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Crawford County



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Altay Baskan, Paramedic
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Crawford County Emergency Medical Service Commission MINUTES

November 20, 2024, 1800
Crawford County Department of Public Safety and Virtually

- I. Commissioner's Welcome: Crawford County Commissioner Eric Henry welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- II. Roll call of those attending: Mook, Bresee, Dennis, Baskan, Harper, Basnak, Geer, and Kardosh. Also attending were Regional EMS Manager Kraig Rainey, and from DPS, Greg Beveridge and Allen Clark.
- III. Committees
 - a. Communications – Kurt Dennis, Chair with Greg Beveridge and Allen Clark
 - i. P25 Radio System – Director Greg Beveridge reported the P25 bids were due November 13th. They received one bid from EF Johnston who built the systems for Erie and Venango Counties. Today will be vendor presentations to the P25 committee. They are proposing 95% coverage in the county from a portable from within a residential structure. They are looking into if UHF will still work for minitors. MCM will be reviewing their proposals. The Commissioners are looking into three options to fund this project with a starting cost of \$16.8 million dollars. The Commissioners encourage public safety agencies to apply for any grant funding to help with the costs.
 - ii. The special needs registry will be rolling out in Crawford County shortly. This is a joint project with Erie, Warren, and Forest Counties. Residents can scan a QR code or go to a web-site to enter information about family members with special needs. This information will be populated into the CAD and will be visible on the MDT's. This is a joint project with Crawford County Human Services and CHAPS.

- b. Government – Kurt Dennis, Chair with Dan Bresee, Chris Seeley, and Mike Forbes.
 - i. The Crawford County Commissioners will pass in December the \$500 property tax rebate program for public safety personnel. They will meet with the two committees to determine requirements. Municipal adoption of the program will not be a requirement.
- c. Volunteer Services – Bill Taylor, Chair with Austin Bates, Earl Mook, Dan Miller, Dan Breese, and Amanda Harper
 - i. Commissioner Eric Henry said the Commissioners are participating in a \$50,000 Narcan leave behind program with Crawford County Drug and Alcohol Commission. Agencies will receive \$150 dollars each time they leave Narcan at a residence that had an overdose call. This will start in January.
 - ii. In the spring of 2025 a public safety memorial will be built in front of the Courthouse. Fire and EMS Commissions to determine eligibility.
 - iii. Commissioner Henry said the Commissioners budgeted some funding to pay for EMS personnel in areas of the county that are hurting the worst for personnel in order to improve the EMS system.
- d. Paid Services – Dave Basnak, Chair with Altay Baskan, Evan Kardosh, and Madeira Paraskos
 - i. Dave Basnak reported that Erie County EMS Authority are looking at ambulance services out of service percentages. The EMS Authority discussed assessing a fee to all properties in Erie County to include non-profit property owners. Services will be paid a percentage of the calls they respond on.
- e. Stakeholders – Krista Geer, Chair with Casey Dickson
 - i. A couple residents in the county have been identified as living in blighted homes. They are working with the municipalities and Dept. of Environmental Protection to obtain the correct help for them. There is a Social Services Task Force being created to help identify and address these and other situations.
- IV. Regional EMS Plan Administrator – Kraig Raney reported there is a state-wide workgroup being formed to look at county EMS plans. He asked what data the EMS Commission would like him to provide to them.
- V. VEMSACC Lift Assist Letter – The EMS Commission voted unanimously on May 2, to leave the current lift assist policy in place. It was noted that NFPA determines lift assists as a fire department incident.
- VI. Next Meeting, January 15, 2024, 6:00pm with location TBD
- VII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 1857.