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Malheur County, Oregon Selects Federal Engineering to Conduct Continuity of Operations Tabletop Exercise

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, August 11, 2025 — Representatives from Malheur County, located in Vale, Oregon, have chosen Federal Engineering, Inc. (**FE**) to conduct a *Continuity of Operations Tabletop Exercise* for the Malheur County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). The exercise will evaluate MCSO's Strategic Communications Plan in response to a simulated wildfire that destroys a radio tower, resulting in the loss of radio communications at the County's central communications hub. The exercise aims to test interagency coordination, deployment of alternate communications systems, and decision-making under a degraded communications scenario.

Lt. Rich Harriman, Emergency Management/911 Division Commander, explained: "Our primary purpose is to provide public safety services to our community with a professional, courteous, well-trained staff who consistently does the right thing at the right time for the right reasons. As one of the largest counties in Oregon, the partnership between citizens and law enforcement continues to be of great importance. **FE** is well-versed in the area's unique environment through previous consulting work in Malheur County and with clients across the State of Oregon."

Mr. Scott Strom, Director at Federal Engineering Inc., said, "**FE** is pleased to once again have the opportunity to support first responders in Malheur County. Having previously completed a comprehensive PSAP Assessment for the MCSO and developing their Communications Plan, the next logical step is to test that plan."

"Developing and implementing any corrective measures will set the conditions for continuous improvement. Essentially, this is the first step to utilizing a progressive approach to developing a common set of objectives, building toward an increasing level of complexity over time, and involving the participation of multiple entities. The County's desired end-state is to develop a comprehensive multi-year training and exercise plan, as outlined in the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP), and continuously test that plan," concluded Mr. Strom.

Federal Engineering is a leading, nationwide firm providing analysis, design, procurement, and implementation support for NG9-1-1, PSAPs, ECCs, EOCs, and RTCs. These services complement **FE's** wide range of consulting services in public safety and public service communications involving VHF, UHF, 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, and 4.9GHz mobile radio systems as well as LTE and CBRS. **FE's** cybersecurity practice helps our clients defend against today's complex and ever-changing threat landscape. **FE** personnel also serve as trusted advisors assisting clients to assess services such as FirstNet® and the impacts of new technologies on their current and future plans. Since 1983, **FE** has completed thousands of communications projects in all 50 states for numerous state, local, and federal government clients as well as Canadian clients.

In addition to its public sector work, Federal Engineering provides design and implementation support services for voice, data, and video networks used in the transportation, utilities, finance, education, and computer services industries. **FE's** certified independence ensures that clients receive objective, unbiased consulting services that are not influenced by any technology, product, vendor, or approach.

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