

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

## HB 2167: 911 Administrative Expense Reimbursement

HB 2167 modifies the statutory authority of the Military Department's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the reimbursement of its administrative costs from 9-1-1 Program revenues. The measure allows for administrative expenses to be reimbursed prospectively rather than retroactively as is the current practice. The measure also allows the Department temporary authority to reimburse the preceding quarter's administrative expense and at the same time draw funds for payment of the estimated current quarter's administrative expenses. The purpose of HB 2167 is to eliminate the need for OEM to temporarily utilize the cash balance of a non-911 account for one quarter in order to meet its administrative expense obligation and to later seek reimbursement from the 911 account.

### VITAL STATISTICS

Effective Date: January 1st, 2010  
2009 ORS Site: Chapter



## HB 3021: Declared Emergency Workers as Agents

HB 3021 revises laws relating to emergencies and emergency responders by designating qualified emergency service volunteers, health care providers, health care facilities, operators of emergency health care centers, and search and rescue volunteers to serve as agents of a public body under the Oregon Tort Claims Act during a declared emergency event. The measure also requires counties to provide workers compensation coverage to qualified search and rescue volunteers under direction of the sheriff of a county and allows self insured counties to use the workers' compensation assigned risk pool.

### VITAL STATISTICS

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*"With the passage of HB 3254, Umatilla and Morrow County have an opportunity to continue to operate their tactical communication system"*

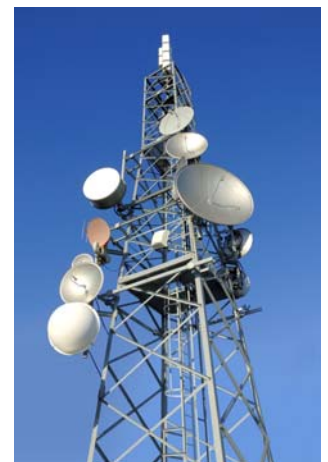
## HB 3254: Radio and Data Communications Districts

HB 3254 allows radio and data communications districts to be formed as special districts within all or part of one or more counties. The measure authorizes districts to acquire, maintain and operate voice and data communications systems for use by public safety agencies within their boundaries. In addition, the measure authorizes districts to contract with the United States for the acquisition and operation of radio and data communication facilities and related property.

### VITAL STATISTICS

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When the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program work in Umatilla is complete, the U.S. Army is expected to leave behind a tactical communications system valued at \$14 million that has been used and relied upon by Umatilla and Morrow County emergency responders. This measure will allow these counties to pursue funding to operate this system moving forward since federal funds will no longer be available.



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## HB 3255: Ambulance Contracts During Emergency

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House Bill 3255 prohibits cities and counties from penalizing ambulance providers when they're unable to meet their staffing levels as a result of responding to declared states of emergency. Currently, Oregon's 9-1-1 emergency ambulance service providers are under city or county contract with requirements for response times and staffing.

**VITAL STATISTICS**

Effective Date: June 17, 2009  
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## FIREARMS/WEAPONS

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### SB 603: Revised Definition of "readily accessible"

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SB 603 clarifies the definition of "readily accessible" for purposes of unlawful possession of a firearm. The measure clarifies that a person may transport a firearm in a vehicle that does not have a trunk, so long as firearm is in a locked box, locked center console or locked glove compartment. Further, the measure provides an affirmative defense to the charge of violating ORS 166.250 (1)(c)(C) if a person has been granted relief from the prohibition from owning a firearm under ORS 166.274.

**VITAL STATISTICS**

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