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BMCC to host Eastern Oregon EMS Conference Feb. 26 – March 1

PENDLETON, Ore. – Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers and volunteers from all around the northwest will come together Feb. 26 through March 1 at Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) for the Eastern Oregon EMS Conference. Around 110 EMS providers from eastern Oregon, northern Idaho and Washington will attend the conference, which is in its second year and provides an affordable training opportunity for current EMS providers from small rural agencies that fulfills required continuing education credits.

In addition to the 13 classes that will take place over the four-day conference, participants will also hear from keynote speaker and actor Randolph Mantooth, who played “Johnny Gage” in the early 70’s television show “Emergency!” The show has been credited with helping launch modern day ALS systems nationwide, and Mantooth continues to advocate for EMS providers and fire fighters. His keynote speech will take place on Saturday (Feb. 28) from 8:15-9:00 a.m. and will be immediately followed by a fundraising autograph session. Both are open to conference participants only.

The conference, which is co-sponsored by BMCC and the Oregon Trail Fire Training Association, will commence with a banquet Saturday at Wildhorse.

While Thursday and Friday classes in the conference are full, registration is still open for Saturday and Sunday classes. Registration is \$120, and includes snacks, lunch and the Saturday evening banquet dinner.

The Oregon Department of Transportation provided BMCC with \$3,500 in scholarships for participant registrations, and BMCC was able to award 18 scholarships to participants to help cover the costs of the training.

BMCC is the fire and EMS training college for northeast Oregon. The next closest college to offer these training opportunities is in Bend. BMCC currently has 12 students participating in its fire program, which is in its first year as a degree program. In addition, BMCC has 26 students in its EMS certificate program.

For more information and to register, please visit www.easternoregonems.com.

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