



# Butler County EMS!!

## *Butler County EMS needs a stable revenue stream for our EMS teams!*

The Butler County Board of Supervisors have deemed EMS an Essential Service, just like Fire and Police Protection! The citizens of Butler County deserve the best EMS care possible during times of a medical emergency!

The Question of Adopting a Levy and imposing a Voter-Approved Emergency Medical Services Property Tax and Local Option Income Surtax will be brought to the citizens of Butler County at the November 5, 2024 Election.

As recommended by the EMS Advisory Council, the EMS Property Tax would be in the amount of \$150,000 annually, or fourteen cents (\$0.14) per one thousand dollars (\$1000) annually, not to exceed a maximum of seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per one thousand dollars (\$1000) of assessed value on all taxable

property within the county, and a local option income surtax of not to exceed one percent (1.0%) on the state individual income tax of each individual residing in the county at the end of the individual's applicable tax year, for a maximum period of fifteen (15) years.

### *What does this mean?*

This taxation would only be applied for the amount needed, as recommended by the EMS Advisory Council annually. If funding is not needed, taxation will not occur.

### *This may sound like a lot, but is it really?*

Assessed Value	Taxable Value	<b>\$0.14/ \$1000 Levy</b>	\$0.75/ \$1000 Levy
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>			
\$100,000	\$46,342.80	\$6.49	\$34.76
\$350,000	\$162,199.80	\$22.71	\$121.65
<b>AG (100 Acres)</b>			
\$179,000	\$128,588.23	\$18.01	\$96.44

*The amount of taxation will be on the Assessed value minus Rollback, creating the Taxable Value.*

If the taxation vote does not pass, EMS Service and coverage are in jeopardy, and residents *will continue* to see longer and sporadic emergency response times!

Our services *WILL continue* to struggle to recruit and train our volunteers, purchase lifesaving equipment and technology, and stay current on medical enhancements and treatments. Ambulance rigs *will continue* to age and have repair issues.

Our current volunteers *will continue* to get older and want to pass the torch, but there will be no one to pass it to.

Our volunteers are your friends, family, and neighbors... not strangers who are there for a paycheck. These volunteers are here because they care.

***We need you to VOTE.***

## *What is Butler County EMS?*

Butler County EMS represents all 8 of the EMS services in our County.

Butler County Board of Supervisors deemed EMS an Essential Service in Butler County according to Iowa Code Chapter 422D. An EMS Advisory Council was then created per requirements. The Advisory Council includes a liaison from each of the services, a Board of Supervisor, the EMS Association Chair, the Sheriff, the Emergency Manager, a Primary Care Provider, the Public Health Director, and County EMS Coordinator.

This opened the opportunity for funding to support our Volunteer EMS Services that are struggling to provide coverage, especially during the daytime hours while most of our Volunteers are unable to respond to the calls. Daytime coverage has been an issue not only for Butler County, but it's also an issue for the entire State of Iowa, and nationally. The Board of Supervisors, along with the Butler County EMS Association and the Butler County EMS Advisory Council knew that action was needed ASAP. Many different options were looked at, and it was decided to hire an EMS Coordinator to help respond to the calls during the day, and to help find ways to solve the problems that EMS is facing.

## *LOOK what has been DONE ALL READY!!!!*

An EMS Coordinator was hired to help provide coverage during the day **during the week** when EMS coverage has proven to be difficult! This is what the coordinator has done so FAR!!!

- The EMS Coordinator has responded to **188 calls** since Jan. 1, 2024, **transporting 80 patients.**
  - **40 as the only provider with a driver.**
  - 40 as an additional provider.
  - 77 as a First Responder until a non-Butler County Service arrived.
- Obtained new, updated AEDs for law enforcement, and redistributed the repurposed AEDs to local churches!
- Taught countless CPR classes to get more people CPR certified in our County!
- Sponsored Mental Health First Aide Class for our front-line workers!
- Taken classes to provide mental health guidance for all our front-line staff and build a team to provide top notch mental health

care to help alleviate stress, burn out and PTSD!

- Helped the EMS Services get FREE NARCAN by becoming a FRCARP instructor through the State for Narcan distribution.
- Made continuing education for the services free and easily accessible.
- **Taught an EMT class with 100% pass rate!** We will soon have 9 more EMT's in our area once they pass the NREMT!!!!

**All of this was done before being on the job for a YEAR!!!!**

*“When I took this position, my goal was to Sustain and Grow, I live in and love this County, this is my home too”*

*-Kari Coates Butler County EMS Coordinator*

*THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF BUTLER COUNTY EMS!*

- Continue to provide daytime coverage and add early morning and evening coverage to assist our Volunteer Services.
- Continue to teach EMT classes within our county, and possibly teach Advanced EMT classes.

- Help our Services with getting the needed equipment to provide the BEST care.
- Have a Fully Functional Critical Incident Stress Management Team for our front-line workers, trained through International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF).
- Assist our EMS Services / cities by providing training, including disaster drills, to help prepare and maintain our GREAT VOLUNTEER Services.

***To do all of this, and continue doing what we have done,***

***WE NEED YOUR HELP!***

***Please VOTE on***

***November 5<sup>th</sup>!***

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