

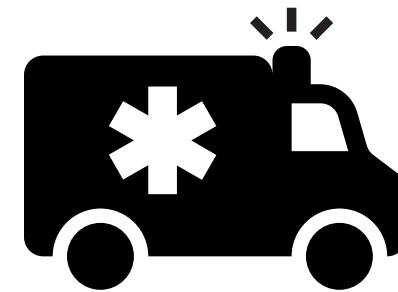


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EMS EXTRAS WEBINAR SERIES



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



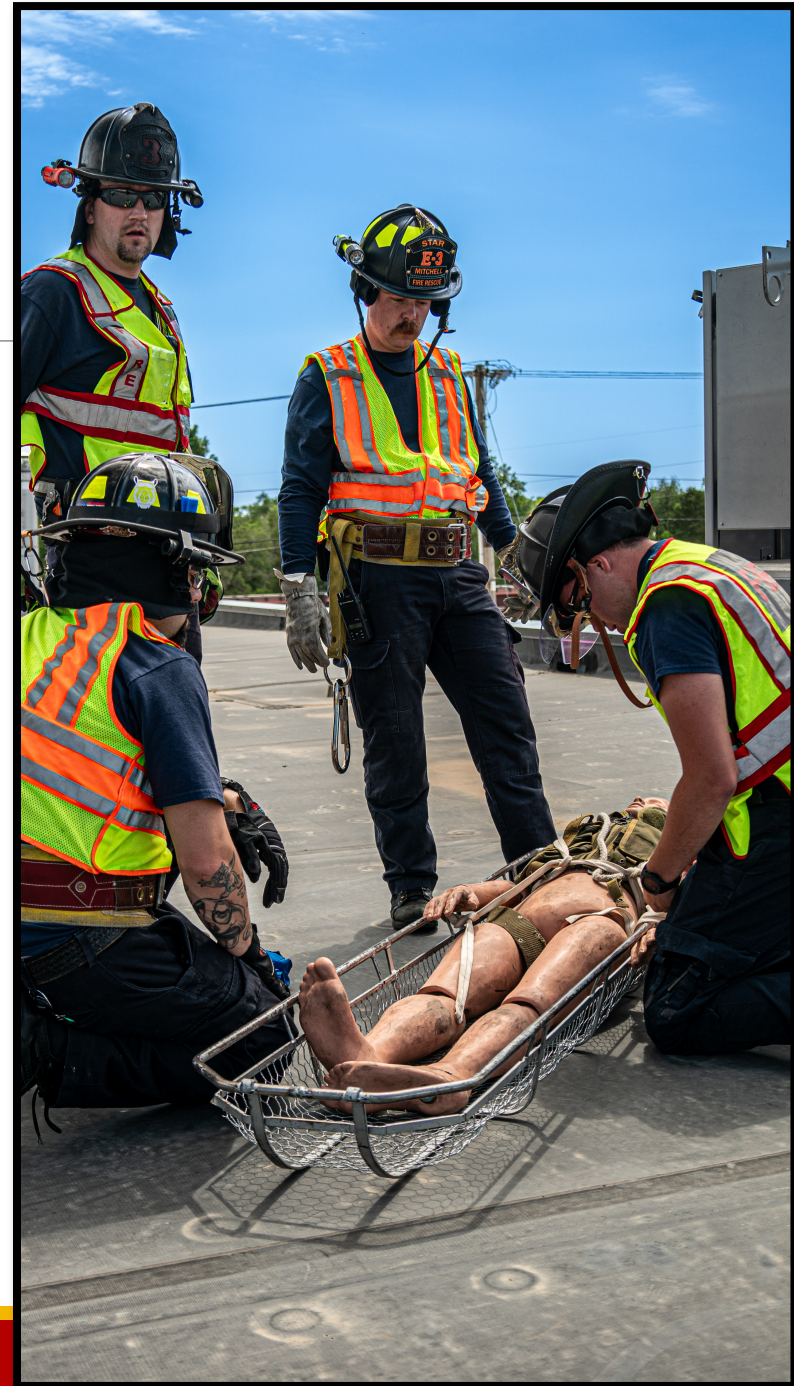
Mitchell Fire and EMS

- 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

- 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

- 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!!!!!!

EMS IS NOT AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN
SOUTH DAKOTA.

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

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Finances

- 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

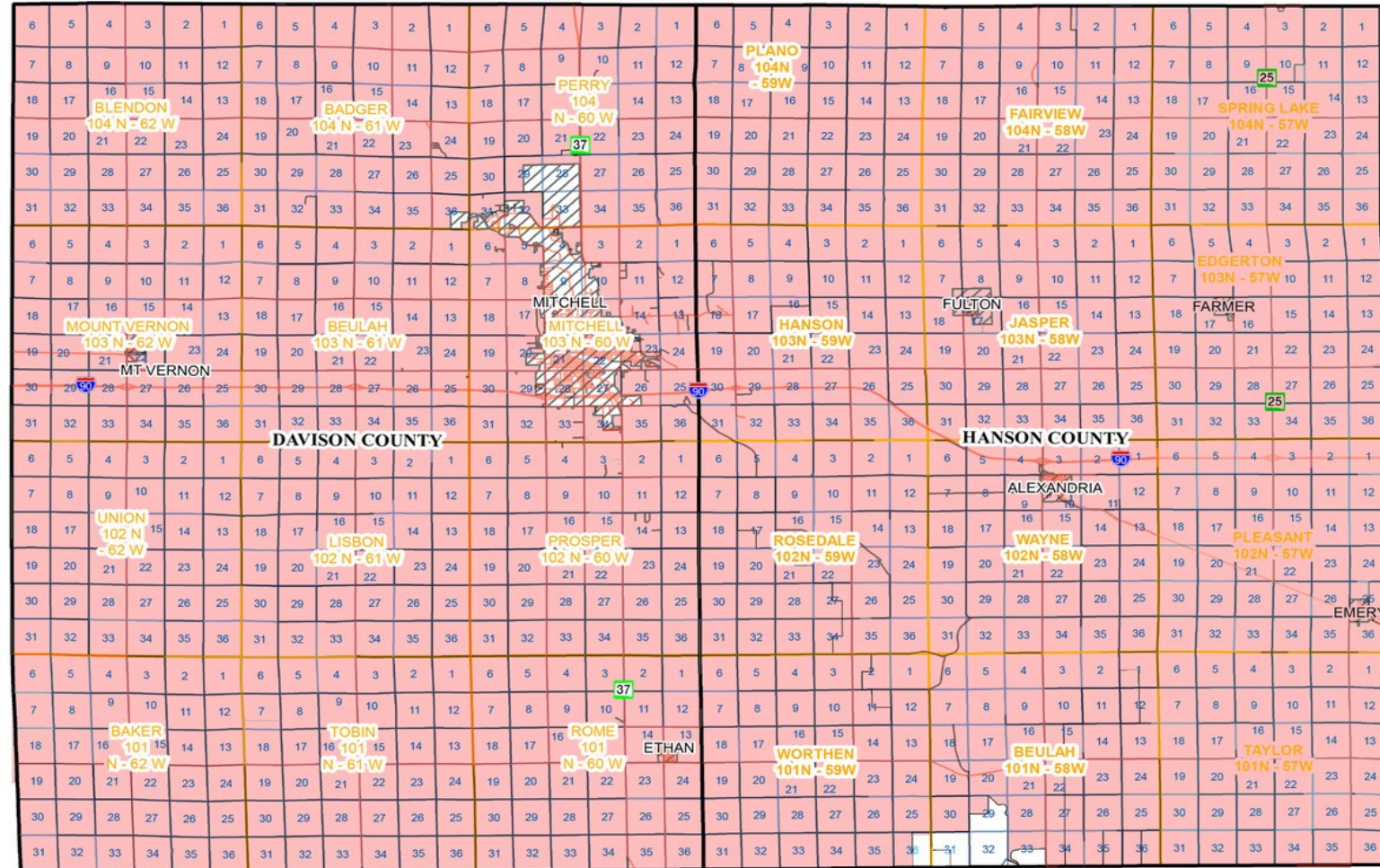




EMS Proposal

- 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

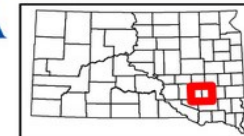


Legend

ROADS	LOW MAINTENANCE	TOWNSHIPS
PAVED	CITY LIMITS	SECTION
GRAVEL	COUNTY BOUNDARY	MITCHELL REGIONAL AMBULANCE



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

- 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 x Levy (PER THOUSAND) = Annual Tax Bill

EXAMPLE:

NON AG

\$100,000 x .00040 = **\$40**

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AG

\$100,000 x .00040 = **\$40**

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

Special Assessment

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

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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