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Josephine County Rural Fire Protection District Enters Service Agreement with Rural/Metro Fire Dept., INC.

Josephine County, Oregon — July 7th, 2025 — The newly formed Josephine County Rural Fire Protection District has officially entered into a service agreement with Rural/Metro Fire Dept., Inc. (DBA: Rural Metro Fire) to provide continued all-hazard fire protection services within the district boundary, previously identified as Rural Metro Fire's service area.

This strategic agreement ensures that all-hazard fire protection services will remain consistent and uninterrupted for the district, despite the absence of a tax base. Until such time that voters within the district choose to establish a tax-funded model, fire protection will continue to be provided on a subscription basis by Rural Metro Fire — just as it has been for many years.

“This agreement allows us to maintain the current level of fire and emergency services without placing additional financial burden on taxpayers,” said Mark Jones, President of the Fire Board. “Residents will notice no change in service and should continue subscribing with Rural Metro Fire as they have in the past.”

In parallel with maintaining emergency service coverage, the Josephine County Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors will focus on establishing a strong foundation for the district. This includes working to develop an administrative office, implementing interim administrative staffing solutions, and building the internal infrastructure needed to support the district's future growth.

The partnership with Rural Metro Fire represents a practical solution for sustaining vital public safety services while offering the community flexibility and autonomy in determining the district's long-term funding and development path.

For more information about fire protection services or to inquire about subscriptions, residents may contact Rural Metro Fire at (541) 474-1218.

Citizens within the Josephine County Rural Fire Protection District and members of the media are welcome to attend the next board meeting on July 14th, 10am, at the temporary meeting location at Parkway Fire Station, 800 E. Park Street, Grants Pass, OR 97527.

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