

Crawford County



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GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES of MEETING

August 23, 2022, 3:00pm

Attended:

Neil Fratus, City of Titusville
Allen Clark, EMA Coordinator, DPS
State, City, Township, and Borough Police Department Officers
Kurt Dennis, Greenwood Township
Don Bovard, Operations & Training Officer, DPS

The Subcommittee was tasked to investigate the below three topics to support and enhance the EMS System in Crawford County.

1. .5 mill property tax paid by municipalities
 - a. Some municipalities could afford to give ambulance services a .5 mill while others could not afford and would need to raise taxes to be able to pay that amount.
 - b. A solid selling proposal needs to be developed in order for municipalities to do this.
 - i. Would the funds go towards funding paid personnel
 - ii. Where would the paid personnel be stationed
 - iii. How will it be administered
 - iv. Funding must go towards EMS personnel and not administrative costs
 - v. Will the .5 mill solve the EMS staffing problem, if not then what
 - c. Outside personnel with marketing skills is needed to help implement this suggestion
 - i. How can we educate the public and elected officials that uses the best cost-effective medias?
 1. Radio, print, television, flyers, posters, meetings, word of mouth, etc.
2. What other role should local government play in EMS
 - a. Subcommittee did not come up with any additional roles
3. Municipal and State Police requesting ambulance for behavior calls
 - a. Some behavior calls are a result of the patient being off or on medication and/or illegal drug use which do require emergency medical services

- b. It may be safer for the patient to be secured to a cot in an ambulance rather than handcuffed in a police vehicle
- c. Police respond usually solo and would need additional personnel to assist
- d. Police departments are also short on staff and transporting a patient to a hospital would take them out of their response area
- e. Constables used to transport individuals to the hospital. Can this system be revisited?
- f. If someone is not committing a crime, hurting themselves, or others, then it is not a criminal incident
- g. A lot of discussion was held regarding mobile crisis and mental health agency's responsibilities, abilities, services, and could their response be better to serve the patient rather than police or emergency medical services?
- h. Could mobile crisis redirect patient to other mental and social services rather than to law enforcement and emergency medical services?
- i. Can mobile crisis transport non-law enforcement or medical need patients to the proper care facility
- j. A meeting with mobile crisis and mental health agencies should be scheduled in the near future
- k. Could a CATA bus assist in transportation of non-law enforcement or medical need patients if they need a ride?
- l. Inquire what data could be obtained from the 9-1-1 Center in regards ambulance calls dispatched as behavior incidents.