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**To: All Media, REACH Air Medical, PacWest Ambulance
Parks and Recreation Department, Newport Police Department,**

Date: Wednesday. July 30, 2014

**Where: Betty Wheeler Ball Field
(Behind Newport Fire Dept. Station 3200)**

For Immediate Release

On Wednesday, July 30, 2014, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, the Newport Fire Department will be conducting helicopter landing zone operations training with REACH Air Medical. The helicopter will be landing at the Betty Wheeler Ball Field, directly behind Newport Fire Department Station 3200. The ball field is located on NW Nye Street, between NW 10th Street and NW 8th Street.

This event will serve as valuable training to Fire Department personnel as well as EMS and law enforcement personnel. The fire department requires this type of training periodically to ensure our staff is adequately trained in landing zone operations in the event a patient requires air medical transport to a hospital in the Valley or the Greater Portland Metro area.

To ensure safety to the public, Betty Wheeler Ball Field and the parking lot to the ball field will be closed until the training event is complete. The Newport Fire Department asks that during this time the public refrain from occupying the ball field and the parking lot. If interested in watching the helicopter land or take off, the Newport Fire Department requests that the public view from a safe distance, such as up on the side walk next to the street.

Newport Fire Department would like to take the time to thank the citizens of Newport for their patience and understanding during this invaluable training opportunity.

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