



To: Col. Mark Ulvin, Oregon Army National Guard

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Subject: Update 3: Ordering Protocols for Oregon Army National Guard Medevac Helicopter (New Co-Pilot Phone Number)

Please accept our thanks for your assistance to the NW Wildland Fire Agencies in our efforts to support safe and effective firefighting operations. Our purpose in sharing this document is to update the Co-Pilot phone number as part of the protocols and authorities for initiating the use of your medevac helicopter, located in Salem, OR, for emergency use on wildfire incidents in Oregon. **The helicopter was ordered and activated for 24/7 stand-by beginning Monday July 23, 2018 at 1300 Hours PDT.**

Ordering Authority

For incident management teams within the area (listed in the table below), the Air Operations Branch Directors, or their designate, are authorized to mobilize the helicopter. Similarly, for initial attack and other resource incidents, the Northwest Coordination Center or designate is authorized to mobilize the helicopter.

Incident	Lat/Long*
Garner Complex	42 31.38 N / 123 28.26 W
Klondike	42 21.454 N / 123 51.186 W
Natchez	41 57.246 N / 123 33.015 W
South Umpqua	42 56.096 N / 123 06.936 W
Sugar Pine	42 50.87 N / 122 18.50 W
Hendrix	42 08.984 N / 122 50.543 W
Timber-Crater 6	43 04.289 N / 122 01.775 W

*Lat/Longs listed are only a general reference for incident location and not for navigational use.

Ordering Protocols

In all cases, to facilitate an emergency response, ordering incidents/local units must supply the following information:

- Incident status;
- Initial patient assessment;
- **Specific Air-to-Air and Ground-to-Air frequencies and name of the ground contact;**
- Method of ground signal to aircraft if night operations;
- Latitude/Longitude of emergency evacuation;
- Other aircraft operating on or near the incident.



To initiate an emergency response, the ordering incidents must call the phone numbers below, in the order in which they're listed, until contact is made with the Oregon Army National Guard and the medevac response has been confirmed:

Call Order	Number	Contact
1	503-932-5201	Pilot-in-Charge
2	503-932-6468	Co-Pilot
3	503-584-2800	ORNG JOC

Emergency responses for incidents other than those listed above will be initiated by the Local Dispatch Center calling NWCC Operations: 503-808-2720.

Helicopter Response Area

The helicopter is intended to respond to emergency evacuation incidents within Southwest Oregon sub-geographic area, with principal interest for incidents managed on the Umpqua and Rogue-Siskiyou National Forests, Crater Lake National Park, and Oregon Department of Forestry and Bureau of Land Management protected lands.

Response Times

The helicopter/crew is night vision capable. With this capability, the intent is to have the aircraft/crew principally on standby in support of peak burn period and night operations: 14:00 to 02:00; a 30 minute or better response time is observed through this period. All other hours, a 60 minute or better response time will be observed. After the response is confirmed, ordering incidents will call NWCC Operations, 503-808-2720, notifying them of the medevac flight and details of the emergency.

Time and Cost

Flight hours will be tracked for incidents receiving the helicopter for an emergency response so that appropriate billing can occur. Standby costs will be shared among the incidents listed above. Amendments will be made to this letter as necessary. Billing will follow procedures outlined in Ops Plan Smokey.

Non-Fire Availability

The wildland agencies recognize the obligations of the Oregon Army National Guard (ORNG) as a component of the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) and that the medevac helicopter may be called away at any time to fulfill that purpose. The ORNG will notify NWCC Operations (503-808-2720) that the medevac helicopter is no longer available at the time it is launched on an OERS mission. ORNG will make a similar notification when the helicopter is again available for wildland fire use.

Again, thank you for the tremendous support you're providing. Please know that the Incident Commanders of our large incidents have expressed gratitude and relief knowing that your medevac helicopter is standing by in support of firefighters on the ground.