



Richland County Ambulance Service

RICHLAND CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2023



Joint Ambulance Committee & the Richland County Ambulance Service

- ▶ Joint Ambulance Committee established in 2015
 - ▶ Per County Resolution and MOU with municipalities
 - ▶ County Board has ultimate decision-making authority
 - ▶ Representatives from each municipality so all have voice
 - ▶ Subcommittee for Strategic Planning discusses options and presents to JAC for consideration
- ▶ Ambulance Service established in 1972
 - ▶ Volunteer/Paid-on-Call until addition of Full-Time in 2015
 - ▶ Currently 20 members

Service Members

New members since February 2020:

- ▶ Kisha Dehnart 7/2020
- ▶ Sarah Orr 8/2020
- ▶ Abby Jongquist 3/2021
- ▶ Stacy Petersheim 3/2022
- ▶ Abby Noggle 3/2022
- ▶ Hope Petersheim 12/2022
- ▶ Kaili Klatt 2/2023



Pictured above: Darin Gudgeon, Tim Dehnart, Kisha Dehnart, Dean Winchell, Judy Shireman, Stacy Petersheim, Amber Morris, Robin Pierson, Kim Clark, Kaili Klatt, Hope Petersheim, Sarah Orr, Cody Layer, Brianna Johann, Abby Noggle, Amber Burch. Not Pictured: Jerry Crotsenberg, Abby Jongquist, Jason Marshall, Mike Marshall, Barb Scott, David Yardley. Photo taken May 2023.

Paid on Call : 9

Casual Call-In : 6

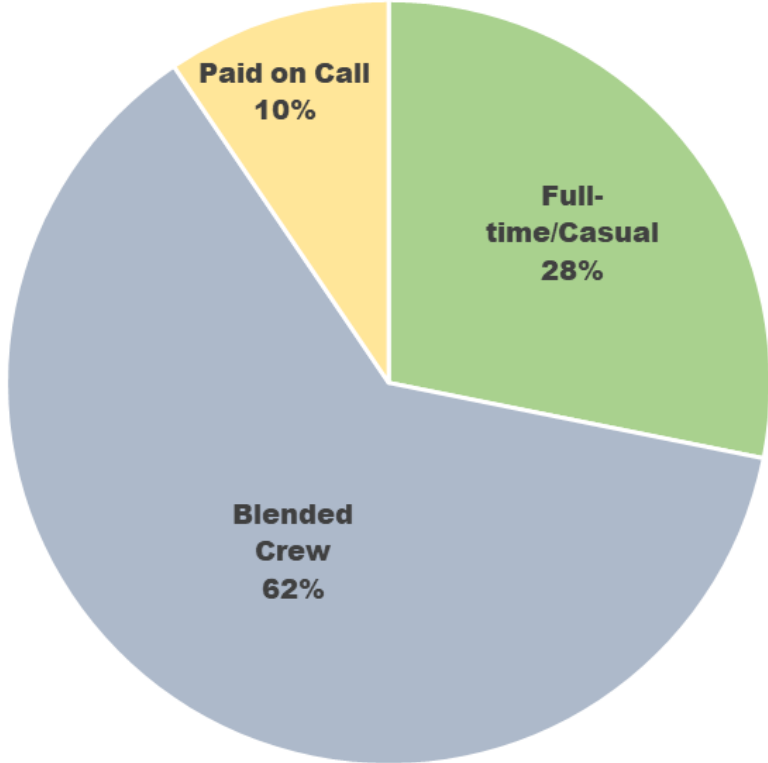
Full-Time : 5

Staffing Two Ambulances

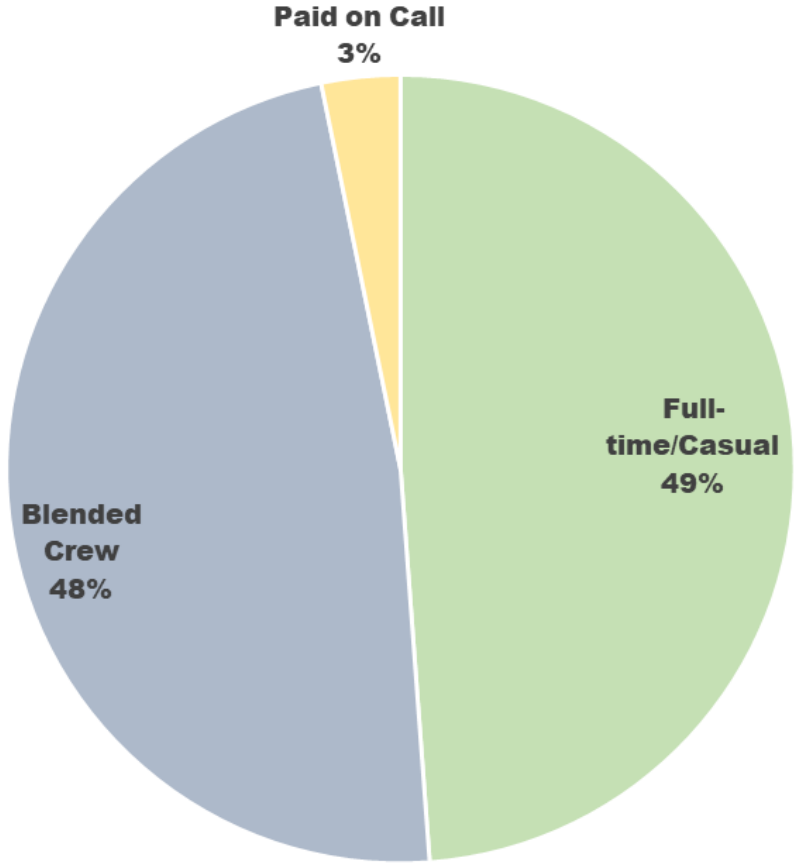
- ▶ JAC Goal to establish staffing to provide two staffed ambulances
- ▶ Roughly 15% of ambulance calls are covered by the back-up truck
- ▶ Having second truck staffed means less delay in response for
 - ▶ Second 911 calls
 - ▶ Multiple patients on first scene
 - ▶ Transfers from local hospitals to other hospitals or facilities
- ▶ Transfers help the patient, the hospital, the Service, and the community.

Crew Make-Up on Calls (August through October)

2022



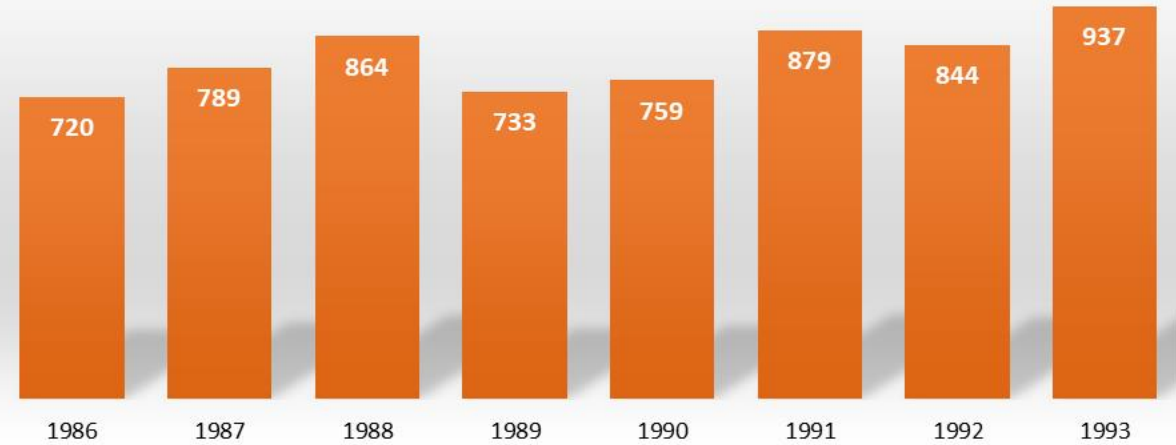
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Legal crew requires at least two members with EMS license to respond.

Call Volume

Total Ambulance Calls for the Year 1986-1993



Total Ambulance Calls for the Year 2012-2023



* 2023: calls as of 11/24

Likely Reasons for change:

- ▶ Aging population
- ▶ Increased number of lift-assists
- ▶ Taking more transfers
- ▶ Assisting neighbors

Richland Center

Total Calls in Richland Center by Year



Per Current MOU:

MOU rates currently set by four-year call average of 911 calls multiplied by \$170

- ▶ Four-year average: 677 calls
- ▶ Annual total: \$115,090.00

Previous MOU:

- ▶ Four-year average: 575
- ▶ Annual total: \$97,750

Budget Overview

- ▶ No County Tax Levy dollars used
- ▶ Budget consists of
 - ▶ Payment for Services Rendered
 - ▶ Municipality payments
 - ▶ Grants, donations, and other miscellaneous
- ▶ Recent Expenditures
 - ▶ \$40,000 to New Ambulance Outlay
 - ▶ 3 New LifePak15 Cardiac Monitors
 - ▶ New engine for Unit 35 (2009 Ford E450)

DEC 31, 2022

-----FUND-----	51	AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE
ACCOUNT			-----
ASSETS			

CURRENT ASSETS:			
51.0000.0000.1110		CASH	256,853.75
51.0000.0000.1180		PETTY CASH	0.00
51.0000.0000.1301		ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	20,068.39
51.0000.0000.1347		2015 AMBULANCE A/R	0.00
51.0000.0000.1348		2016 AMBULANCE A/R	23,192.26
51.0000.0000.1349		2017 AMBULANCE A/R	22,247.42
51.0000.0000.1350		2018 AMBULANCE A/R	23,818.94
51.0000.0000.1351		2019 AMBULANCE A/R	378.56
51.0000.0000.1352		2020 AMBULANCE A/R	43,042.72
51.0000.0000.1353		2021 AMBULANCE A/R	21,615.32
51.0000.0000.1354		2022 AMBULANCE A/R	0.00
51.0000.0000.1355		2023 AMBULANCE A/R	0.00
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:			415,619.36

Keeping Tax Payers in Mind

- ▶ FLEX Grant for staffing
 - ▶ \$22,260
- ▶ FAP Grant for annual training and related supplies
- ▶ Re-Chassis ambulances rather than buying new
- ▶ Utilizing back-up crew when available for lifting assistance, etc
- ▶ Emergency Services Building Project



Fiscally Responsible Building Project

- Purchased items such as desk tops and chairs from Wisconsin Surplus
- Whenever possible, handled projects such as installing fire-door and ceiling with our staff/volunteers
- Had items such as kitchen counters donated

COVID-19 Response Efforts

Support provided by Richland County Ambulance during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- ▶ Procurement and Distribution of PPE
- ▶ COVID-19 Free Community Testing
- ▶ Vaccine Administration/Support



Joint Ambulance Committee

Goals & Priorities

▶ Primary Focus Areas:

- ▶ Staffing
- ▶ Ensure Municipalities have voice heard
- ▶ Replace the 2003 Ambulance
- ▶ Planning for future financial needs
- ▶ Strengthening partnerships with Richland Hospital and Richland Center Fire Department
- ▶ Work toward providing paramedic-level service and community medicine program

Richland County Emergency Services Building

*Our sincerest thanks to the
Richland Electric Cooperative
Board, Shannon Clark,
and Bob Simpson
for their generous donations,
without which this project
would not have been possible.*

Building Occupancy: January 18, 2023



Seeking Feedback

- ▶ How are we doing?
- ▶ Is there any other information you would like to receive?