

HOW MANY RESPONDERS DOES IT TAKE ON A LIFE-SAVING CALL?



① Consoles loved ones, gathers facts from witnesses, obtains pertinent patient medical history, finds patient's medications, documents patient care, explains what's going on to family members and overall scene management. ② Maintains open airway, provides supplemental oxygen via bag valve mask, provides positive pressure ventilation which is crucial for vital organ survivability, performs intubation to establish an advanced airway, sets up auto vent. ③ Provides continuous chest compressions. Compressions must be uninterrupted to ensure brain and tissue perfusion. ④ Swaps with position 3 every 2 minutes to provide continuous chest compressions, helps other positions when they need assistance, retrieves items from the ambulance. ⑤ Establishes IV access, maintains a patient IV line, checks blood sugar levels which is critical in diabetic patients, administers lifesaving cardiogenic medications which can potentially restart the heart. ⑥ In charge of patient care, delegates assignments to crew members, attaches patient to defibrillator, interprets EKG reading, when indicated administers electrical shock via the Zoll monitor, contacts base hospital, obtains medical direction from base hospital ER doctor.



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Answers to Frequently Asked Questions



WHAT'S ON MY BALLOT?

Benton County Fire District 4 is asking voters to consider a lid lift for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) during the August 2, 2022 Primary Election.

WHY IS MY FIRE DISTRICT ASKING FOR THIS?

EMS is the emergency service our community relies on most (62%), and call volumes actually increase when the economy slows down. Fire districts ask for a "lid lift" to keep up with increasing costs for service.

WHAT'S THE EMS LEVY RATE?

In 2016, voters approved an EMS levy of \$0.50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The levy rate has fallen to \$0.35/\$1,000 since that time. Levy rates fall as property values increase to limit a fire district to roughly the same amount of revenue (plus a 1% increase and new construction).

HAVE EMS CALL VOLUMES INCREASED?

Yes, EMS call volumes have increased 42% since 2016, when voters last approved an EMS levy lid lift.

WHAT KIND OF EMS DO WE RECEIVE?

Your support funds the highest level of care available – called "Advanced Life Support" – with trained paramedics.

HOW MUCH WILL THE LID LIFT COST?

If approved, the \$0.15 lid lift would cost an additional \$52.50 per year (\$4.38 per month) for the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$350,000. The lid lift would take effect in 2023.

WHAT WILL THE LID LIFT FUND?

Funding will hire three additional firefighter/paramedics or emergency medical technicians to respond to emergency calls. This will put another medical unit in service and help the Fire District respond to multiple calls, which are increasing.



EMS ACCOUNTS FOR

62%

OF ALL EMERGENCY CALLS



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