

The ambulance services you rely on may be at risk.

Support collaboration, not competition, to keep Morrow County safe.

For nearly 30 years, Morrow County Health District has been the sole provider of Emergency Medical Services in Morrow County. Our seven ambulances respond quickly from stations in Lone, Heppner, Irrigon and Boardman that have trained EMTs and Paramedics available 24/7.

We provide these services to the entire county as one ambulance service area because it allows us to receive enhanced federal funding when the ambulance service is associated with our critical access hospital. This enhanced funding is key because MCHD heavily subsidizes EMS services in all communities (approximately \$550,000 per fully staffed location). Licensing a separate, competing ambulance service in Boardman will not only eliminate MCHD's eligibility for that enhanced federal funding, but it will jeopardize ambulance service in cities all across Morrow County.

To ensure Morrow County residents continue to have effective ambulance services, MCHD supports collaboration, not competition. We would welcome another provider who could work in tandem with us to supplement services. The best way for that to happen is through a contract with MCHD. We are open to considering any such contract and collaboration if it would be in the best interest of the public.

THE FACTS

- 1 MCHD receives enhanced federal funding that heavily subsidizes EMS services in all communities.
- 2 Licensing a competing ambulance service will eliminate our eligibility for that enhanced federal funding.
- 3 A decrease in funding puts our existing services across the entire county in serious peril.
- 4 Although MCHD does not make a profit on our EMS services, we believe all Morrow County residents have the right to high-quality ambulance services.
- 5 Our new staffing model has two EMS personnel working 12-hour shifts at each dispatching location: Boardman went live in 2021, Irrigon in 2022 and Hepper in 2023.
- 6 MCHD does not oppose the addition of more resources to support EMS in Morrow County if it's in the best interest of the public.
- 7 If another ambulance provider wishes to operate in Morrow County, a contract with MCHD is the best way forward.

MCHD EMS: Saving lives and serving the community in Morrow County. Find out more at [HealthyMC.org](https://www.healthyMC.org).



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MCHD AMBULANCE SERVICE: Serving Morrow County Reliably and Efficiently



In Oregon, each ambulance service area is served by only one ambulance service provider to prevent conflicts between providers such as racing to calls. MCHD is the service provider for all of Morrow County and has been for nearly 30 years.



In Morrow County, there is a multi-disciplinary EMS Advisory Committee charged with overseeing the quality and delivery of EMS services. This committee makes decisions about the need to modify or add ambulance services.



Morrow County's current ASA Plan already allows for quick response teams to respond to EMS page-outs to provide care while an ambulance is en route. This practice has been successfully used throughout Morrow County for many years.



MCHD EMS includes a staff of more than 60 personnel that cross-cover all dispatching locations.



MCHD's seven ambulances are dispatched from stations in Lone, Heppner, Irrigon and Boardman that have trained EMTs and Paramedics available 24/7.



MCHD's response times are within minutes and well within established protocols.



Dispatching locations have moved to a staffing model where they are always staffed by two EMS personnel working 12-hour shifts, which allows them ample time away to rest and recover.



When necessary for patient or staff well-being, MCHD requests assistance from other agencies, such as a local fire department. This is called a "mutual aid" request and is common around the state.

**We support
collaboration,
not competition.**

Contact elected board members, county commissioners and local representatives and urge them to support MCHD EMS today!



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