

PEND OREILLE COUNTY EMS SERVICES

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Pend Oreille County

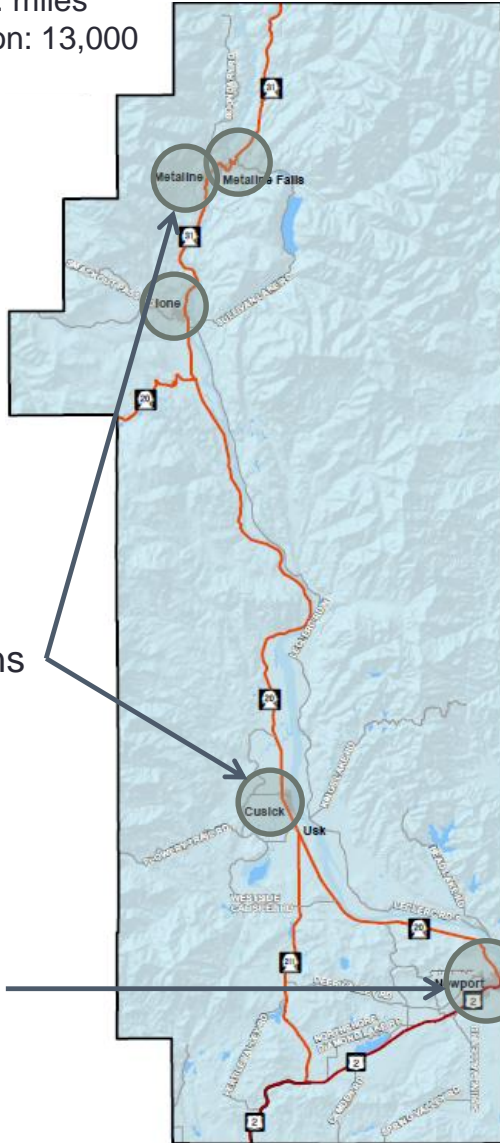
- Located in the far Northeast corner of the State
 - Canada - North, Idaho - East, Spokane County – South
- Like most rural WA:
 - Low population, high square miles
 - Mountains, rivers, and rural roadways
 - Eastern WA mountain winters – 60”+ of annual snow fall
 - Challenging service demographics
- We love where we’re at...

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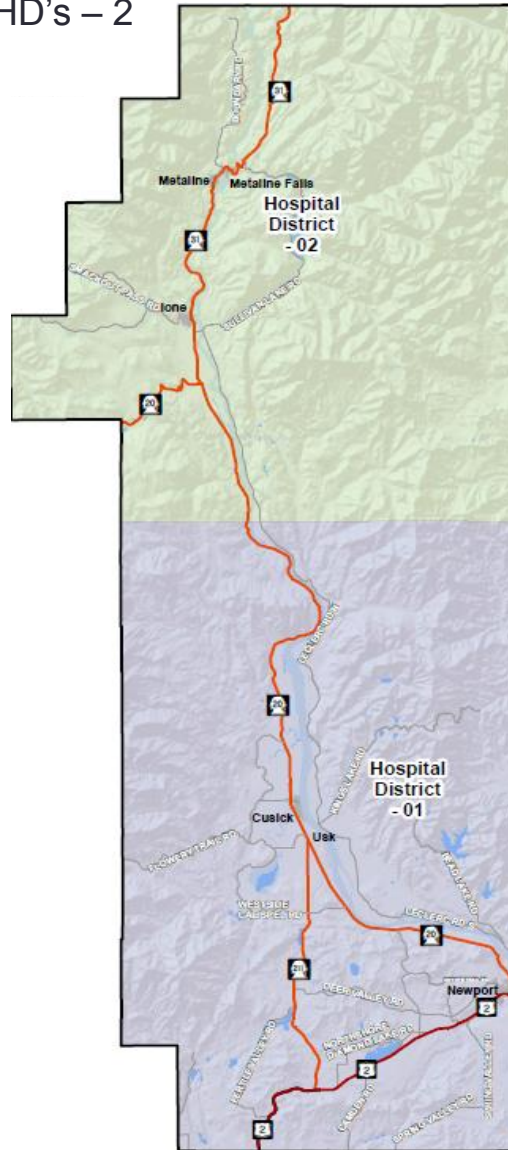
1,425 sq. miles
Population: 13,000

4 Towns

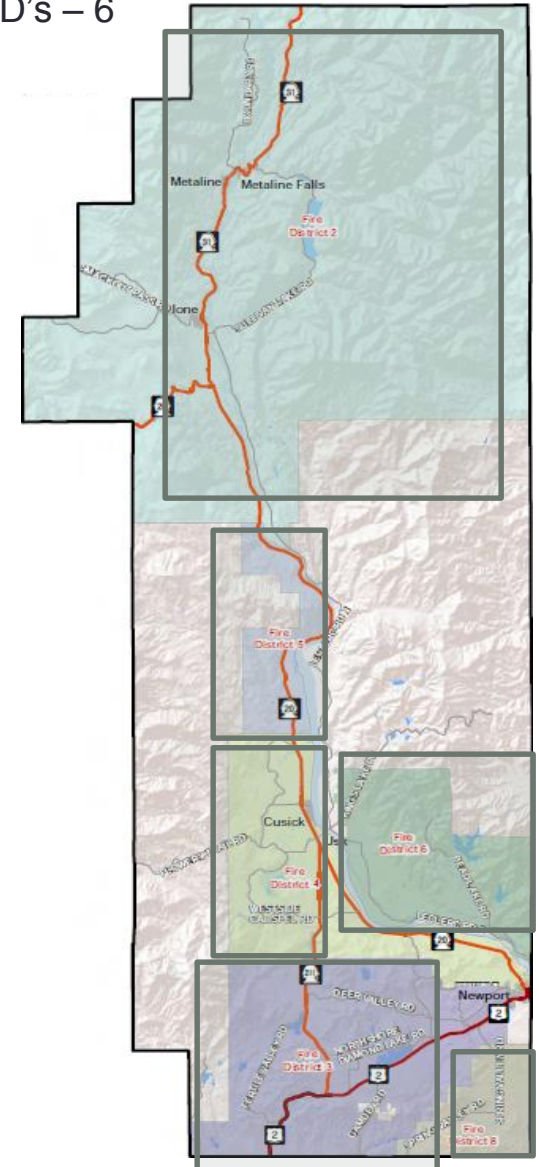
1 City



PHD's - 2



FD's - 6



Emergency Medical Services

Component parts (3) / generally responsible:

- 911 dispatch – County
- First response – Fire District (EMT and Paramedics)
- Ambulance transport – FD's / Ambulance service

Services are provided in WA counties in a myriad of ways:

FD's, Cities & FD's, PHD's, County-wide (EMS Districts), private or subsidized ambulance services; most have some combination of all of the above.

Not unlike hospital's: when you've seen one EMS system, you've seen one EMS system.

Pend Oreille County EMS

Our history:

- 911 dispatch – County
- FD's – eight to six, first response (EMT and Paramedics)
- Ambulance – local, private company (augmented)
 - Spokane and Bonner County
- Kalispel Tribe of Indians & Pend Oreille Newsprint

Local service provided forced into bankruptcy in 2016.

- FD's filled the ambulance transport void
w/assistance from Spokane County and AMR

Our group began to immediately review alternatives...

Pend Oreille County EMS Council

History:

- County (dispatch and EMS Director)
- FD's – six
- PHD#1 – though, not very active
- EMS Medical Director (MD from PHD#1)
- Ad hoc: Kalispel Tribe, Cities, Ambulance provider rep.

What we knew:

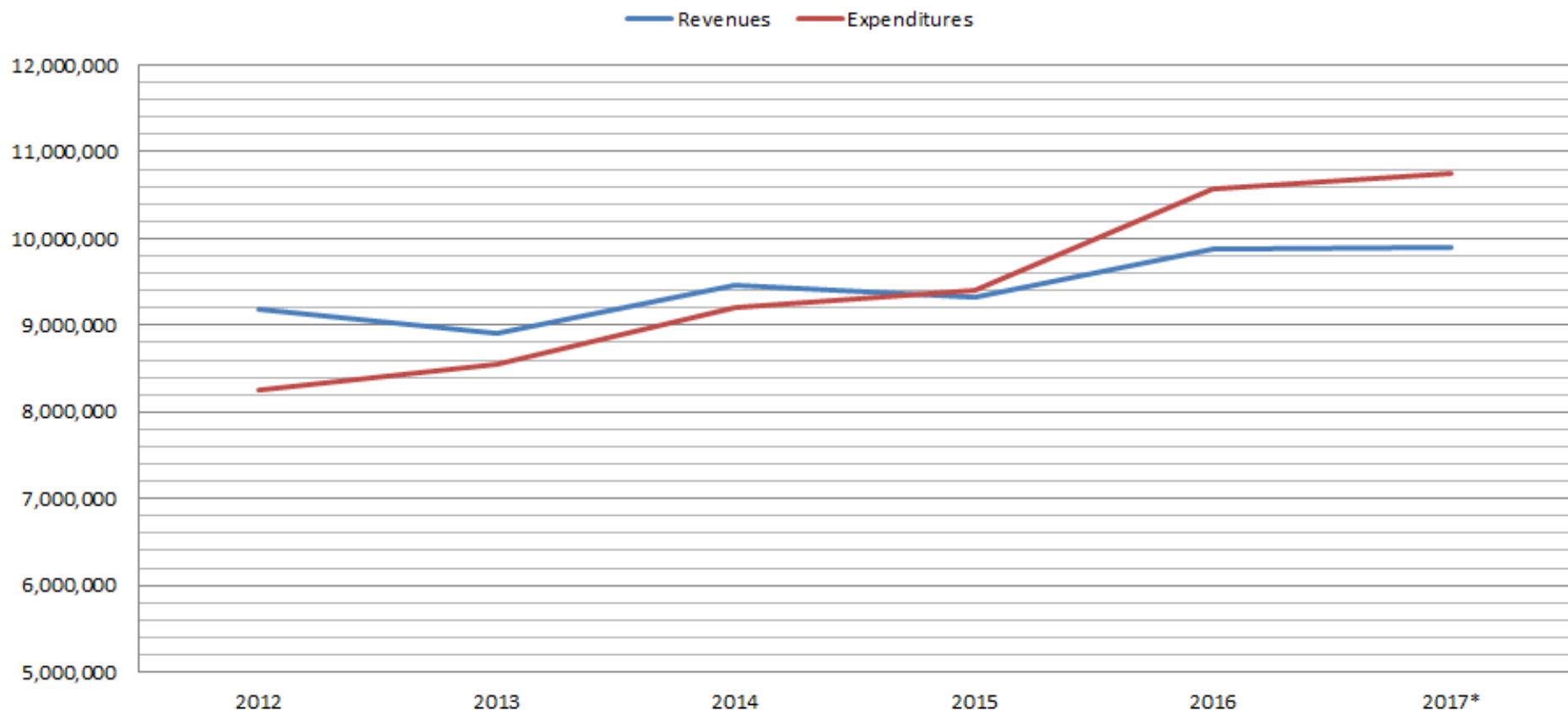
- Neither the County nor PHD#1 wanted to “take over.”
- We looked to Klickitat – we knew their history.

PEND OREILLE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*	2012-2017 Increase as %
Revenues	9,191,975	8,897,644	9,465,398	9,320,048	9,878,073	9,893,439	7.63%
Expenditures	8,245,367	8,554,950	9,204,815	9,401,044	10,565,810	10,743,439	30.30%

*2017 budgeted amounts

Pend Oreille County General Fund Revenue & Expenditures 2012-2017



Pend Oreille County EMS

Proposed Solution:

- County-wide EMS District – ***formed by the County***
 - Establishing EMS Council as the initial EMSD Board
 - Add City representation, if/as desired
 - Same Ad Hoc (non-voting) participation (KTI, Med. Dir.)

Rationale:

- Well established, functioning group
- County-wide system / supports
- EMSD can propose an EMS levy (w/resident vote)

County EMS Systems

Takeaways:

- Never assume what's working today will continue...
- One size never fits all...
- Engage with all of your community partners...
particularly, your County Commissioners and EMS Councils.
- We need a solution for rural ambulance payments

- Thank You!!