

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
KLAMATH 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT**

**IN THE MATTER OF UPDATING POLICY**                    )  
**CHAPTER 1: Introduction**                                    )

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that Klamath 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District operates under its adopted District Policy and Procedures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of Klamath 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District do hereby authorize and adopt the added and updated policy language to district policy chapter one.

Add red letter language to and remove striked through language from Chapter 1-2:

The 1981 session of the Oregon Legislature resulted in a mandate, ORS Charter 401, that every public and private safety provider in the State participates in an emergency telephone system by 1991. In addition to establishing a 3 percent telephone tax to fund implementation of the legislature setting forth minimum standards and planning requirements that local jurisdictions would have to follow.

In 1983 a planning committee was formed under the chairmanship of Sheriff Durgie for the purpose of complying with ORS 401, and by 1985 a consulting firm (WCA, Inc.) was retained by the planning committee to prepare and submit a combined preliminary/final plan for State approval. In 1986 an Intergovernmental Agreement was signed by all public and private safety providers in the County creating the Klamath County 9-1-1 Communications Agency. This agreement called for the establishment of a User Board and an Executive Board to oversee the agency and set policies. In May, 1987, a director was hired by the Executive Board to serve as administrative head of the agency, and in June, 1987, final approval of the County’s plan was granted by the State allowing the agency to move forward with implementation of the 9-1-1 system.

On June 1, 1989, 9-1-1 service was initiated by the agency for all areas of the County except Merrill and Malin who maintain their own PSAP’s. In 1995 the Agency became a Special Communications District. In 1998 a permanent tax rate was established at a rate of 0.1541% per \$1000 assessed property value County wide.

The District had pursued a joint project for a new facility with the Klamath Falls Police Department, and Fire District 1 in November of 2006 which failed. There were failed levy attempts in May 2008 and November 2009. In 2010 the District, utilizing a USDA Rural Development guaranteed loan constructed the facility on Shasta Way where we currently operate. The District drafted its updated strategic plan in the Fall of 2012. In May of 2014, in accordance with that plan, The District passed a 5 year \$0.08 per assessed thousand operatizing levy. ~~Every attempt will be made to renew the levy at the end of its term to ensure no interruptions in funding.~~ **A new \$0.19 levy passed in 2024 securing funding through 2029. Every effort will be made to renew the levy in 2029 to ensure uninterrupted funding.**

**A major milestone occurred in December 2024, when the District became a consolidated 911 center through the absorption of Lake County. Today, the Klamath 911 Emergency Communications District**

serves as the Primary Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for both Klamath and Lake County citizens, continuing its mission to provide reliable and responsive emergency communications services.

This matter having come before them at their meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amanda Rose, Executive Director

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Sandra Fox, Board Chair