

Emergency Medical Services System Study Testimony
Government Administration Committee
Thursday, November 16, 2017

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Kelli Sears. I am the Director of the Division of Emergency Medical Systems with the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH).

The North Dakota Division of Emergency Medical Systems licenses EMS agencies that operate in North Dakota. Ambulance service licensure occurs every two years, in October of even years. Through the application process for licensure and EMS run reporting, the ND Division of Emergency Medical Systems collects self-reported data about call volumes, vehicles, local tax dollars received, and other pertinent information.

There are currently 119 total ground ambulance services that operate primarily in North Dakota. Collectively these 119 services respond to over 77,000 calls annually. EMS services in the four major cities in North Dakota account for 56 percent of these responses, while some services report responding to less than ten calls per year. Specific details regarding the call volume of each ambulance service are provided as an attachment (see ND Ambulances and Number of Runs per Year).

Also provided as an attachment (see Ground Ambulances and Substations Mill Levy and Other Received Tax Dollars Self-Reported to DEMS in the fall of 2016) is a document that shows each ambulance service and substation. The document provides information as to whether an ambulance or substation receives a mill levy for EMS, and if so, how many mills, plus the dollar amount received. The document also provides information about other tax dollars each ambulance receives. Other tax dollars may be from taxation districts, general fund allocation, fire services (if EMS and fire services are combined), or other local tax sources. In the fall of 2016, 78 of these 131 agencies reported having a mill levy. A total of \$5,869,646 dollars was reported as mill levy dollars received by EMS agencies. However, 21 percent of that (over \$1.2 million) was provided by one county to one ambulance service. Fifteen of the 131 agencies report receiving other tax dollars, totaling \$1,152,540, while 40 agencies do not report having any local tax subsidy, meaning either they don't have one, or they did not report it on their application.

The North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Grant also provides a subsidy for EMS agencies in North Dakota. The Division of Emergency Medical Systems has just received, and is in the process of scoring and determining grant award amounts for the Phase II portion of this grant. \$875,000 dollars is available during this phase of the Rural EMS Assistance Grant. Phase II was designed as a competitive grant with the intent of funding EMS services that demonstrate a critical need for the funding and their service as it currently exists. The Division of Emergency Medical Systems received applications from 34 funding areas, totaling 44 ambulance services with a total ask of \$3.176 million dollars. Through a preliminary scoring process involving pass/fail criteria, 11 ambulance services with a total dollar amount requesting \$910,195 were determined eligible for the final round of scoring. The Division of Emergency Medical Systems is currently in the process of determining grant awards based on the final round of scoring. The Phase II Funding Area Grant is expected to be available to the awarded EMS agencies beginning December 1, 2017.

#	Affiliate Name	2015/2016 Average 911/Transfer Volume Calculation
1	Almont Ambulance Service	7
3	Ashley Ambulance Service	127
4	Community Ambulance Service - Beach	158.5
5	Belfield Ambulance	123
6	Berthold Ambulance Service, Inc.	47
7	Mercer County Ambulance Service, Inc. - Beulah	337
12	Metro Area Ambulance Service, Inc. - Bismarck	9017
14	Bottineau Ambulance Service	424.5
15	Bowbells Ambulance Service	25.5
16	Bowdon Ambulance Service	23.5
17	Bowman Ambulance Squad, Inc.	240.5
18	Ambulance Service, Inc.	432
19	Towner County Ambulance Svc - Cando	86.5
20	Carpio Ambulance Service, Inc.	24
21	Carrington Health Center Ambulance	288.5
23	Casselton Ambulance Service, Inc.	340
24	Cavalier Ambulance Service, Inc.	436.5
25	Oliver County Ambulance Service	64
26	Cooperstown Ambulance Service	210
27	Divide County Ambulance Service	196
28	Lake Region Ambulance Service	1868.5
29	Dickinson Area Ambulance Service, Inc.	2015.5
30	Drayton Volunteer Ambulance Association	49
31	Edgeley Ambulance Service	57.5
32	Edmore Volunteer Ambulance Service	25.5
33	Ellendale Community Ambulance Service	148.5
34	Esmond Community Ambulance Service	10
35	F-M Ambulance Service, Inc. - Fargo	18103
36	Fessenden Ambulance Service	20.5
38	Flasher Ambulance Service	27
40	Sargent County Ambulance Service Forman	72
41	Standing Rock Ambulance - Ft Yates	3464
42	Gackle Ambulance Service	47
43	Garrison Ambulance District	594
44	Glen Ullin Area Ambulance Service	129.5
45	Glenburn Area Ambulance Service, Inc.	25.5
47	Valley Ambulance & Rescue Service, Inc.	477
48	Altru Health System Ambulance Service	6553.5
49	Grenora Ambulance Service	59.5
50	Halliday Ambulance Service	45.5
51	Hankinson Volunteer Ambulance Service	150.5
52	Harvey Ambulance Service	224
53	Mercer County Ambulance Service, Inc. - Hazen	448
54	Hebron Ambulance Service	53
55	West River Ambulance Service	248
56	Hillsboro Ambulance Service	264.5
58	Hope Ambulance Service	22.5
59	Hunter Ambulance Service	73.5
61	Kenmare Ambulance Service	37.5
62	Killdeer Area Ambulance Service, Inc.	464.5
63	Kindred Area Ambulance Service, Inc.	184
64	Kulm Ambulance Corps, Inc.	29.5
65	Lakota Ambulance Service	94.5
67	Langdon Ambulance Service	212.5
69	Larimore Ambulance Service, Inc.	150.5
70	Leeds Ambulance Service	45.5
71	Lidgerwood Community Ambulance Service	91.5
72	Emmons County Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service	353
73	First Medic Ambulance of Ransom County, Inc	500
74	Maddock Ambulance Service	58

77	West Trall Ambulance Service	337.5
78	McClusky Rural Ambulance District	60.5
79	McHenry Ambulance Service	12
82	McVile Community Ambulance Service	116
83	Medina Ambulance Service	53.5
84	Billings County Ambulance Service	236
85	Michigan Area Ambulance Service, Inc.	43
86	Sargent County Ambulance Service	119
88	Community Ambulance Service, Inc. - Minot	9899.5
89	Mohall Ambulance Service	174
90	Mott Ambulance Service	75
91	Munich Rural Ambulance	7.5
92	Napoleon Ambulance Service	109.5
93	New England Ambulance Service	65.5
94	New Leipzig Ambulance Service	144.5
95	Community Ambulance Service - New Rockford	157.5
96	New Salem Ambulance Service	102
97	New Town Community Ambulance Service District	1095.5
98	Northwood Ambulance Service	166.5
99	Oakes Vol. Ambulance Service	394.5
100	Page Ambulance Service	16.5
101	Park River Volunteer Ambulance Service,	297
102	Parshall Rural Ambulance Service, Inc.	272
103	Pembina Ambulance Service, Inc.	42.5
104	Plaza Ambulance Service	13
105	Portal (Lignite) Ambulance Service	4
106	Powers Lake Ambulance Association	36.5
107	Ray Community Ambulance District	100
108	Regent Ambulance Service	21.5
109	Richardton-Taylor Ambulance Service	76.5
110	Riverdale Ambulance Department	25.5
111	Rock Lake Ambulance Service	14.5
112	Rolette Ambulance Service, Inc.	89.5
113	Community Ambulance Service - Rolla	600
116	Stanley Ambulance Service	397.5
117	Kidder County Ambulance Service	173.5
118	Tioga Fire Department/Ambulance Service	213.5
119	Towner Fire/ Ambulance & Rescue, Inc.	72
120	Turtle Lake Ambulance Service	16.5
121	Underwood Ambulance Service	47
124	Upham RFPD Ambulance Service (now a substation of Bottineau)	15.5
125	Barnes County/City Ambulance	992.5
126	Velva Ambulance Service	238.5
127	Wahalla Ambulance Service	80
128	Washburn Volunteer Ambulance Service	127
129	McKenzie County Ambulance Service	860
130	Westhope Ambulance Service	56
131	Williston Ambulance Service	2369.5
133	Wilton Rural Ambulance Service	90
134	Wing Rural Ambulance	25
135	Wishek Ambulance Service	115
136	Wyndmere-Barney Rural Ambulance District	53
142	Spirit Lake Emergency Medical Services	986
143	Belcourt Ambulance Service	2418.5
145	Golden Heart EMS Ambulance Service	531.5
146	Marmarth Ambulance Squad	18
149	Mandaree EMS	168.5
150	Jamestown Area Ambulance	2035
153	Community Volunteer EMS Service of LaMoure	132
	Total Call Volume 2015/2016 Average	77315

*119 Total Ground Ambulance Services in North Dakota, this does not include substations (9), agencies located on military bases (1), or agencies whose primary response is outside of ND (1 MT, 1 SD).

Ground Ambulances and Substations Mill Levy and Other Received Tax Dollars Self Reported to DEMS in Fall of 2016

License	Company	City	County	Mill?	# Mills	Mill \$ Received	*Other Tax \$
1	Almont Ambulance Service	Almont	Morton	Yes	12	\$11,000.00	
3	Ashley Ambulance Service	Ashley	McIntosh	Yes		\$22,000.00	
4	Community Ambulance Service Inc. - Beach	Beach	Golden Valley	Yes	8	\$14,227.79	
5	Belfield Ambulance Service Inc.	Belfield	Stark	No			
6	Berthold Ambulance Service Inc.	Berthold	Ward	No			
7	Mercer County Ambulance Service Inc. -- Beulah	Beulah	Mercer	Yes	3.8	\$179,650.61	\$25,451.75
12	Metro Area Ambulance Service Inc - Bismarck	Bismarck	Burleigh	No			
14	Bottineau Ambulance Service	Bottineau	Bottineau	Yes	2	\$73,168.18	
15	Bowbells Ambulance Service	Bowbells	Burke	No			
16	Bowdon Ambulance District	Bowdon	Wells	Yes	2.14	\$15,450.00	
17	Bowman Ambulance Squad Inc	Bowman	Bowman	Yes	2.8	\$59,200.00	
18	Ambulance Service, Inc.	Breckenridge	Out-of-State	No			
19	Towner County Ambulance Service Inc. - Cando	Cando	Towner	Yes	0.78	\$12,000.00	
20	Carpio Ambulance Service	Carpio	Ward	Yes	3	\$12,588.67	
21	Carrington Health Center Ambulance	Carrington	Foster	Yes	4	\$120,511.48	
23	Casselton Ambulance Service, Inc.	Casselton	Cass	No			
24	Cavalier Ambulance Service, Inc.	Cavalier	Pembina	Yes	5	\$181,897.44	
25	Oliver County Ambulance Service	Center	Oliver	Yes	10	\$109,078.93	
26	Cooperstown Ambulance Service	Cooperstown	Griggs	Yes	1	\$14,379.76	
27	Divide County Ambulance Service	Crosby	Divide	Yes	5	\$159,377.59	
28	Lake Region Ambulance Service	Devils Lake	Ramsey	No			
29	Dickinson Area Ambulance Service, Inc.	Dickinson	Stark	No			
30	Drayton Volunteer Ambulance Association Inc.	Drayton	Pembina	Yes	5	\$37,650.00	
31	Edgeley Ambulance Service	Edgeley	Lamoure	Yes	1.096	\$20,217.78	
32	Edmore Volunteer Ambulance Service	Edmore	Ramsey	No			
33	Ellendale Community Ambulance Service	Ellendale	Dickey	Yes	1.33	\$48,640.00	
34	Esmond Community Ambulance Service	Esmond	Benson	Yes	3.26	\$19,715.79	
35	F-M Ambulance Service, Inc.	Fargo	Cass	No			
36	Fessenden Ambulance Service	Fessenden	Wells	Yes	6.49	\$65,847.48	
37	West Traill Ambulance - Finley	Finley	Steele	No			
38	Flasher Ambulance Service	Flasher	Morton	No			
40	Sargent County Amb Service - Forman	Forman	Sargent	Yes	8.19	\$15,000.00	
41	Standing Rock Ambulance Service	Ft. Yates	Sioux	No			\$4,000.00
42	Gackle Ambulance Service	Gackle	Logan	Yes	5	\$14,500.00	\$10,300.00
43	Garrison - Max Ambulance District	Garrison	McLean	Yes	5		
44	Glen Ullin Area Ambulance Service	Glen Ullin	Morton	No			
45	Glenburn Area Ambulance Service Inc	Glenburn	Renville	Yes	3	\$11,313.09	
47	Valley Ambulance & Rescue Serv Inc	Grafton	Walsh	No			
48	Altru Health System Ambulance Service	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Yes	6	\$1,234,981.00	
49	Grenora Ambulance Service	Grenora	Williams	Yes	5	\$131,598.43	
50	Halliday Ambulance Service	Halliday	Dunn	Yes	13	\$44,000.00	
51	Hankinson Vol Ambulance Service	Hankinson	Richland	Yes	5	\$80,710.42	
52	Harvey Ambulance Service, Inc.	Harvey	Wells	Yes	7		
53	Mercer County Ambulance Service Inc. -- Hazen	Hazen	Mercer	Yes	3.8	\$179,650.61	\$25,451.75
54	Hebron Ambulance Service	Hebron	Morton	No			
55	West River Ambulance Service	Hettinger	Adams	No			
56	Sanford Hillsboro Ambulance Service	Hillsboro	Traill	Yes	4	\$150,000.00	
58	Hope Ambulance Service	Hope	Steele	Yes	4.17	\$56,000.00	
59	Hunter Ambulance Service	Hunter	Cass	No			
61	Kenmare Ambulance Service	Kenmare	Ward	No			
62	Killdeer Area Ambulance Service Inc	Killdeer	Dunn	Yes	6	\$186,070.00	\$25,125.00
63	Kindred Area Ambulance Service	Kindred	Cass	No			\$29,925.00
64	Kulm Ambulance Corps, Inc.	Kulm	Lamoure	Yes	14.33	\$50,035.41	
65	Lakota Ambulance Service	Lakota	Nelson	Yes	4.86	\$26,454.93	
67	Langdon Ambulance Service	Langdon	Cavalier	Yes	2	\$86,832.83	
69	Larimore Ambulance Service Inc.	Larimore	Grand Forks	Yes	10	\$103,000.00	
70	Leeds Ambulance Service	Leeds	Benson	Yes	5	\$32,159.63	
71	Lidgerwood Rural Ambulance Service District	Lidgerwood	Richland	Yes	10	\$68,039.00	
72	Emmons County Ambulance Service	Linton	Emmons	Yes	2	\$41,441.22	
73	First Medic Ambulance of Ransom County	Lisbon	Ransom	Yes	4	\$63,999.96	
74	Maddock Ambulance Service	Maddock	Benson	Yes	5	\$21,762.56	
77	West Traill Ambulance Service	Mayville	Traill	Yes	6	\$260,000.00	
78	McClusky Rural Ambulance District	McClusky	Sheridan	Yes	5	\$27,788.00	
79	McHenry Ambulance Service	McHenry	Foster	Yes	3	\$20,085.00	\$6,153.00
80	McIntosh V.F.D. Ambulance Service	McIntosh	Out-of-State	No			
82	Mcville Community Ambulance Service	McVillie	Nelson	No			
83	Medina Ambulance Service	Medina	Stutsman	No			\$9,500.00
84	Billings County Ambulance Service	Medora	Billings	No			\$779,615.00
85	Michigan Area Ambulance Service Inc.	Michigan	Nelson	Yes	5.01		
86	Sargent County Ambulance Service - Milnor	Milnor	Sargent	Yes	8.19	\$5,000.00	\$80,000.00
88	Community Ambulance Service, Inc. - Minot	Minot	Ward	No			
89	Mohall Ambulance Service	Mohall	Renville	No			\$65,124.47
90	Mott Volunteer Ambulance Service	Mott	Hettinger	No			
91	Munich Rural Ambulance	Munich	Cavalier	Yes	3	\$43,216.42	
92	Napoleon Ambulance Service	Napoleon	Logan	Yes	5	\$36,931.10	
93	New England Ambulance Service	New England	Hettinger	No			

94	New Leipzig Ambulance Service	New Leipzig	Grant	Yes	2	\$11,283.00	
95	Community Ambulance Service of New Rockford	New Rockford	Eddy	Yes	4	\$40,859.95	
96	New Salem Ambulance Service	New Salem	Morton	No			
97	New Town Community Amb. Service District	New Town	Mountrail	Yes	5	\$155,060.04	
98	Northwood Ambulance Service	Northwood	Grand Forks	Yes	6	\$199,337.00	
99	Oakes Volunteer Ambulance Service	Oakes	Dickey	Yes	3.5	\$45,000.00	
100	Page Ambulance Service	Page	Cass	No			\$29,000.00
101	Park River Volunteer Ambulance Service	Park River	Walsh	No			
102	Parshall Rural Ambulance Service Inc.	Parshall	Mountrail	Yes	5	\$71,400.00	
103	Pembina Ambulance Service	Pembina	Pembina	Yes	5	\$42,777.06	\$24,000.00
104	Plaza Ambulance Service	Plaza	Mountrail	No			
105	Portal Ambulance Service	Lignite	Burke	Yes	5	\$55,539.92	
106	Powers Lake Ambulance Association	Powers Lake	Burke	Yes	2.07	\$21,440.00	
107	Ray Community Ambulance District	Ray	Williams	Yes	1.6	\$28,000.00	
108	Regent Ambulance Service	Regent	Hettinger	Yes	10		
109	Richardton-Taylor Ambulance Service	Richardton	Stark	Yes	10	\$127,781.13	
110	Riverdale Ambulance Department	Riverdale	McLean	No			\$3,000.00
111	Rock Lake Ambulance Service	Rock Lake	Towner	Yes	2.92	\$22,105.05	
112	Rolette Ambulance Service, Inc	Rolette	Rolette	Yes	5.58	\$47,000.00	
113	Community Ambulance Service Of Rolla	Rolla	Rolette	Yes	5.85	\$75,168.00	
115	Sherwood Substation	Sherwood	Renville	N/A			
116	Stanley Ambulance Service	Stanley	Mountrail	Yes	4.39	\$244,572.05	
117	Kidder County Ambulance Service	Steele	Kidder	Yes	5	\$101,159.00	
118	Tioga Ambulance Service	Tioga	Williams	No			
119	Towner Fire, Ambulance, and Rescue Service, Inc.	Towner	McHenry	No			
120	Turtle Lake Ambulance Service	Turtle Lake	McLean	Yes	4	\$30,000.00	
121	Underwood Ambulance Service	Underwood	McLean	No			
124	Upham Ambulance Service	Upham	McHenry	N/A			
125	Barnes County / City Ambulance	Valley City	Barnes	Yes	1	\$67,000.00	
126	Velva Ambulance Service	Velva	McHenry	No			
127	Walhalla Ambulance Service	Walhalla	Pembina	Yes	5	\$29,886.28	
128	Washburn Volunteer Ambulance Serv	Washburn	McLean	No			
129	Mckenzie County Ambulance Service	Watford City	McKenzie	No			
130	Westhope Ambulance Service	Westhope	Bottineau	Yes	2	\$17,000.00	
131	Williston Ambulance Service	Williston	Williams	No			
133	Wilton Rural Ambulance Service	Wilton	McLean	Yes	7.66	\$106,747.57	
134	Wing Rural Ambulance	Wing	Burleigh	No			
135	Wishek Ambulance Service	Wishek	McIntosh	Yes	6	\$6,000.00	
136	Wyndmere-Barney Rural Amb Dist	Wyndmere	Richland	Yes	2.21	\$22,266.75	
138	Lemmon EMT Association	Lemmon	Out-of-State	No			
139	Metro Area Ambulance Service Inc-Mandan	Bismarck	Morton	No			
142	Spirit Lake Emergency Medical Service	Fort Totten	Benson	Yes	0.5	\$15,278.73	
143	Belcourt Ambulance Service	Belcourt	Rolette	No			
146	Marmarth Ambulance Service	Marmarth	Slope	No			
148	Rugby Emergency Medical Services	Rugby	Pierce	Yes	2	\$50,000.00	
149	Mandaree EMS	Mandaree	McKenzie	No			
150	Jamestown Area Ambulance	Jamestown	Stutsman	No			\$35,895.00
151	5th Medical Group Ambulance Service	Minot AFB	Ward	No			
153	Community Volunteer EMS of LaMoure	LaMoure	Lamoure	Yes	3.29	\$41,988.72	
154	Jud Substation	Jud	Lamoure	N/A			
155	Max Substation	Max	McLean	Yes	5		
156	Binford Substation	Binford	Griggs	Yes	1	\$14,379.76	
157	Lansford Substation	Lansford	Bottineau	N/A			
159	Tolley Substation	Tolley	Renville	N/A			
170	Golva Substation	Golva	Golden Valley	Yes	10	\$13,445.00	

Total Mill Levy Dollars

\$5,869,646.12

Total Other Tax Dollars Received

\$1,152,540.97

Note: 21% of the total Mill Levy Dollars in ND are Provided by 1 County (Grand Forks County) to 1 EMS Service (Altru).

*Other Tax Dollars may come from taxation districts, general fund allocation, or other tax dollars