



To: Lt. Col. Edgecomb, Oregon Army National Guard
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 Subject: Ordering Protocols for Oregon Army National Guard Medevac Helicopter

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 provide clear protocols and authorities for initiating the use of your medevac helicopter, located in Klamath Falls Or, for emergency use on wildfire incidents in Oregon. **The helicopter will be on order and activated for 24/7 stand-by beginning Thursday July 15, 2021 at 0800 Hours PDT.**

Ordering Authority

For incident management teams within the area (listed in the table below), the Incident Commanders or their designate will place a request for medevac extraction to NWCC operations **503-808-2720** following established procedures per PNWCG Incident Within an Incident (IWI) Guidance. Established procedures will be coordinated with the local dispatch center, communicated among the C & G and included as part of the incident IAP.

Note: The established procedure will ensure that the local dispatch center is aware of the extraction request, establish communication, and provide airspace deconfliction and prioritization, etc.

Also note: For Type 3, 4, and 5 incidents, the IC will communicate their need to their respective local dispatch center who will determine the most appropriate extraction resource available: if it is the Oregon National Guard hoist medevac helicopter, the local dispatch center will place a request for the medevac extraction to NWCC operations.

Incident	Lat/Long*	Air-to-Air Freq Rx/Tx	Air-to-Ground Freq Rx/Tx
Bootleg	42 37.75 121 13.26	123.8250	Zone 1 169.2000 Zone 2 166.6125
Jack	43 17.25 122 39.56	127.0000	166.9375 Tx/Rx 136.5

*Lat/Longs listed are only a general reference for incident location and not for navigational use. All FM air-to-ground frequencies are narrow band.

Ordering Protocols

In all cases, to facilitate an emergency response, ordering incidents/local units must supply the following 9-line information located in the *Incident Response Pocket Guide* (PMS 461: 108-109):

- Incident status;
- Initial patient assessment;
- Communications 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.



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Upon notification from incidents listed above, NWCC operations will initiate the emergency response by contacting the following listed phone numbers (in order) until contact is made with the Oregon Army National Guard and the medevac response has been confirmed:

Call Order	Number	Contact
1	503-983-1072	Pilot-in-Charge
2	503-983-6144	Co-Pilot
3	503-584-2800	ORNG JOC

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: 08:00 to 20:00; 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.