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## EMS EXTRAS WEBINAR SERIES



Expertise on EMS Programs and Resources

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## EMS DISTRICT 4 & 7 PRIORITIES

- **Collaboration:** Working Together to Achieve EMS Improvement
- **Funding:** Identifying Sources for Sustainable Funding
- **Workforce:** Engaging the Younger Generation



# TAX DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT SUPPORTS MITCHELL AMBULANCE



■ **Dan Pollreisz**  
Mitchell Fire Department

■ **Amy Storm**  
Ethan Fire Department  
Mitchell Ambulance Service

## Speaker Objectives:

- Describe the previous funding structure and shortfall for Mitchell EMS
- Explain the how a tax levy will support ongoing services in rural areas
- Highlight key strategies for passing the development of the new tax district

# Davison & Hanson County Proposed Ambulance District

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# Mitchell Fire and EMS

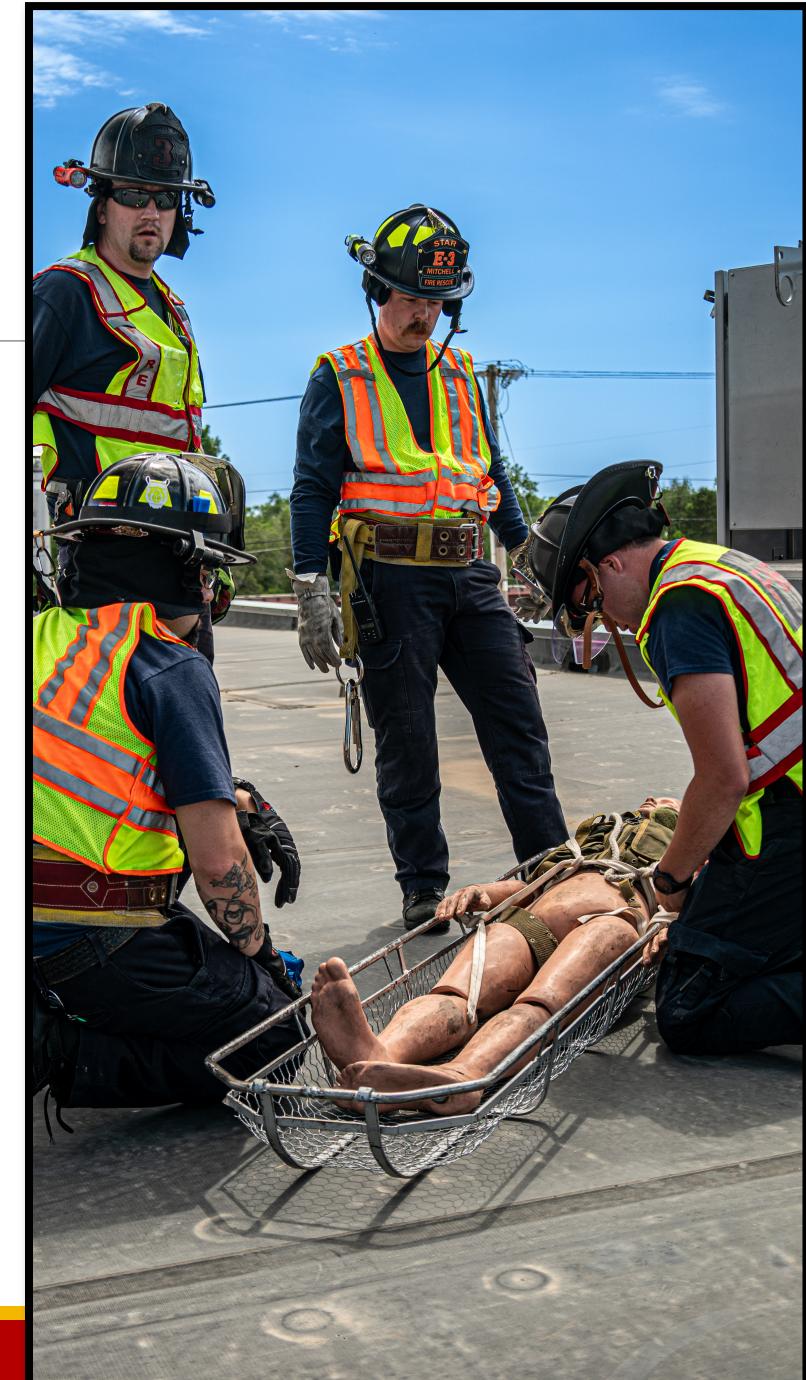
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- 33 Employees
- 4 Engines
- 1 Ladder Truck
- 2 Grass Rigs
- 3 Support Vehicles
- 1 Hazmat Vehicle
- 2 Water Tankers
- 1 Rescue Boat
- 4 Ambulances



# Mitchell Fire and EMS

- Registered EMT's and Paramedics
- Primary Response all Davison & the Western 2/3 of Hanson County
- Advanced Life Support:
  - IV's: normal vs IO
  - Medications: Appox 30: Cardiac, Diabetic, Allergies, Pain
  - Cardiac Monitor: Pacing, Defibrillation, 12 Leads
  - Intubations: I-Gels, Endotracheal, Cricothyrotomy
- Extrication Tools
- Telemedicine



## Mitchell Fire and EMS Shift Work

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- Staff operates in 3 shifts
- Normal Shift – 8 Employees
- 24 hours on - 48 hours off
- Minimum Staffing Level
  - 6 Employees
  - 4 assigned to engine
  - 2 assigned to ambulance
- Employees are called in when numbers fall below 5





# Call Volume

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- 2024 Call Volume – 2,311 (87.5% were EMS)
- The ambulance leaves city limits every other day on average
- Currently, the City does not transport patients from call scenes to Sioux Falls.
- City of Mitchell EMS to only serve city limits after 2025.
- Ambulance service is **NOT** considered an essential service in South Dakota.

# NOTE!!!!!!

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EMS IS NOT AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN  
SOUTH DAKOTA.

WE DO NOT HAVE TO COME WHEN YOU  
CALL 911!!

# Finances

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- Fire Expense Budget - \$2,150,795
- Fire Revenue - \$214,754
- Fire Shortfall - \$1,936,041
  
- EMS Expense Budget - \$1,677,345
- EMS Revenue - \$703,328
- Hanson County provides \$5,000
- EMS Shortfall - \$974,020



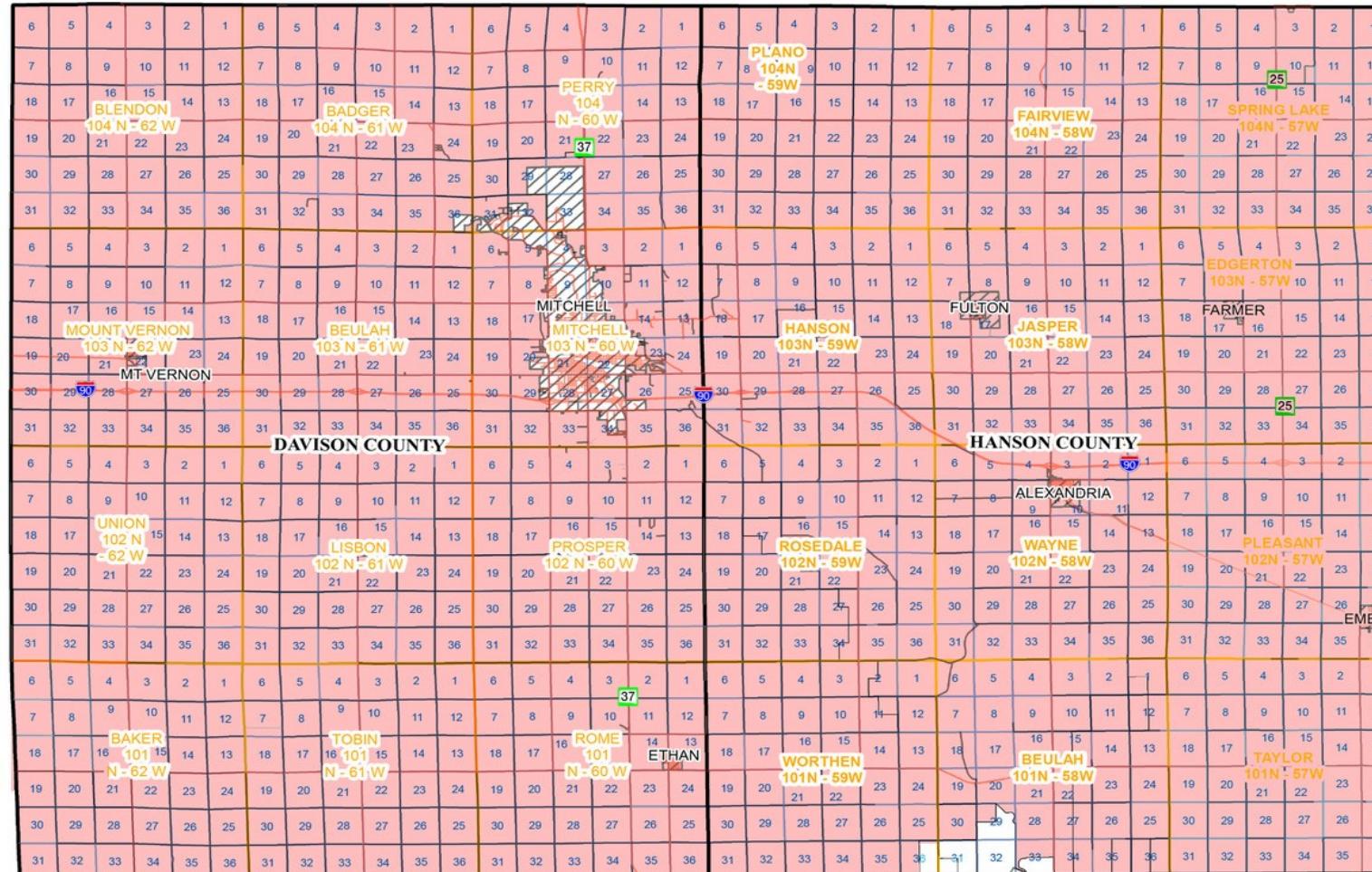


# EMS Proposal

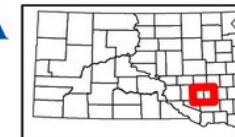
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- Hire six (6) additional staff members for EMS
- Two (2) additional for each shift
- Two ambulances available for calls at all times.
- Allows transportation to Sioux Falls from certain call scenes
- Formation of EMS District and EMS Board encompassing Davison and Hanson Counties – 7 Member Board
- ***Board determines tax levy.***
- City of Mitchell seeking \$700,000 (covers staff only)
- Equates to roughly \$0.40 per 1,000 of evaluation.

# Proposed District Area



This map is intended for general planning purposes only. This map may or may not accurately represent the actual conditions as they exist today. Any decisions made using this map should be field verified.





# Next Steps

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- District Formation Election Date
- Early voting to begin
- **VOTE DATE : APRIL 22nd**
- Petitions taken out for new board members
- Early Voting
- Election of Board Members **June 17th**
- Board Meets to determine budget
- Budgets to be submitted to County Auditors by June 30th

# County Tax Formula

**TAXABLE VALUATION**  $\times$  Levy (*PER THOUSAND*) = *Annual Tax Bill*

EXAMPLE:

***NON AG***

$\$100,000 \times .00040 = \underline{\$40}$

***AG***

$\$100,000 \times .00040 = \underline{\$40}$

**NOTE: The NEW AMBULANCE BOARD will set the tax levy amount**

# Special Assessment

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Total Budget Amount ÷ Total Resident Homes & Businesses

= Tax across the board to everyone

NOTE: New ambulance board will determine what qualifies as a residence and business in the district.

# Upcoming Dates

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**April 22nd- GO VOTE YES!**

**April 24th-Petitions can be taken out for board position**

Must specify Davison or Hanson County, or At Large

**May 16th-Petitions are due back in by 5:00 p.m.**

**June 17th- GO VOTE for board members**

**June 18th-First Board Meeting**

**June 30th-Budget must be turned in to county**

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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



## EMS HEROES AND HIGHLIGHTS CAMPAIGN

*Every story  
helps raise  
awareness and  
strengthen  
support for EMS.*





# BUILD DAKOTA PARTNERSHIPS PROMOTE EMS WORKFORCE PIPELINE



- **Deni Martin**

Program Manager - Build Dakota Scholarship

- **Melissa Waldner**

Business Partner Specialist - Lake Area Technical College

## Speaker Objectives:

- Describe the scholarship program and industry partnership opportunity
- Explain the process for supporting and hiring a scholar
- Highlight timelines and key steps to support and secure a scholar



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