Board finds that a longer or shorter term is required in the public interest, the term of ambulance service franchises shall be five (5) years, beginning on January 1 of a year and ending December 31 five years later.
3. Unless grounds exist for refusal to renew a franchise, or have existed, or for suspension or revocation of a franchise as set forth in Section 16, or unless the franchise is to be given to a new ambulance service provider, franchises may be renewed by the Board, in its sole discretion, without opening up the application process to new applicants.
4. On or before the last day of July of the year in which the franchise expires, the Administrator shall call for franchise applications for the purpose of franchise renewal or the granting of a new franchise. These applications shall be due no later than September 1 of the year in which the franchise expires. The Board or Administrator may set an earlier or later due date for applications. Application shall be made on forms provided by the Administrator and shall include such additional information as may be required by the Administrator or Board.
5. Review of an application for renewal of a franchise shall be conducted in the same manner as for an application pursuant to section 9, 11 and 12 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 14. EARLY DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE BY FRANCHISEE.

1. If a franchisee discontinues services before the expiration of the franchise, the Board or Administrator shall set a time by which applications must be submitted for a new franchise in the ASA. Review of an application shall be conducted in the same manner as for an application pursuant to section 9, 11 and 12 of this Ordinance.
2. The Administrator shall develop a plan for coverage of the ASA, using existing franchisees and/or other resources as available to provide ambulance service in the ASA.
3. The Administrator shall issue a temporary certificate(s), valid for a stated period not to exceed six (6) months, entitling a person(s) to provide

ambulance service in all or part of the ASA.

SECTION 15.           TRANSFER OF FRANCHISES.

1.     Except in the case of merger pursuant to ORS 198.885 to 198.915, a franchise may not be transferred. If a current franchisee is unable or unwilling to continue service up to the expiration of its franchise, this shall be treated as an "Early Discontinuance of Service by Franchisee" pursuant to Section 14 of this Ordinance.
  
2.     In the case of merger of a special district, pursuant to ORS 198.885 to 198.915, holding a franchise under this Ordinance, into another special district, the Administrator may approve the transfer of the franchise to the successor district upon a finding that the quality and extent of the service would not be jeopardized. The Administrator may request the filing of such information as deemed necessary.

SECTION 16.           ENFORCEMENT OF FRANCHISE PROVISIONS.

1.     In addition to the remedy provided in Section 17 of this Ordinance and penalties provided elsewhere in this Ordinance, the Administrator shall, upon reasonable cause, make an investigation to determine if there is sufficient reason and cause to suspend, modify, revoke or refuse to renew a franchise as provided by this subsection.

If in the judgment of the Administrator, there is convincing evidence of: (a) a violation of this Ordinance, subsequent amendments to this Ordinance, ORS Chapter 682 or the rules promulgated thereunder, or the ASA Plan; or (b) evidence that the franchisee has materially misrepresented facts or information given in the application for the franchise, the Administrator shall notify the franchisee in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal service of the notice of alleged violation or of misrepresentation and what steps must be taken to cure the alleged violation or misrepresentation. The Administrator shall send a copy of the notice to the Board. Not less than ten (10) days following the receipt of notice of alleged violation or misrepresentation, the Board may enter an order of revocation, modification, suspension, or non-renewal and shall thereby revoke, modify, suspend or not renew the violator's franchise, unless prior thereto the franchisee shall file with the Board a request for a hearing on the Administrator's notice of alleged violation or misrepresentation. If said request is timely filed, revocation, modification, suspension, or non-renewal will be stayed until the Board can, at its earliest convenience, hold a public hearing thereon. Notice of said hearing shall be given by publication of notice thereof at least ten (10) days prior to said hearing. The burden of proof at the hearing held hereunder shall be upon the franchisee-appellant.

2.     In lieu of the revocation, modification, suspension, or non-renewal of the

franchise, the Board may order that the violation or misrepresentation be corrected and make the revocation, modification, suspension, or non-renewal contingent upon compliance failure to comply [???] with the order within the period of time stated therein. Notice of the board action shall be provided by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal service to the franchisee. The notice shall specify the violation or misrepresentation, the action necessary to correct the violation or misrepresentation, and the date by which the action must be taken. The franchisee shall notify the Board of the action taken. If the franchisee fails to take corrective action within the time required, the Board shall notify the franchisee by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal service that the franchise is revoked, modified, suspended or not renewed upon receipt or service of the notice.

3. Should the franchisee fail to comply with an order of the Board issued pursuant to subsection 1 of this Section, then the Board may take any steps authorized by law to enforce its order. All expenses incurred in enforcement of the Board's order, including reasonable attorney fees, may be recovered from the non-complying franchisee.

#### SECTION 17. PREVENTING INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE.

Whenever the Board finds that the failure of service or threatened failure of service would adversely impact the health, safety or welfare of the residents of this county, the Board shall, after reasonable notice but not less than twenty-four (24) hours notice to the franchisee, hold a public hearing. Upon appropriate findings after the hearing, the Board shall have the right to authorize another franchisee or person to provide the service.

#### SECTION 18. APPEALS, ABATEMENT AND PENALTIES.

1. All decisions of the Board under this Ordinance shall be reviewable by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Columbia, only by way of writ of review.
2. The provision of ambulance service by any person in violation of this Ordinance, amendments to this Ordinance, or regulations promulgated hereunder, is a nuisance and the Board may, in addition to other remedies provided by law or by this Ordinance, institute injunctive, abatement or other appropriate legal proceedings to temporarily or permanently enjoin or abate such ambulance service.
3. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance is guilty of an offense. Failure from day to day to comply with the terms of these provisions shall be a separate offense for each day. Failure to comply with any provision shall be a separate offense for each such provision. This Ordinance may be enforced as provided by, and violators hereof are subject to the penalties provided in, the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance.

SECTION 19. DUTIES OF AMBULANCE SERVICE FRANCHISEE.

The franchisee:

1. Shall conduct its operation in strict compliance with all applicable State and Federal laws, rules and regulations, the terms of this Ordinance, any subsequent amendments to this Ordinance, and the Columbia County Ambulance Service Area Plan.
2. Shall not fail or refuse to respond to an emergency call for service if an ambulance is available for service.
3. Shall not respond to a medical emergency located outside its assigned Ambulance Service Area except:
  - a. When a request for a specific ambulance service is made by the person calling for the ambulance and the call does not dictate an emergency response;
  - b. When the franchisee is unavailable to respond and the person is requested by another franchisee or the local 9-1-1 jurisdiction to respond; or
  - c. When the response is for supplemental assistance or mutual aid.
4. Shall not voluntarily discontinue service to an assigned Ambulance Service Area until he or she has:
  - a. Given ninety (90) days written notice to the Administrator; and
  - b. Obtained written approval of the Board.
5. Subsection 4 of this Section shall not apply to change, restriction or termination of service when required by any public agency, public body, or court having jurisdiction.

SECTION 20. AMBULANCE SERVICE AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

1. There is hereby created an Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee.
  - a. The Committee shall consist of the following members:
    - (1) The health officer for Columbia County.
    - (2) One local physician.
    - (3) One (1) representative of the local public health authority for

Columbia County.

- (4) One (1) public member.
  - (5–10) One (1) representative of each ambulance service provider. If an ambulance service provider provides service to more than one ASA, that provider may still only have one representative on the ASA Advisory Committee.
  - (11) One (1) representative of the local 9-1-1 jurisdiction.
- b. The Administrator and other Columbia County staff as the Board deems appropriate shall be ex-officio members of the committee without vote to advise and assist the Committee.
- 2. The Board shall have the sole authority to appoint the members of the Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee. The Board may appoint additional persons to the Committee to serve as ex-officio members of, or advisors to, the Committee. The Board may appoint or approve the designation of alternates to serve in the absence of persons appointed to the Committee.
  - 3. Except for the County Health Officer, term appointments shall be for staggered terms on the initial Committee for a term not to exceed three years. Subsequent appointments shall be for three year terms. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified, except in the case of resignation, disqualification or other termination of the appointment. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board for the balance of the unexpired term. Persons may be appointed to successive terms.
  - 4. The Committee shall appoint one of its members as Chair and another as Vice-Chair. The Committee shall meet at such times as deemed necessary or as called by the Board or by the Administrator. The Chair, Administrator or any two members of the Committee may call a special meeting with ten (10) days notice to other members of the Committee; provided, however, that members may waive such notice.
  - 5. Six members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority vote of those present and voting is required to pass motions.
  - 6. In addition to other duties prescribed by this Ordinance the Committee shall:
    - a. Review and make recommendations to the Administrator regarding the selection criteria for approving a franchise to provide ambulance service.
    - b. Provide for on-going input to the Board from pre-hospital care

consumers, providers and the medical community.

- c. Periodically review the Ambulance Service Area Plan and make recommendations to the Board including, but not limited to:
  - (1) Reviewing the standards established in the Plan and make recommendations regarding improvement and/or new standards as required by OAR 333-260-0050(1-3);
  - (2) Monitoring the coordination between emergency medical service resources;
  - (3) Reviewing dispatch procedures and compliance; and
  - (4) Reviewing the effectiveness and efficiency of the Ambulance Service Area boundaries.

7. Committee members shall avoid acting in any matters where a conflict of interest may arise. Any Committee member having a direct or indirect financial or pecuniary interest in any matter before the Committee for consideration shall withdraw from participation in any action by the Committee in said matter. Nothing in this Section shall limit the ability of any person to provide testimony to the Committee. Committee members shall comply with Chapter 244 of the Oregon Revised Statutes, "Government Ethics", and the administrative rules of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission governing conflicts of interest in particular, and government ethics in general.

#### SECTION 21. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS.

Any medical and/or patient records obtained under authority of this Ordinance for the purpose of enforcement, investigation or the Quality Assurance Program are confidential and shall be handled in a manner to maintain their confidentiality, and in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability of 1996 (HIPAA), as amended, and related federal regulations, as well as Oregon statutes and related administrative rules regarding medical and patient information.

#### SECTION 22. REGULATIONS OF AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Upon its own motion or upon a recommendation of the Committee or the Administrator, the Board may adopt ordinances, resolutions or orders regulating ambulance service or implementing, interpreting or amending this Ordinance. Such regulations shall not conflict with ORS Chapter 682 and rules promulgated pursuant thereto.

#### SECTION 23. INITIAL RESPONDER.

Nothing in these provisions prohibits a 9-1-1 jurisdiction, responsible for the

dispatching of emergency services, from dispatching an initial responder to the scene of a medical emergency in addition to dispatching an ambulance service provider. Such initial response shall only be in accordance with this Section.

1. The initial responder shall be a municipal corporation or a special district within Columbia County that provides emergency services within its jurisdiction and requests to be dispatched to medical emergencies.
2. The initial responder shall respond with Emergency Medical Technicians and/or First Responders that are certified by the State of Oregon and who are employed by, or volunteers with, the initial responder.
3. Upon arrival of the ambulance service provider at the location of the medical emergency, the ambulance service provider shall be in charge of, and responsible for, the continuation of emergency medical services. The initial responder shall continue to provide emergency medical services only at the direction of the ambulance service providers.