

**UPPER KITTITAS  
COUNTY MEDIC  
ONE AMBULANCE:  
COMMUNITY  
BENEFIT REPORT**

**2023**





## ***WHAT IS A COMMUNITY BENEFIT***

### **Community Benefit:**

Programs and services that are designed to improve the health of a community or increase access to healthcare are considered community benefits. Common examples of community benefits include community health education, training of future healthcare professionals, financial assistance to patients, and subsidized health services.

### **Upper Kittitas County Medic One Ambulance Community Benefit:**

- Home visits without transport
- Transports home from hospital
- Blood pressure checks @ the senior center
- Community paramedicine program

**Medic One, the only Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance in Upper County, is a service provided by UKC Hospital District #2 (HD2). HD2 also supports a small amount of the care provided at KVH Urgent Care – Cle Elum and the Open-Door Medical Clinic (a free clinic that is open two Saturdays per month).**

**The funds that support us come from property taxes paid by Upper County property owners and ambulance transport fees.**

**2023**

**Net Ambulance Operations Revenue**

**\$968,366**

**Other Revenue**

Interest Earned: 185,397

Rental Income: 227,403

Grants/Other: 134,874

Total Other Revenue: \$597,674

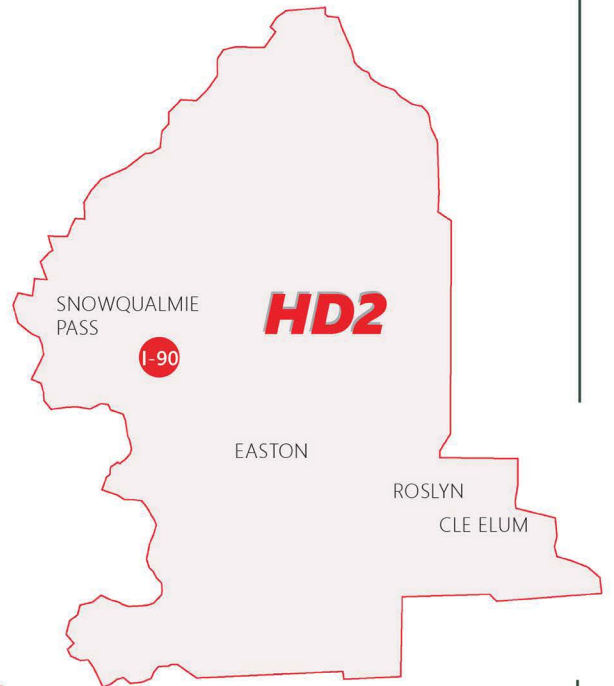
Total Operating Revenue: 1,566,040

Total Operating Expense: 3,412,455

Operating Income (Loss): (1,846,415)

Tax Levy Income: 1,814,474

**Net Income (Loss): (31,941)**



***Ambulance Transport  
Information***



Miles Covered: 121,256  
Patients Assisted: 1,539  
Patients Transported: 837

**2024 LEVY**

- On August 6, voters will be asked to support, Proposition 1, an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy lid lift for Upper Kittitas County Medic One that will restore the levy assessment to \$.25 per \$1000 assessed value. Medic One ambulance is a service provided by Kittitas County Hospital District No. 2.
- The levy is for the operation of Medic One ambulance services including staff, training, ambulances, and supplies. User fees pay a portion of the cost to operate the ambulance service; 45% is covered by the Medic One EMS levy.

# FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

MAINTAIN ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND STRONG BALANCE SHEET



## WORKFORCE

Recruit & retain a diverse, high-quality workforce to meet the needs of the community.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Engage the community in the services we provide.



## ACCESS

Be a part of discussions related to growth in the community to ensure services are sustainable.

## RECRUITING A WORKFORCE

Upper Kittitas County Medic One Ambulance, a service of Public Hospital District #2, negotiated a new contract with the IAFF Firefighters Union. During this negotiation period, the Board and Union determined it would cover the cost of 2 new Paramedic students annually. This change would help ensure that Upper Kittitas County Medic One Ambulance can keep pace with the emergent needs of a rapidly expanding population in Upper County, the fastest-growing district in the state.

Two current employees of Medic One, Nate Henderson and Matt Schauer, who have worked as EMTs for many years, wanted to become certified as Paramedics. Changes to the program at Central Washington University made hybrid coursework for them possible.

Both men continued to work their full-time schedules in the district, while going to school. The Hospital district paid for tuition, books, and testing fees, and Matt and Nate had to pay for all personal costs for the training that spanned all over the state and required many nights of lodging, food, and gas.


Nate and Matt graduated in June 2022 and immediately passed the National Certification exam. Their new training and certification allow them to deliver more complex care to the patients they serve every single day in the Upper County area. This is their home, and they intend to stay for long careers in Upper County. The change from serving as EMTs to paramedics means both men are now able to provide full patient care, give medications they were not previously allowed to administer, care for cardiac emergencies, give breathing treatments to those suffering from emergent respiratory problems, intubate patients in the field if needed, provide expanded coverage to the service area, and deliver a higher level of care than previously possible. This is the right thing to do for the community and helps Upper Kittitas County Medic One Ambulance to "grow their own experts" who are committed to continued service in the place they call home.

# BUILDING AN AMBULANCE

## 2025 North Star Ambulance on a 2024 Ford 350 Chassis

**\$332,000**

*(partial breakdown of additional equipment costs below)*

CARDIAC MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR \$58,000	VENTILATOR \$20,000	ISTAT/LAB \$5,000
RADIO SET \$9,000		
SOFT EQUIPMENT \$35,000	STAIR CHAIR \$4,800	POWER COT/ POWER LOAD \$65,000



***Taking Care of our Community***

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