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DATE OF RELEASE: April 29, 2008, 4:30 PM

SUBJECT: FireFighter Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for FireFighter John Wells and Engineer Gale Gurr is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30th, 2008.

The Memorial Service will take place at Mountain Christian Fellowship, 1 East Main Street, Medford, OR 97501 beginning at 2:00 PM. Fire Department Chaplain Pastor John Minor will officiate.

The families of FireFighter John Wells and Engineer Gale Gurr have asked for privacy. They respectfully request no media pictures or video footage be taken of the family, and that no interviews of family members occur.

At the conclusion of the Memorial Service, a Fly Over will take place by six Search and Rescue Helicopters, and a Public Safety Procession made up of Fire, Police, Family, and EMS. A map of the procession route is included below. It begins at the church, and concludes at the Ramada Hotel located on Biddle Road.

Fly Over & Procession:

As the Procession heads North on Riverside, the Fly Over Team will approach the Procession from the North flying in a Southerly direction over the Procession. As the Procession proceeds on Biddle, the Fly Over Team will approach from the South flying in a Northerly direction over the Procession.

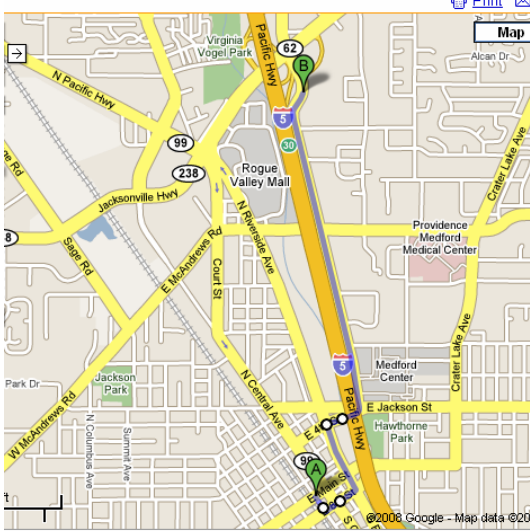
Street Closures:

Front Street from 6th to Main - The southbound lane of traffic on Front Street, from 6th to Main, will be closed from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30. The street will be occupied for a memorial service and a detour will be in place. Motorists should expect delays and are advised to seek alternate routes. We request patience and cooperation in keeping Medford's streets safe.

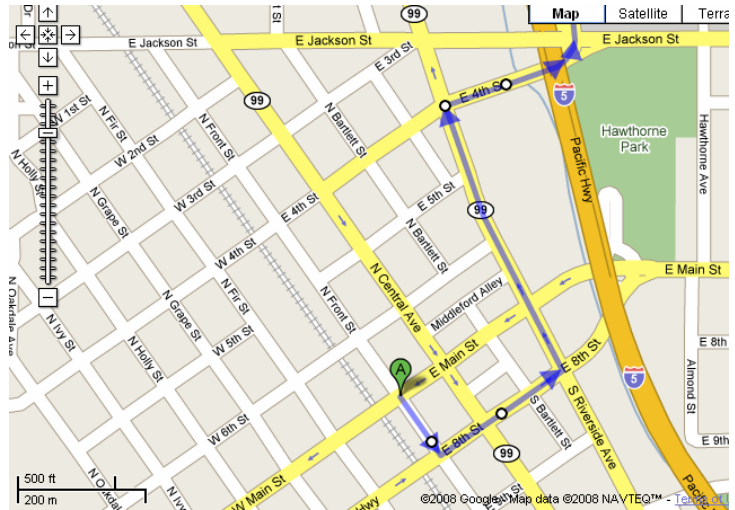
Procession Route

Mountain Christian Fellowship to Ramada Hotel

April 30th, 2008



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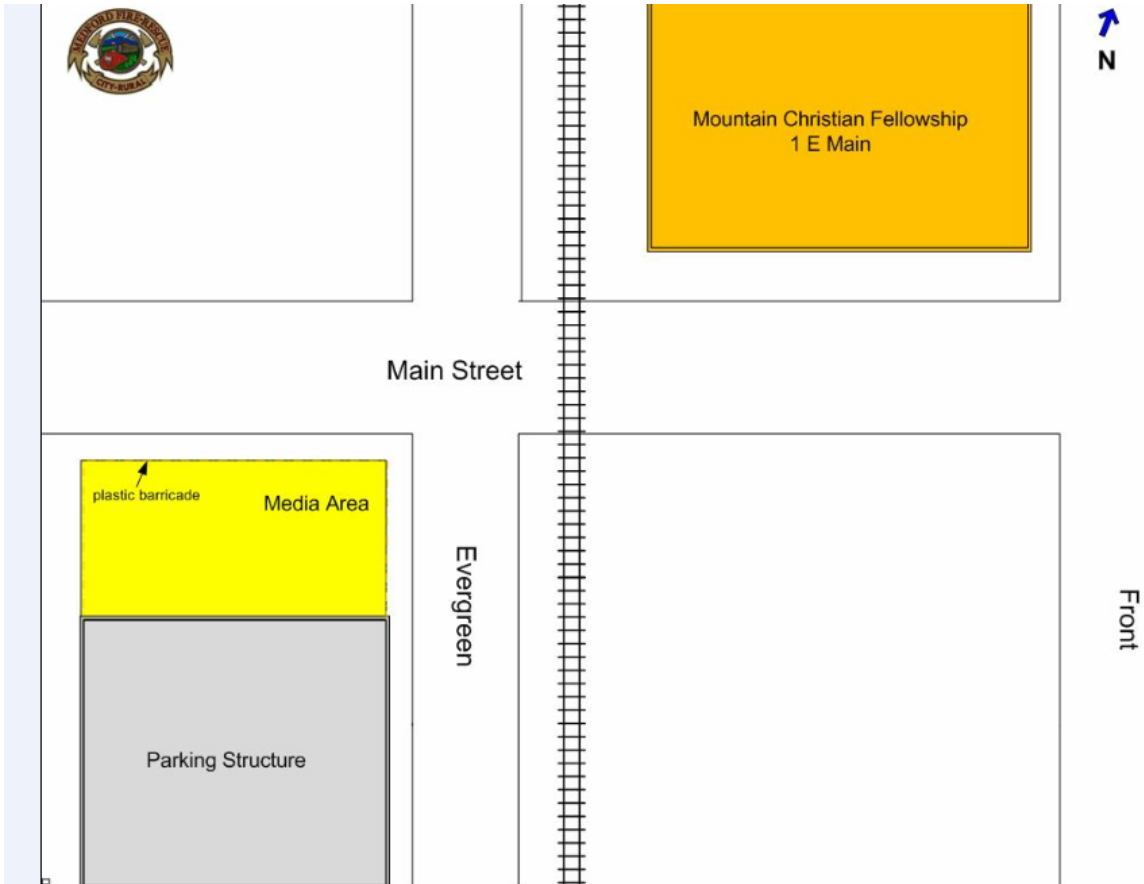
Departure Area



Reception – Arrival Area

Recommended - Media Staging

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