

# Current NL EMS Fact Sheet

## What is North Lake EMS?

Local, stand-alone (not part of RFD), non-profit volunteer organization that provides all local response, evaluation, and possible transportation of medical emergencies  
Local organization that responds to all medical requests made by Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, BLM, Forest Service, state-wide disaster response, and adjacent EMS agencies when available and called upon for mutual aid  
Currently the **ONLY** organization available to respond to medical emergencies in the area

### Current Staffing

- 1 local active volunteer Intermediate EMT
- 2 Basic EMT's
- 1 First Responder
- 5 active volunteer drivers
- 2 ambulances, a 1995 Ford and a 2012 Dodge

### Services and Coverage

Only available provider of emergency medical response, evaluation, ambulance service, and pre-hospital care in the service area  
Coverage available **ONLY** when a crew is available (crew is made of 2 responders and a driver unless a responder is an intermediate)  
Service area includes 2,200 square miles of eastern North Lake County starting at the county line in the east going west to Webster

Road in Ft. Rock and starting at the county line in the north going south to the start of Old Lake Rd. on Highway 31. (See attached map for more precise details)

Occasionally respond to requests for assistance made by Silver Lake, Crescent, Harney County, and Deschutes EMS

Average of 200 calls per year, 2/3 transport 1/3 non-transport.

For 2021 we have had 255 ambulance calls.

### Current Funding

Donations (over half of funding)

Government Grants

Motel Tax (approx. \$6000)

Insurance Billing (approx. 1/3 of funding)

Private Billing (very little collection)

Membership dues

## Ballot Initiative Details

### Timing

Initiative will be on May 17, 2022.

### Purpose

Create a tax base to support a new agency that will provide sustainable 24/7, 15-minute Ambulance barn departure coverage to the area currently served by NL EMS (Current agency cannot be used as it is set up as a volunteer 501c(3) organization)

For over 60 years, NL County EMS has been solely operated by trained volunteers from this community.

Prevent the loss of **local** EMS response and management (Alternative response would be

based out of Lakeview and managed by the county)

Remove medical response from over-relied upon volunteers

### Property Tax

\$2.64/\$1,000 of assessed value

Increase of \$264 to property tax bill on a property with an assessed value of \$100,000.

Tax will only apply to property owners in the proposed tax district

Tax is a set rate and will not increase or decrease, **will not** expire after a set number of years like a bond i.e. school bond

## New Agency Structure

### North Lake County

### Emergency Services District

New agency will be managed by a Board of 5 elected members

Staff will be comprised of primarily paid full-time, part-time, and on-call responders.

Volunteers will be welcome but not relied upon.

The tax base will allow for the agency to replace essential equipment every 8 years (i.e. ambulances, Heart Monitors, automatic gurneys)

Scheduling, billing, training, and all other management duties will be handled by paid staff instead of volunteers.

“Make an investment in our Community, see the benefits and it may save your life”