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## EMS Groundbreaking

Tuesday September 30, 2025

by Ray Eickmeyer, Director of EMS

Fifty years ago, something remarkable happened. Neighbors from Chelan and Manson, leaders from our fire departments, the City of Chelan, and the hospital came together with a shared vision—to create an EMS service that could respond to emergencies and save lives. It was grassroots. It was bold. And it was powered by community spirit.

From the very beginning, hospital leadership stepped up, agreeing to run an EMS levy that funded ambulances and supplies. That support laid the foundation for what we have today—a thriving, high-quality EMS service that continues to serve with excellence and compassion.

As Coretta Scott King once said, “The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” For our 50th anniversary, we honor those actions—past and present—and the incredible impact they have had on this valley.

Breaking ground on the new EMS building is more than just bricks and mortar. It is a symbol of the legacy of foresight, unity, and dedication to health and wellness that defines the Lake Chelan Valley. It represents our shared commitment to moving healthcare forward.

We are deeply grateful for the continued support of our community—and we are honored to keep serving you.



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