

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETINGMINUTES
June 5, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council. The meeting was held at the Ashland Fire Department Training Room with a virtual zoom option.

MINUTES

Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Ted Gostomski, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

The financial report was reviewed.

Motion made by Ted Gostomski, seconded by Chris Pribek, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

ASHLAND MEDICAL CENTER (AMC)

Erika Kurtz reported that there is an outbreak of measles in the Twin Cities. With vacationers in the area please be aware.

RESCUE DIVAS camp will be held in Delta at the Crosswoods Adventure Camp August 3 – 7.

HEMS

North – Mike Zolik reported that all is good.

- They are available for landing zone training as well as other education.
- Questions about LZ safety checks contact Mike.

NWWI HERC – Meeting tomorrow.

RTAC – Be SOMEBODY media outreach is being considered in the 2026 budget. In person meetings will be held in the future.

BA EMS COORDINATOR – Welcome to Bryan Zieman.

- Serving the EMS Community fo increased patient outcomes.
- Working at meeting key stakeholders; attend meetings as available.
- Listening, learning, from local providers.
- Planning Grant – reviewing proposal by Mission Critical; clarify their vision related to rural EMS.
- City of Washburn partnered with county as municipality required to apply for grant. Agreement to be developed between city and county.

- Timeline is undefined by grant. Completion goal the end of August in order to meet BA budget deadlines.

PSAP – The joint Ashland/Bayfield counties PSAP has seen an increase in calls.

- The team is doing a phenomenal job.
- Forming a committee to develop policy for field services and dispatch.
- CAD training – dates for time with Bendor to train fire and EMS.
- EMS dispatched with Fire? (South Shore only on structure fires)

ASHLAND FIRE INTERDEPT POLICY CHANGE

- Chief Matthias reported that there were 295 intercepts in 2024. Revenue if only a fraction of what it could be.
- Intercept will be a flat fee of \$475 charged to the service requesting.
- Service may bill at the ALS rate.
- Charge of \$250 for cancelled intercept by basic.
- Call of email Chief Matthias if issues or questions.

GEMT – Data is completely voluntary.

- 40-60 hours projected to complete.
- Will accept CAD data for times.
- Medicaid reimbursement may be significant for larger services.

EMS Billing representative invited to meeting. Asking for more information as to how billing works. No more information. Discussion on Customer Service Success Representatives.

NEXT MEETING – Scheduled for July 10th due to the July 4th holiday. Meeting will be held remotely with in person attendance at the Ashland Fire Training Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Chris Pribek to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Kurt Blakeman	Marengo
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Christina Dzwonkowski	ALEM

Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Ted Gostomski	Washburn
Laurie Gucinski	South Shore
Tam Hofman	South Shore/APIS
Erika Kurtz	AMC
Stuart Matthias	Ashland Fire
Meagan Quaderer	BAEM and ALBA PSAP
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Joe Schick	Mason
Michael Sims	Iron River
Jamie Trembl	Butternut
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Gwen Watson	Mellen
Bryan Zieman	BA EMS Coordinator
Mike Zolik	North Air

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