

Crawford County



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GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE **MINUTES of MEETING** May 20, 2022, 10:00am

Attended:

Neil Fratus, City of Titusville
Allen Clark, EMA Coordinator, DPS

Kurt Dennis, Greenwood Township
Don Bovard, Operations & Training Officer, DPS

The Subcommittee was tasked to identify the top five objectives to support and enhance the EMS System in Crawford County.

1. Funding

Municipalities need to provide funding to EMS agencies in their municipalities. By law they can add .5 mills to property taxes for EMS. EMS agencies need to give municipalities financial reports for the funds they receive.

2. Personnel

A short-term fix is to allow non-EMS personnel to continue to be a driver. Paying EMT's to staff BLS ambulances during the weekday at first would help the system.

On obvious DOA calls, can the QRS or IRP be dispatched instead of BLS or ALS?

3. Education

It is difficult but the community needs to be educated on the seriousness of the state of EMS. Residents need to be educated on what medical problems warrant calling 9-1-1 for an ambulance and what conditions they can go by personal vehicle.

Continue to work with and strengthen the social services agencies to help those residents that over use the EMS system unnecessarily and those with mental illnesses.

BLS services need to be trained that they can take care of patients without always having ALS to assist them.

Review the load and go philosophy compared to waiting on scene for ALS to arrive and what is being taught in EMT classes.

This is the information in regards to the Tionesta Ambulance Service.

There are six municipalities, 5 townships and 1 borough, that formed a corporation where there is a board member from each municipality and one from the ambulance services. At first each municipality contributed \$8,500 each per year which now is down to \$4,500.

There is an elderly housing board in Tionesta with a trust fund that helps support the ambulance service and reduced the amount municipalities pay.

The municipalities created an incorporated non-profit organization by ordinance. They worked with JR Henry on the business model and business plan. Their yearly expenses are roughly \$180,000 a year.

Forest County Commissioners obtained a USDA for 50% match for the purchase of an ambulance and used ARPA/CARES Act funds for the rest.

The ambulance is staffed with two EMT's 8am to 4pm weekdays and staffed with volunteers the remainder of the time.