

Metro West Ambulance announces leadership transition

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JD Fuiten, owner and President of Metro West Ambulance, announces his succession plan is underway. Current Metro West Chief Operating Officer Shawn Baird will be taking on responsibility for day to day management of Metro West Ambulance and will move into the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) position on October 19th. "This has been in the works for quite some time, and, as I celebrated another birthday last week, I am excited to see Shawn step into the top position at Metro West and lead the company into the next generation of emergency ambulance service" stated JD Fuiten.

Shawn Baird owned Woodburn Ambulance for 25 years before joining MWA 3 years ago. He is the current national President of the American Ambulance Association. He has served on the National EMS Advisory Council, Oregon Public Health Advisory Board, and numerous other leadership roles. He was recognized by the State of Oregon Health Authority EMS Section when he was honored with the Directors Medal in 2019. He earned a Master of Arts in Leading Innovation and Change from York St. John University (UK) in 2014 and maintains an active Oregon Paramedic license.

Shawn states, "It is exciting to take MWA in new direction! I am looking forward to working with our partners in fire, public health, and medicine to not only tackle today's challenges, but to develop a dynamic new ambulance system of the future here in Washington County."

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