



## Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District

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Sunrise Beach FPD and Lake Regional Hospital

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Special Operations Unit 1299

The Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District is proud to announce that we have placed into service a Special Operations Trailer. The trailer was transferred to us by Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach.

Originally purchased by the Missouri Hospital Association after 9/11 using a Homeland Security grant, the trailer was a regional asset based at Lake Regional that could be deployed anywhere in the state under the funding guidelines.

Lake Regional assumed responsibility for the trailer when the grant ended. Today, through this agreement with Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District, the trailer will get a new life as a Special Operations Trailer.

The unit features VHF, UHF and Digital radios, satellite communications, Wi-Fi and is climate controlled. The unit has been designated as Special Operations Unit 1299 and remains a deployable asset for the state if needed. This unit can be used for command and communications, as well as a rehab unit for large scale incidents and training.

The unit was transferred to Sunrise Beach FPD at no cost and communications equipment already owned by the District is being used to upgrade the unit to meet regional needs. The unit is large enough to carry any additional equipment needed and the District's side by side utility vehicle if needed.

Our District is proud to have partnered with Lake Regional Health System to ensure this valuable asset remains in the Lake Region to serve our residents, visitors and business owners for years to come. S.O.U. 1299 was placed in service this week.

Pictured is Makinley McCaffery from Lake Regional Hospital and Fire Chief Joseph LaPlant, Sunrise Beach FPD.