



*From the desk of*

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To whom it may concern:

I have known and worked with the Friends of Guardians From Above since October 2009. I have also had a written agreement with them for services, (see attached). The purpose of this letter is to communicate my support of The Friends of Guardians From Above Inc. regarding their assistance to public safety operations in Curry County for the past 4 years. The current financial status of many Oregon Sheriff's is dire with the current government cutbacks.

The Guardian Group and the Friends of Guardians nonprofit assets will help mitigate the loss of life and help fill gaps for public safety and Emergency Services in Oregon. The Guardian Group can provide the following assets for public safety.

1. Air operations of this type are vital to the success of rescue operations and disaster preparedness. The Guardian Power Sonix airborne and portable land based speaker systems have clearly demonstrated unique capabilities in urban areas and communities with geographical challenges. These systems have been endorsed by experts in the Military/EMS agencies and considered the primary warning system for the west coast by Cal-EMA, OEM, USCG and NOAA.
2. The proposed allocation of a C-27 Spartan Medium Cargo aircraft can be used for a large variety of missions that include:
  - a. Bringing food, medical supplies and trained medical personnel to help victims of the crisis/disaster.
  - b. The air rescue operation will relocate people to a safer location or medical facilities for life threatening injuries.
  - c. Make air drops of food, water, and portable radios for stranded groups to sustain them until official help arrives.
3. The Guardian SkyMaster model C-337 aircraft in operation currently has a wide range of capabilities that are a perfect fit for the rescue missions that assist the state of Oregon and Northern Calif. Guardian Air operations participate in pre warning messages to citizens and post disaster messages to victims stranded in areas cut off from immediate rescue and provide airborne radio repeater services that are vital when other normal radios are off line.

4. The guardian Group has flown hundreds of hours in the past 6 years to support disaster preparation/training, humanitarian flights or search and rescue efforts, for this we are grateful. It is my belief that the Guardian air assets are capable of helping the State of Oregon and Washington during any natural disaster or crisis that occurs.

Thank you for considering the importance of this effort and recognizing the lifesaving capabilities that can be put in place. I recognize Friends of Guardians From Above Inc. as a source of services for public safety and emergency /homeland Security operations.

Regards and respect



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Sheriff, Curry County