

# Questions about the EMS Levy?



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## **What's on my election ballot?**

Benton County Fire District #1 is asking voters to approve a levy for Emergency Medical Service.

## **Why is my fire district asking for this?**

EMS calls increased 10 percent last year, and currently account for more than half of all emergencies. Benton #1 wants to improve ambulance response times and provide a higher level of care for local residents.

## **Don't we already have an EMS program?**

Currently, we rely on neighboring agencies to provide Advanced Life Support and transport patients to area hospitals. This often takes longer to reach you or a loved one during an emergency, which is what we want to improve.

## **What will funding be used for?**

Funding will be used to purchase and outfit two ambulances, and staff them with licensed EMS providers.

## **What will it cost?**

The EMS levy is capped at 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. That's approximately \$8.33 per month for the owner of a \$200,000 home.

## **How will it improve service?**



Having ambulances to serve our community will reduce response times by seven minutes on average. Benton #1 also will have trained paramedics providing Advanced Life Support during medical emergencies. This is the highest level of emergency medical care currently available.

## **Where can I find more information?**

More information is available on our website at [www.bentonone.org](http://www.bentonone.org). Chief Lonnie Click also welcomes questions at [lonnie@bentonone.org](mailto:lonnie@bentonone.org) or (509) 737-0911.

**Thank you for considering our request.**