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## **Medford Airtanker Base Aerial Firefighting Open House**

This Saturday, the Medford Airtanker Base is hosting an aerial firefighting open house. The event is free to the public and will remain open from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Oregon Department of Forestry and U.S. Forest Service will provide an airtanker, planes and helicopters for public viewing. This is a fun way for adults and children to learn what different resources are used during the fire season that help firefighters put out wildfire. Pictures will be available for those who would like a keepsake from the event.

“This is a great way for the community to see the fire-fighting resources used during the fire season,” said Dan Thorpe, ODF district forester. “Aerial firefighting is not something all residents are aware of, and this will be a fun way for them to learn more about what we do.”

The event will be held at the Medford Airtanker Base, located at 600 Nebula Way in Medford. The Airtanker Base is sited at north of the Jackson County International Airport grounds.

The open house will be subject to cancellation due to fire. If you have any questions please call (541) 664-3328, or visit [www.swofire.oregon.gov](http://www.swofire.oregon.gov).

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