

BEULAH AMBULANCE DISTRICT

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2011

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Emergency - Call 911

Beulah EMS Members

Bryan Ware EMT P	Chief
Trish Anderson EMT-I	Captain
Nathan Anderson EMT-B+	Lieutenant
Tom Griggs EMT-I	Lieutenant
Ross Marsh EMT-B	Lieutenant
Corky Outhier	EMT-B+
Kurt Thompson	EMT-P
Barring Coughlin	EMT-B
Courtney King	EMT-B+
Scott Robertshaw	EMT-B
Anne Coughlin	RN
Ericha Smith	EMT-B+
Beth Halpin	EMT-B+
Nicole Richardson	EMT-Trainee
Chris Huggins	EMT-Trainee
Michael Smith	EMT-Trainee
Joni Smith	EMT-Trainee
Naomi Blake	EMT-Trainee
Beth Siegfried	EMT-Trainee
Arianna Avignone	EMT-Trainee

All of our member's donate many hours of their lives to protect yours. We appreciate everything that our members do for us and they appreciate the continued support that our community shows.

Beulah Ambulance Special Tax District Board

President Steve Douglas (2014)
Vice President Carol Wright (2012)
Secretary Anne Moulton (2014)
Treasurer Ruth Ann Amey (2012)
Judy Satterfield (2014)

New Members Wanted:

We are always looking for more members. Our members are businessmen and women, housewives, retirees, teachers, artists, nurses, and many others. Most of our members were not medical personnel when they joined, just regular folks who cared about serving their community.

We provide the training, the practice, continuing education, and camaraderie. If you are interested in learning more, call the EMS office at **719-485-2367**.

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The District

2010 brought many changes for the Beulah Ambulance District and we saw demand for our services continue to grow. Dawn Young, the coordinator from 2008 until August of 2010, left the organization to pursue her career in social work. Her departure brought a need for a new Chief of EMS, who was selected by the board in August. Bryan Ware joined the Beulah Ambulance District on August 19, 2010. Bryan came to us from Ohio with 15 years experience in a Fire/EMS based rescue department. He was a life flight paramedic, and has lectured nationally and internationally on EMS subjects.

The District saw other changes over the year. We now have personnel scheduled 24 hours a day providing coverage to ensure that the community has both Basic and Advanced life support providers ready to respond. We want every resident and visitor of the Beulah Ambulance District to know we are here for you and to call anytime. A major challenge that we are facing at this time is locating your homes from the road. **We ask that every home owner place a house number visible from the road in both directions so that responders can get to you quickly in your time of need.**

We have seen an increase in training hours from our members over the year with a total of 498 hours spent improving their skills and knowledge. Our members not only completed their required training throughout the year, but participated in specialty courses such as Assessment and Treatment of Trauma Care and Geriatric Emergency Care. Our members train regularly on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month and we invite anyone in the community to stop by our trainings and see what our members go through routinely.

The District offers general health screenings (blood pressure checks, oxygen saturations, pulse checks) for free. Stop by the office or contact us if you are not able to get out, and we will come to you.

President's Letter

I celebrate the ways we have all acted to improve the delivery of emergency medical services to our community. At the very heart of those actions are the collective efforts of those who have volunteered to dedicate a significant part of their lives to serve our community. In this report, you will see a reference to on-call and response pay being potentially offered to our responders this year. To put it in perspective, that pay will do little more than cover their vehicle and gas expenses for participating in meetings, training and responses, and it is contingent on having sufficient revenue from insurance billings to cover the "pay". In the truest sense of the word, they are still volunteers. If you or someone you know in the district are interested in joining us as a volunteer, rest assured that we are always looking for good people and that we can provide the necessary training.

The Beulah Ambulance District has one full-time paid staff member, that being its Chief of EMS, Mr. Bryan Ware. Bryan joined us August 19, 2010, and has been an energetic, effective and forward-thinking addition to the community since his first day on the job.

I mentioned earlier that we all have a role in the provision of quality emergency medical services to our community. I would be remiss if I did not recognize the value of the community having formed a tax district to support EMS. That allows us to provide quality sustainable service, while still being careful stewards of our tax dollars. Lastly, if your address is not clearly posted so emergency responders can see it, day or night, I urge you to do so. It really makes a difference, especially when minutes matter. Thank you, be safe and have an excellent year.

Steve Douglas – President, Beulah Ambulance District

Treasurer's Report

Beulah is our home, and each year as our emergency medical organization grows and matures, we strive to improve the service we provide. Despite a struggling economy, it is anticipated the 2011 revenue for the Beulah Ambulance District will support further improvement and growth.

Revenue in 2010 was \$129,001 which came from Pueblo County taxes, grant income, donations, and fundraising. Expenses were \$118,193 and are broken down as follows:

Ambulance Expenses, Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies:	15%
Administrative Expenses	43%
Office Expenses	14%
Professional Expenses	12%
Insurance	6%
Training and Continuing Education	6%
Community Programs	4%

In 2011 we expect a decrease in grant income but also expect this will be replaced with added revenue from billing health insurance. The billing of health insurance companies, without additional cost to residents of the Beulah community, is an initiative started at the end of 2010. A significant amount of 2011 revenue is planned for operational improvements, volunteer training, and health programs for the Beulah community. In addition, this is the first year we will be able to offer on-call and response pay, although nominal, for volunteers.

Specific financial figures for 2010 and 2011 are available in the Ambulance Office. Community members are invited to stop in to review the budget and expenditures.

We sincerely thank and appreciate the Beulah community for all its support. It is our privilege to serve you, and a responsibility we take very seriously.

Ruth Ann Amey, Treasurer

District Statistics

Total EMS Responses:	79
Total Transported:	46
Total transferred to AMR:	5
Day Time Responses:	57
Night Time Responses:	22
Types of Calls	
Difficulty Breathing	12
Chest Pain	6
Cardiac Arrest	3
Deceased	2
Medical Incidents	27
Traumatic Incident	16
Misc	13

Community Health Outreach

We will be hosting quarterly sessions at the Community Center in conjunction with St. Mary Corwin Hospital to help keep our citizens informed and healthy.

All sessions are free of charge !

March 10, 2011	2:00 pm
Elderly Services & Fall Prevention	
June 9, 2011	6:00 pm
Diabetic Services & Proper Diabetic Diet	
September 8, 2011	6:00 pm
Cancer Education & Screening Services	
November 10, 2011	6:00 pm
Healthy Cardiac Living	

Looking Forward

We hit the ground running in 2011 with 10 new responders joining us. This brings our staffing level to 20 responders. We started a Basic EMT course in January that is being taught at the EMS office with the plan to have the new members ready for response by May of this year. As we look to the future we have many community outreach programs we are working to institute such as our health seminars at the community center, public CPR and Automatic External Defibrillator training, and community safety awareness programs. One of our biggest challenges still continues to be obtaining a large enough facility to house all emergency equipment and vehicles while allowing for appropriate office and training rooms. We continue to look into federal grant programs to obtain such a structure, with the hopes of having a new facility by 2013.

The Beulah Ambulance District and Beulah Fire have been working on mutual responses for specific incidents, helping ensure that our citizens are being served to the best of each agency's ability. The relationship that is being built with Fire and EMS is one that will ultimately support emergency responses to our community more efficiently and effectively.

The Beulah Ambulance Board meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm
at the EMS Office located at 8870 Grand Ave.
November and December meetings are combined, with the date TBA.

Promotions and Retirements

This past year the District said "good-bye" to four valued members who retired after a combined 21 years of service to the community. The retiring members were Mike Conley with 10 years of service, Anne Whitfield with 5 years of service, Kathleen Leroy with 4 years of service, and Sandy Anderson with 2 years of service. With their departure the agency lost years of experience and dedication. They will be greatly missed. We are sure that each of these members will continue to be leaders within our community and we wish them the best of luck in their retirements.

2010 brought the restructuring of our agency in line with other emergency services across the United States. This new structure created a Captain and three Lieutenant Positions allowing for leadership development and agency growth. With the new titles also came additional responsibilities with each of the positions. Interested members were selected by a committee after an application and interview process. We are proud to have promoted Trish Anderson, EMT-Intermediate to the Captain position, with her accepting the responsibility of being second in command with Beulah EMS. Joining her in the rankings were Nathan Anderson, EMT-Basic + as the Personnel Lieutenant, Tom Griggs II, EMT-Intermediate, as the Public Education Lieutenant, and finally Ross Marsh, EMT-B, as the Training Lieutenant. All of the new officers will be attending leadership and officer courses during 2011, to help them ensure that our agency functions effectively and efficiently.