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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Will Baker City still have a Fire Department?
 - a. Baker City intends to maintain its Fire Department. Baker County will select a new ambulance service provider.
2. Who is responsible for Ambulance Service within Baker City?
 - a. ORS Chapter 682 and OAR 333-260 Baker County is responsible for providing Ambulance Service within Baker County including Baker City.
3. Can Baker City just provide Ambulance service for Baker City Residents?
 - a. Oregon State Law places the responsibility for Ambulance Service on Baker County. Baker City is not permitted to provide Ambulance Service within Baker City unless serving as the service provider to Baker County.
4. How much money does Baker City lose each year in Ambulance Service?
 - a. Ambulance Service is very expensive. Baker City does not collect enough revenue from ambulance billing to cover the cost of providing the service. The exact dollar amount varies from year to year and is increasing as service demands increase.
5. How much money does Baker County contribute to the Ambulance Service?
 - a. Baker County has contributed to the ambulance service in recent years. The amount varies from year to year. Baker County committed in its budget \$100,000 for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Baker City is always grateful for the contributions which offset the expenses of ambulance service.
6. Does Baker City have a contract with Baker County to provide Ambulance Service?
 - a. Baker City provides ambulance service without a contract. Baker County and Baker City have been in discussions for several years to come to a contractual agreement for services.
7. What will happen to Baker City Ambulance Medical Providers?
 - a. Baker City notified the IAFF local union representatives of its intent to exit the ambulance service business. Baker City will negotiate the impacts of the decision with the union.

8. Who will takeover Ambulance Service?
 - a. OAR 333-260-0070 states that Baker County Ambulance Service Area Plan must address “Maintaining the existing level of service after notification that a provider is vacating an ASA.” This notification provides time for Baker County to release an RFP and seek a replacement service provider. Baker County navigated that process in 2018.
9. How will medical calls be answered after September 30, 2022.
 - a. Baker County will select a new provider in accordance with the Baker County Ambulance Service Area Plan and OAR 333-260-0700.
10. How long has Baker City provided Ambulance Service for Baker County?
 - a. There is evidence that Baker City has provided some form of Ambulance Service within Baker City and Baker County as early as 1936.
11. Does this impact my lifeflight and firemed transport insurance?
 - a. Lifeflight and firemed will likely contract with a new service provider for ground transport.