

Bastrop County ESD # 3



What is ESD #3

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EDS#3 will be a county wide overlay to provide EMS services to the residence Forming an ESD will provide consistent funding and stability to provide readily medical services to the residents of Bastrop County.

Because of the projected growth of the county (220,00 by 2030 and 330,00 by 2040) the EMS service that the county contracts with now allowing for 4 ambulances will not be sufficient. Under the current EMS service, the residents of Bastrop County may wait **30 minutes or more** for an ambulance to arrive. But when there are multiple emergencies and interfacility transfers happening it can take upwards of 45minutes to an hour in some parts of the county.

Currently Bastrop County relies on non-transporting EMS responders to help when ambulances have extended response times. In the long-term outlook, this solution is unsustainable without increasing the number of ambulances in Bastrop County.

The Plan

EDS#3 will provide a long-term solution for EMS services to the residents of Bastrop County. ESD#3 will provide funding to increase the number of ambulances from 4 to 11 with room to grow as the county does. This will allow for a much shorter response time even in the more remote parts of the county.

In anticipation of Bastrop Countys growth having more ambulances will reduce the crew's downtime and response readiness. Fatigue created by the overstressed EMS system leads to poor quality of patient care and poor patient outcomes.



How does this benefit Bastrop County?

Having a county-run EMS system will allow us to create protocols fitted to the needs of Bastrop County instead of a one-size fits all approach that is currently in place. The current approach deprives medical providers of equipment and protocols that are considered standard practice in all the surrounding county EMS systems. This is depriving the residents of what is considered standard care and that is not acceptable.

Having a good quality EMS service for our friends and families is what Bastrop County deserves. ESD# 3 provides us the funding and authority to create a modern EMS system that will provide us shorter response times, proper staffing and training with reliable equipment and vehicles to serve all residents of Bastrop County.



Proposed stations for EDS #3



Current Acadian Stations



Proposed EDS #3 Stations

