



Voters in North County Fire/EMS passed a permanent levy for Emergency Medical Service in the recent election. We wanted to say thank you, and share how this will help our community moving forward.

A stable revenue stream means that the fire authority can do some long-term planning for the EMS program. We currently provide a 24-hour emergency response for both Basic and Advance Life Support care. This levy funds our emergency personnel, training, ambulances and maintenance support, medical supplies and equipment.

More than 75% of all our calls are EMS-related, but not all calls require care in a costly hospital setting. In the future, we are looking at offering a community paramedicine program to provide more personalized attention for patients; reduce non-emergency calls to 911; and, lower health care costs for our community.

We will report back to you through our newsletter, web site and local news media as our EMS program develops further. Again, thank you for partnering with us to save lives.

Sincerely,

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