

EMS ESSENTIAL SERVICE LEVY

Referendum 24-82 will provide supporting funds to EMS services in Buchanan County to ensure sustainable, reliable, high-quality emergency medical care.

WHY IS THE ESSENTIAL SERVICE LEVY NEEDED?

The current state of EMS in Buchanan County is NOT sustainable. Rising call volumes, aging volunteers, rising costs of training, continuing education requirements, and rising costs of equipment severely hinder EMS services' ability to adequately respond to your medical emergency.

HOW WILL THE ESSENTIAL SERVICE LEVY MAKE EMS SUSTAINABLE?

This levy would provide funding to assist EMS services by:

- Helping cover EMS certification course costs
- Helping cover EMS continuing education costs
- Helping purchase needed EMS equipment
- Helping purchase ambulances
- Helping provide stipends to incentivize citizens to join EMS services
- Helping provide stipends to responders to offset costs incurred during a response

HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO YOUR PROPERTY VALUE?

- \$100,000 home at \$0.75 per \$1,000 = \$75.00 annually
- \$200,000 home at \$0.75 per \$1,000 = \$150.00 annually
- \$238,000* home at \$0.75 per \$1,000 = \$178.50 annually
- \$250,000 home at \$0.75 per \$1,000 = \$187.50 annually
- \$500,000 home at \$0.75 per \$1,000 = \$375.00 annually

*MEDIAN PROPERTY VALUE IN BUCHANAN COUNTY



WHAT IS THE LEVY RATE?

The Essential Service Levy is an assessed property value levy at a rate of \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

PER CAPITA, RESIDENTS OF BUCHANAN COUNTY WOULD PAY AN ADDITIONAL **\$47.11** TOWARDS EMS

PER CAPITA	SERVICE
\$47.11*	EMS
\$65-\$95**	VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT
\$150-\$305**	CAREER FIRE DEPT
\$310-\$440**	LAW ENFORCEMENT
\$120-\$160**	GARBAGE COLLECTION

*BASED ON PROPOSED LEVY RATE AND ESTIMATED 2024 POPULATION

** BASED ON STATE AVERAGES

DID YOU KNOW...?

...THERE ARE 3 AMBULANCE SERVICES BASED IN BUCHANAN COUNTY?

- **FAIRBANK AMBULANCE** SERVES THE CITY OF FAIRBANK ALONG WITH THE NW CORNER OF BUCHANAN COUNTY.
- **JESUP AMBULANCE** SERVES THE CITY OF JESUP ALONG WITH THE WEST CENTRAL AND SW PORTIONS OF BUCHANAN COUNTY,
- **AMR AMBULANCE** CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE WHILE ALSO SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF AURORA, BRANDON, HAZLETON, LAMONT, QUASQUETON, ROWLEY, STANLEY, AND WINTHROP.

...JESUP AND FAIRBANK ARE STAFFED 100% BY VOLUNTEERS?

- BOTH CITIES' AMBULANCE SERVICES ARE STAFFED WITH EMTS (EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS), AEMTS (ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS), PARAMEDICS, AND NURSES (WHO PROVIDE PARAMEDIC-LEVEL CARE)

...THE COSTS OF CERTIFICATION COURSES ARE RISING?

ON AVERAGE, EMS CERTIFICATION COURSES COST:

- EMR = \$1,000 PER PERSON
- EMT = \$2,000 PER PERSON
- AEMT = \$2,750 PER PERSON
- PARAMEDIC = \$15,000 PER PERSON

...THE COSTS OF EMS EQUIPMENT IS RISING?

- EMS JUMP BAG = \$1,000 EACH (JUST BAG, NO SUPPLIES)
- AEDS = \$1,000 EACH
- COT/STRETCHER = \$35,000
- POWERLOAD SYSTEM = \$25,000
- HEART MONITOR = \$40,000
- VENTILATOR = \$25,000
- AMBULANCE = \$300,000 (BASE PRICE: NO EQUIPMENT, COT, OR POWERLOAD)

...EMS PROVIDERS NEED CONTINUING EDUCATION?

EVERY TWO YEARS EMS PROVIDERS HAVE TO RENEW THEIR CERTIFICATION WITH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND OBTAIN THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS FOR THEIR CERTIFICATION LEVEL.

- EMR = 8 HOURS
- EMT = 20 HOURS
- AEMT = 25 HOURS
- PARAMEDIC = 30 HOURS

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

SPEAK WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR LOCAL EMS SERVICE AND ASK THEM HOW THIS LEVY WILL HELP YOUR COMMUNITY
AND

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- FIND MEETING DATES TO DISCUSS THE ESSENTIAL SERVICE LEVY
- LEARN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT LOCAL EMS SERVICES
- STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH EMS IN BUCHANAN COUNTY
- AND MUCH MORE!

