



AGENDA
Public Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2026 – 4:00 PM
Herbert J. Tennes Government Center - Room 1019
432 E. Washington Street, West Bend, WI 53095

This meeting will stream live on [YouTube.com/washcowi](https://www.youtube.com/washcowi)

The following business will be brought before the Committee for initiation, discussion, deliberation, and possible formal action subject to the rules of the Board, which may be inspected in the office of the County Clerk.

- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Affidavit of Posting, A Moment of Silent Prayer, and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Minutes**
 - a. July 29, 2026**
 - b. August 19, 2026**
- 3. Discussion or Possible Action**
 - a. Discussion – Washington County Countywide EMS System
- 4. Next Meeting Date**
 - a. September 16, 2026 at 7:00 am
- 5. Adjournment**

It is possible that individual members of other governing bodies of the County government may attend the above meeting. It is possible that such attendance may constitute a meeting of any such other governing body pursuant to State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Board, 173 Wis. 2d 553, 494 N.W. 2d 408 (1993). This notice is given solely to comply with the notice requirements of the open meeting law. No action will be taken by any other governmental body except by the governing body noticed in the caption above.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

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**WASHINGTON COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Courthouse - Government Center
West Bend, WI

July 29, 2026
4:00 p.m.

Present: Christopher Bossert, James Burg, Doug Neumann, Tina Pridemore and Tony Thoma.

Also present: County Board Chair Jeffrey Schleif, County Board Supervisors Brian Gallitz, Denis Kelling, John Schodron, and Anne Trautner, County Executive Joshua Schoemann, Chief of Staff Loni Hagerup, Chief Public Safety Officer Dave Seager, Chief Innovation Officer Aaron Dahl, County Attorney Brad Stern, Chief of Staff Mike Neuwohner, County Clerk Ashley Reichert and Legislative Clerk Kayla Kniess.

Chairperson Neumann called the meeting to order and referenced the Affidavit of Posting, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION OR POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

WASHINGTON COUNTY – COUNTY WIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) SYSTEM

(Appearances by Village of Jackson President Brian J. Heckendorf, Town of Addison Chair Bob Bingen, City of West Bend Fire Chief Les Norin, City of Hartford Fire Chief Tony Burgard, Village of Germantown Fire Chief Ryker Holms)

Mr. Schoemann and Mr. Seager presented information and answered questions regarding the Washington County – County Wide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System.

Moved by Mr. Bossert, seconded Mr. Thoma to direct the Chief Public Safety Officer, County Executive and County Attorney to draft a resolution and corresponding documents to create a Countywide Emergency Medical System for consideration. This motion also includes directing the Chief Public Safety Officer to work with the Washington County Fire Chiefs Association to create a draft of six to nine SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-Bound) Goals for the next meeting to help make this decision. Motion Carried.

REQUEST FOR STRATEGIC PRIORITY FUNDING TO SUPPORT COMMUNICATION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNTYWIDE EMS SYSTEM

Motion by Mr. Bossert, seconded by Mr. Thoma to approve funding for strategic priority funding to support communication of the Washington County Countywide EMS System. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be at 7:00 a.m. on August 19, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Neumann adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

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Ashley A. Reichert, County Clerk

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY**
2 **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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4 Courthouse - Government Center
5 West Bend, WI

August 19, 2026
7:00 a.m.

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7 Present: Christopher Bossert, James Burg, Doug Neumann, Tina Pridemore and Tony Thoma.

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9 Also present: Chairman Jeffrey Scheif, County Executive Josh Schoemann, Chief of Staff Loni
10 Hagerup, Chief Public Safety Officer Dave Seager, Chief Innovative Officer Aaron Dahl, Sheriff
11 Marty Schulteis, District Attorney Barry Braatz, County Board Chief of Staff Mike Neuwohner,
12 and Legislative Clerk Kayla Kniess.

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14 Chairperson Neumann called the meeting to order and referenced the Affidavit of Posting,
15 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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17 **MINUTES**

- 18 • Minutes of July 15, 2026

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20 No corrections were made to the minutes. The minutes are approved.

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22 **DISCUSSION OR POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

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24 **DISCUSSION: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) 1.0 FTE FOR SHARED**
25 **SERVICES POSITION WITH THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN POLICE**
26 **DEPARTMENT**

27 *(Chief Operating Officer Scott Schmidt, Director of IT Joel Woppert and IT Infrastructure*
28 *Manager Eric Mesa)*

29 Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Woppert led a discussion regarding the IT Shared Services Position with
30 The Village of Germantown Police Department.

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32 **WASHINGTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE UPDATE REPORT**

33 Mr. Braatz provided information and answered questions regarding the District Attorney's
34 Report.

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36 **WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNTYWIDE EMS SYSTEM**

37 Mr. Schoemann, Mr. Seager, and Mr. Dahl provided detailed information regarding the potential
38 for what the EMS proposal could look like. Motion by Mr. Thoma, seconded by Mr. Burg to
39 direct the County Executive and staff to move forward by drafting a resolution reflecting the plan
40 as proposed. Motion carried.

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42 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

- 43 • Special Public Safety Meeting Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
44 • Regular Public Safety Meeting Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 7:00 a.m.

1 **ADJOURNMENT**

2 Chairperson Neumann adjourned the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

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Ashley A. Reichert, County Clerk



Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness

COMMITTEE REPORT

Herbert J. Tennes Government Center
432 E. Washington Street, Room 3024
P.O. Box 1986
West Bend, WI 53095-7986
(262) 335-4663

To: Public Safety Committee
From: Dave Seager – Chief Public Safety Officer
Meeting Date: September 2nd, 2026
Re: Discussion – Countywide Emergency Medical System

STRATEGIC PRIORITY/RESULT ACHIEVED:

Safe and Secure Community; Well-Governed and Administered County; Mission: “We create an environment for residents.....to enjoy authentic quality of life.”

DISCUSSION:

Over the last several months, beginning in May, 2026, the Public Safety Committee, and the full County Board, have been receiving regular presentations regarding the creation of the Washington County Countywide Emergency Medical System. Throughout the process, clear goals and objectives were established and met:

- ✓ Mitigate long-term (5-10) property tax burden for Washington County taxpayer.
- ✓ Proliferate the Volunteer and Paid on Call Fire and EMS services.
- ✓ Preserve satisfactory level of EMS Service for all Washington County citizens.
- ✓ Relieve Municipal fiscal pressure.
- ✓ Provide fiscal sustainable improvements for Fire / EMS Departments.
- ✓ Promotes shared services and collaboration among county, departments, and municipalities.

At the Special Public Safety Committee meeting on July 29th, 2026, a proposed framework was introduced for your review and consideration:

- Approval of the proposed framework as is would increase the county tax rate by an estimated \$0.12/\$1,000 of equalized value.
- Approval of the proposed framework as is would potentially increase the county tax rate by an estimated \$.01/\$1,000 of equalized value each year of the contract.
- Approval of the proposed framework would create a new EMS levy for 2027 by \$3,500,000.
- Washington County would redistribute \$2,025,000 to municipal partners to offset new and existing EMS expenses in 2027.
- Washington County would administer a grant program of \$675,000 eligible to all thirteen departments, both public and private, to offset their expenses related to EMS.
- Washington County would retain \$300,000 to offset administrative expenses. Specifically, this would fund the position of Emergency Management Director and the expenses related to supporting EMS countywide.
- Washington County would administer a grant program of \$500,000 eligible to all volunteer and paid on call personnel employed at any one of the thirteen public or private departments.

COMMITTEE REPORT – Washington County Countywide EMS System



At the regularly scheduled Public Safety Committee Meeting, August 19th, 2026, the Committee members had the opportunity to continue the discussion of the creation of the Washington County Countywide EMS System predicated on the information they had received at the previous Special Public Safety Committee meeting. The County Executive provided additional context and information to the Public Safety Committee that helped inform several decisions by the Public Safety Committee members. The Public Safety Committee formalized several changes to the proposed framework and are as follows:

- Removal of the County Administration Fee
- \$3.2M County EMS levy
 - Tax Rate \$1.44 (increase of \$.0.04)
 - This was identified by the County Executive and Chief Innovation Officer that working through the initially proposed framework, the initial increase was utilizing 2025 equalized value figures. The Department of Revenue publishes new equalized value figures in August of every year and were not available at the time of the Special Public Safety Committee meeting, July 29th, 2026.
 - Municipal Share: 75%, \$2.05M
 - Department Share: 25%, \$683K (grant eligible)
 - Volunteer Incentive: \$500K
- Length of the Initial Agreement: 5 years
- Annual Increases:
 - 2% - Floor
 - 2%-4% - Reported to Public Safety Committee
 - 4%-6% - Approved by Public Safety Committee
 - 6%+ - County Board

Additionally, the Public Safety Committee gave direction to the Chief Public Safety Officer, County Executive and County Attorney to draft a resolution and corresponding documents to create a Countywide Emergency Medical System for consideration by the Public Safety Committee. Moreover, the Public Safety Committee also formalized the request to establish SMART Goals for the Committee members to review and consider in establishing the Washington County Countywide Emergency Medical System. And lastly, the Public Safety Committee gave direction to the County Executive and staff a goal of developing a Washington County Countywide Emergency Medical System framework for consideration that would effectively be tax rate neutral.

At the last regularly scheduled Public Safety Committee meeting, it was also reiterated that it was important to hear from the residents of Washington County regarding this proposal. It was announced that the County Executive was conducting listening sessions throughout Washington County at five different locations:

August 24th, 2026

- Town of Addison – 10AM

COMMITTEE REPORT – Washington County Countywide EMS System



- Town of Trenton – 3PM
- Town of Jackson – 5PM

August 26th, 2026

- Town of Barton – 10PM
- Town of West Bend – 5PM

All meetings were well attended by our constituents. A briefing was created and can be viewed within the packet.

The County Executive has developed a tax rate neutral framework for consideration in the creation of the Washington County Countywide Emergency Medical System that is reflected in the Fiscal Effect of the Committee Report.

FISCAL EFFECT – County Executive Proposal

- \$2.96M County EMS Funding
 - Tax Rate \$1.40 (increase of \$0.00)
 - Volunteer Incentive: \$500K (EMS Levy)
 - Municipal Share: 75%, \$1.85M (EMS Levy)
 - Department Grant: 25%, \$615K (Sales Tax)
- County Administrative Fee Removed
- Length of Initial Agreement: 5 years
- SMART Goals
- Annual Increases
 - 2% - Floor
 - 2% - 4% - Reported to Public Safety Committee
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ATTACHMENTS

Town Hall Listening Sessions – Debrief

Washington County Countywide EMS System – SMART Goals

Resolution to create the Washington County Countywide EMS System

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and consider possible action on resolution creating the Washington County Countywide EMS System



August Town Hall Listening Session Debrief:

The County Executive hosts listening sessions on a rotation, so that all communities are visited on a regular basis. This time, listening sessions were held at town halls in the following towns: Addison, Trenton, Jackson, Barton, West Bend. The sessions were focused specifically on EMS. Each session had a series of materials and subject matter experts in attendance, designed to introduce the topic, the challenges, and the currently proposed solution through a series of lenses: Chief Elected Official, EMS/Fire Chief, administration, and (most importantly) the taxpayer.

Attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback during the sessions. On the way out, attendees were encouraged to participate in an interactive exercise in which they gave feedback about options for mitigating the impact to taxpayers. In addition to the members of the County Board and other county elected officials in attendance, the county had staff in attendance to assist in recording the feedback.

Attendance at the listening sessions is estimated at just under 75 residents (not affiliated with municipal government or EMS departments) across all sessions. A total of 11 County Board supervisors were in attendance across the 5 sessions as well.

Below is a summary of the observations collected:

- As expected, there was significant discussion about the originally proposed \$3.5M, how it would be distributed, and whether it would adequately address the EMS challenges across the County.
- Concerns were raised about a new tax. Attendees sought assurance that funds would be used appropriately, with broad support indicated for public-facing dashboards, performance indicators, and transparent metrics.
- Some attendees brought up the relevance of state statutes for EMS, the use of state surplus funds, and the potential impact of Act 10 going away. There was strong interest in a limited contract term (some called it a “sunset clause”) as a way to encourage action.
- Attendees expressed concern about the sustainability of volunteer staffing, the need to reward employers who allow staff to respond to EMS calls, and ways to incentivize younger populations. Suggestions included increasing the volunteer incentive beyond \$500,000, training in high schools, and considering paid positions instead of volunteer-only roles.
- There was significant discussion about response times, coverage, and how EMS providers prioritize calls. Other questions focused on the impact of assisted living facilities, landlords, and the overuse of EMS for minor incidents. Some suggested charging residents for illegitimate EMS calls and reducing overuse (which already occurs in many cases).
- The exercise at the end displayed a board with options for reducing the EMS levy to a level that achieved a \$0.00 tax rate increase from 2026 to 2027. Participants were encouraged to place a green sticker next to the option they supported most, and a red sticker next to the option they supported least. The results are indicated on the following page.



LISTENING SESSION

DATA COLLECTION RESULTS

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

**USE THE COUNTY
SALES TAX TO
ACHIEVE TAX RATE
NEUTRALITY**

This option would require pulling sales tax revenue from somewhere else in the County budget, likely meaning cuts or other revenue (tax) increases to backfill.

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**CUT FUNDING FROM
SOME OTHER COUNTY
SERVICE TO ACHIEVE
TAX RATE NEUTRALITY**

This option would require the County to balance its budget by reducing funding for other County services.

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8 Least

**REDUCE THE FUNDS
MUNICIPALITIES AND
DEPARTMENTS
RECEIVE TO ACHIEVE
TAX RATE NEUTRALITY**

This option would reduce the amount distributed to EMS providers. This could increase the likelihood that municipalities use other means to meet rising budgetary needs.

2 Most

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**KEEP THE PLAN AS IS
AND RAISE THE TAX
RATE BY \$0.04/\$1,000**

This option maintains the funds distributed to EMS providers and volunteer incentives, and increases the tax rate.

18 Most

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**DO NOT IMPLEMENT
THIS PLAN AT ALL.**

This option leaves the EMS system funding structure as is. Municipalities may use referenda or borrowing to meet rising budgetary needs.

1 Most

11 Least

Place a green sticker in the box to the right of the option you support most and a red sticker in the box to the right of the option you support least.





SETTING THE STAGE

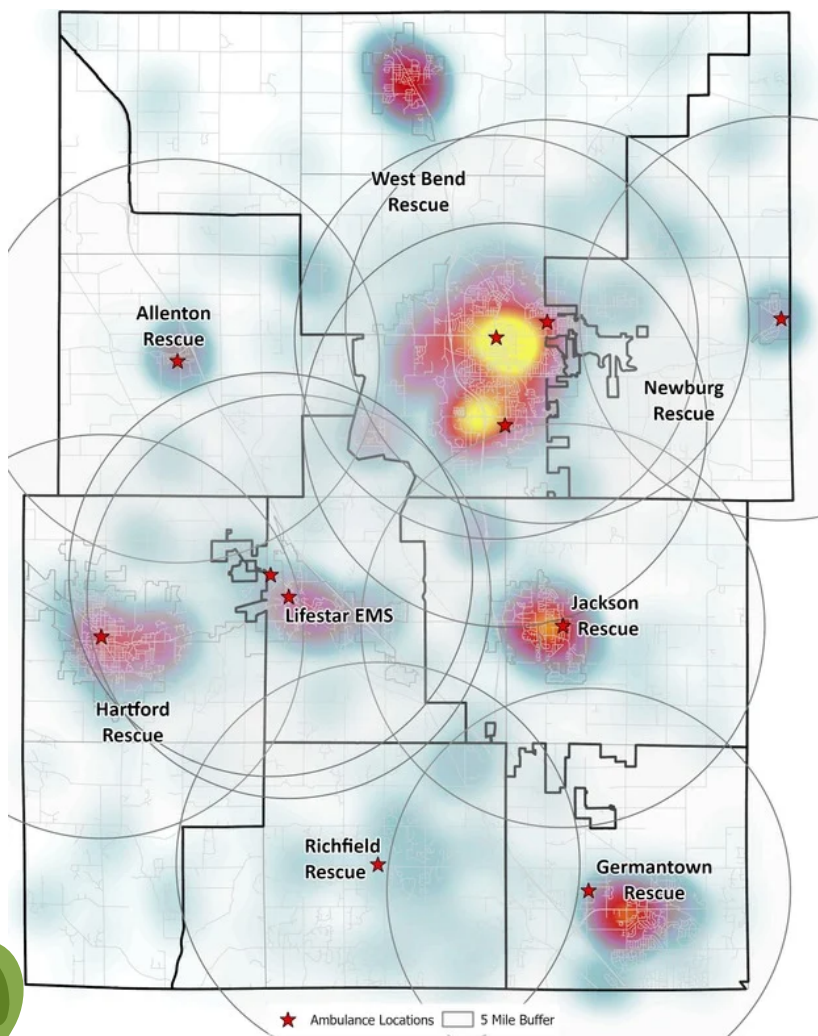
FIRE & EMS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

ONE SYSTEM. LOCAL CONTROL.

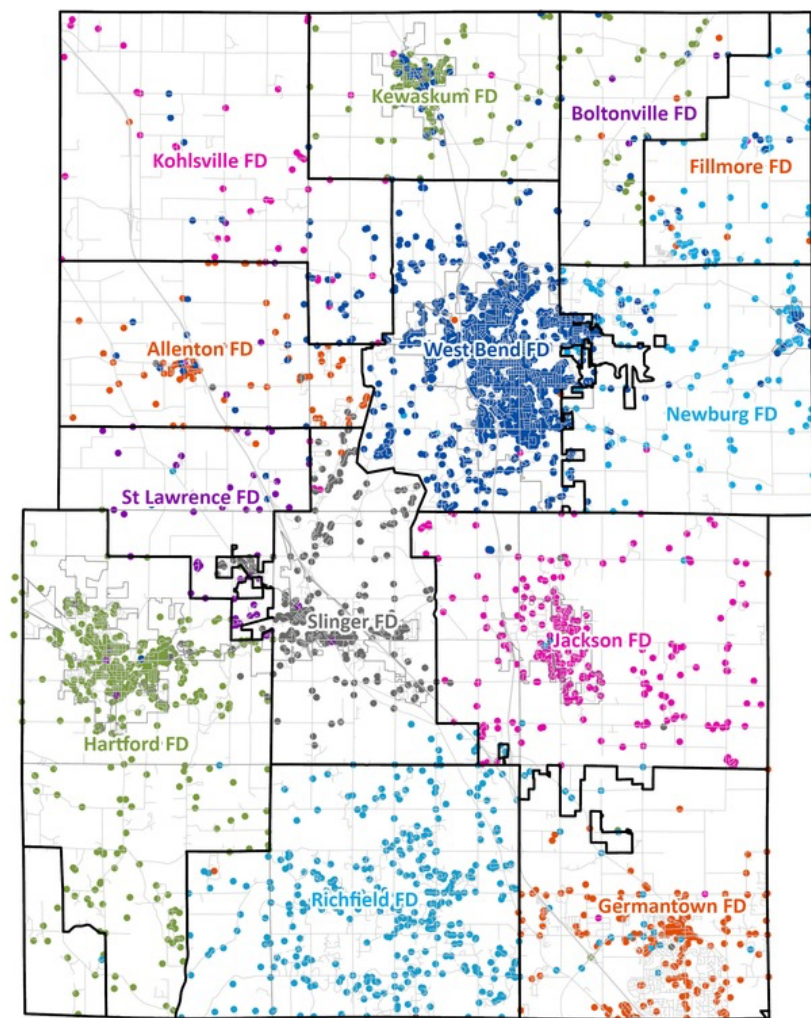
- Washington County's EMS system is served by **multiple independent providers operating across separate service areas.**
- Washington County is served by **13 Fire & EMS departments**, each responsible for its own communities.
- Most ambulances are **cross-staffed**, meaning personnel also have fire response responsibilities.
- Departments range from **volunteer and combination staffing to full-time career staff.**



When local resources are committed, **neighboring departments help through mutual aid.**



RESPONSES BY DISTRICT



13 DEPARTMENTS. ONE INTERCONNECTED SYSTEM.

- The response map demonstrates that **emergency response crosses municipal boundaries**, with departments relying on neighboring personnel, ambulances and equipment when additional resources are needed.
- When staffing or resources are strained in one community, **the effects can ripple across the entire system**, making greater coordination important for every community.
- The countywide framework builds on that existing cooperation while ensuring **local departments stay local**, maintaining their operations, identity and governance.
- County support would offset municipal EMS costs, shifting how services are funded while **keeping the proposal tax-rate neutral for Washington County taxpayers.**
- The framework supports all 13 departments while **investing directly in volunteer and paid-on-call personnel**, helping preserve the local workforce communities depend on.
- The result: **local control** with stronger countywide support.

GOAL: TAX RATE NEUTRAL



2018 EMS Calls: 11,295



2025 EMS Calls: 16,847



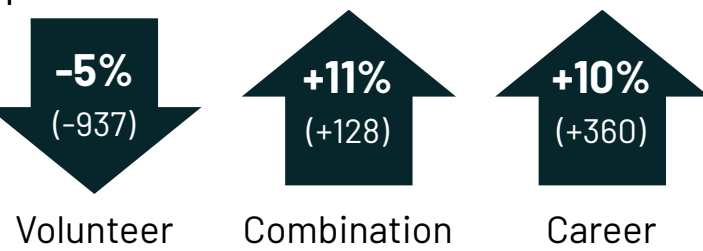
INCREASING DEMAND

Our EMS agencies provide excellent services, but are responding to more calls with the same limited resources. Unless we act now, as demand continues to grow, their ability to provide life saving services will be compromised.

SHRINKING VOLUNTEERISM

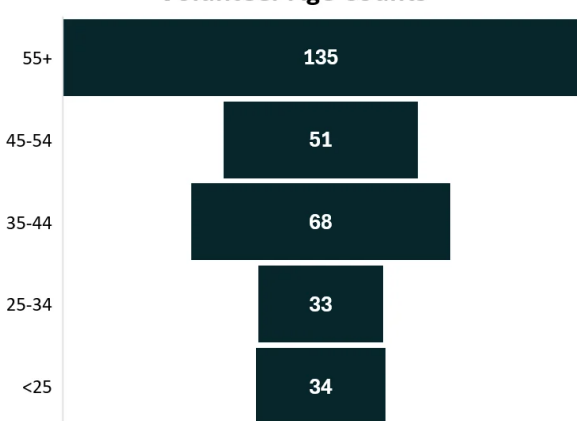
Volunteerism is shrinking due to rising demands on personal finances and time.

Trends in WI Fire & EMS agency personnel since 2020:



Source: Filling the Firehouse, Wisconsin Policy Forum, 2026

Volunteer Age Counts

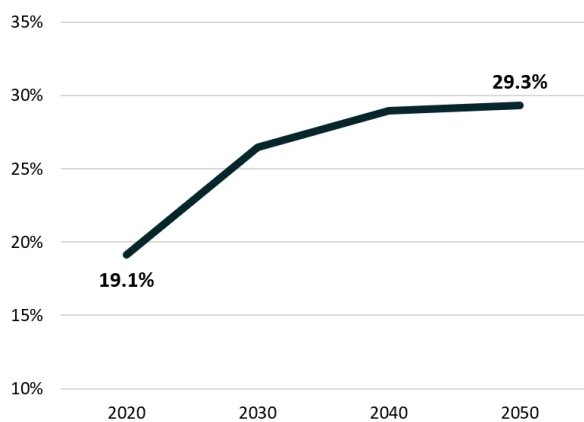


The average age of volunteer EMS providers in Washington County is over 44.

AGING COUNTY

As the population ages, demand for emergency medical services naturally grows.

Washington County Population Over 65



Source: Wisconsin Department of Health Services

RISING COSTS

EMS agencies are experiencing soaring costs for personnel and critical equipment with limited means to increase their budgets.



- 25% increase in personnel cost since 2018 (starting salary + benefits).
- 80% - 140% increase in the cost of a new ambulance since 2018.



Limited Opportunities to Share Resources

EMS agencies often purchase their own supplies and equipment at higher costs, leading to inconsistent gear familiarity during multi-agency responses.

EMS Routinely Respond Beyond their Own District

In Wisconsin, 78% of EMS agencies had to respond to another agency's request for mutual aid due to a lack of staffing at the first EMS agency.

HOW THE WORK GROUP'S SOLUTION ADDRESSES THE CHALLENGES

- Funding to address critical needs - ensure agencies are adequately resourced without a constant cycle of referenda.
- Volunteer incentives to attract and retain volunteers - to preserve the volunteer model.
- System goals - investigate and implement initiatives such as:



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FUNDING & LEVY LIMITS



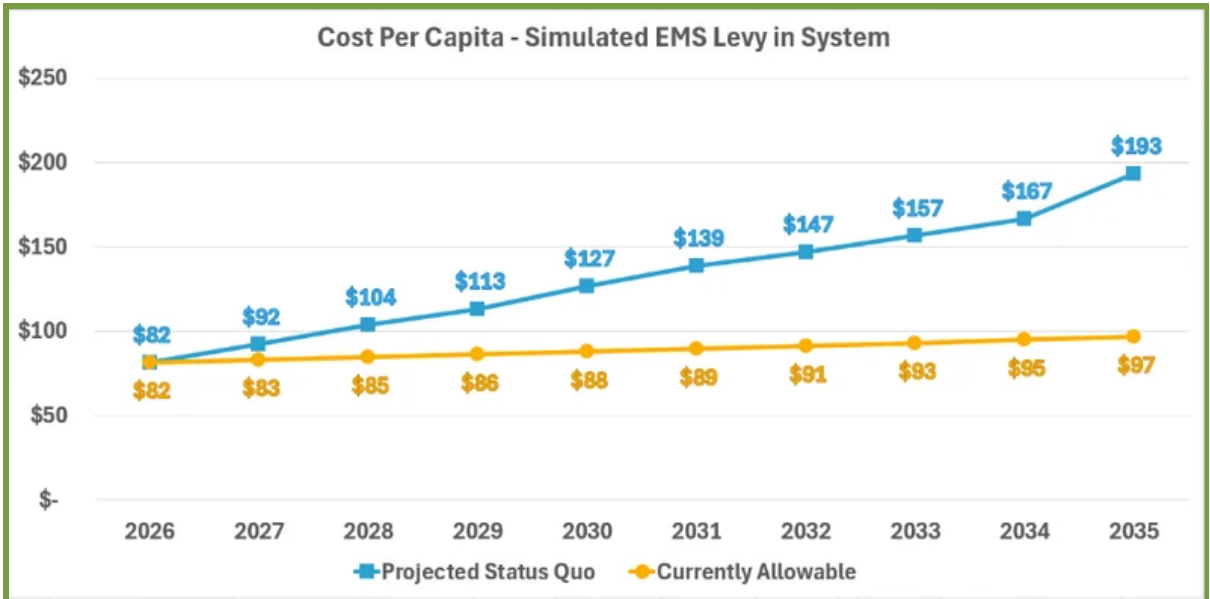
The Cost of Doing Nothing

The status quo will not remain the status quo. Doing nothing will result in:

- Going into debt
- Cutting services
- Pursuing piecemeal local referenda
- Waiting until portions of the system begin to fail



Assumes all NNC to EMS



- Municipalities across the county have few options to fund increasing EMS costs.
- Hardest hit are the townships. Net New Construction for one town is at \$3,000, but its fire and EMS contracts total \$300,000.
- They face either going to referendum, borrowing money or shifting funds internally, creating new taxing districts, or cutting services to solve it.

Growth & Sustainability



Provides for meaningful increases year-to-year that fund the needs of the system, while keeping the taxpayers and affordability at the forefront.

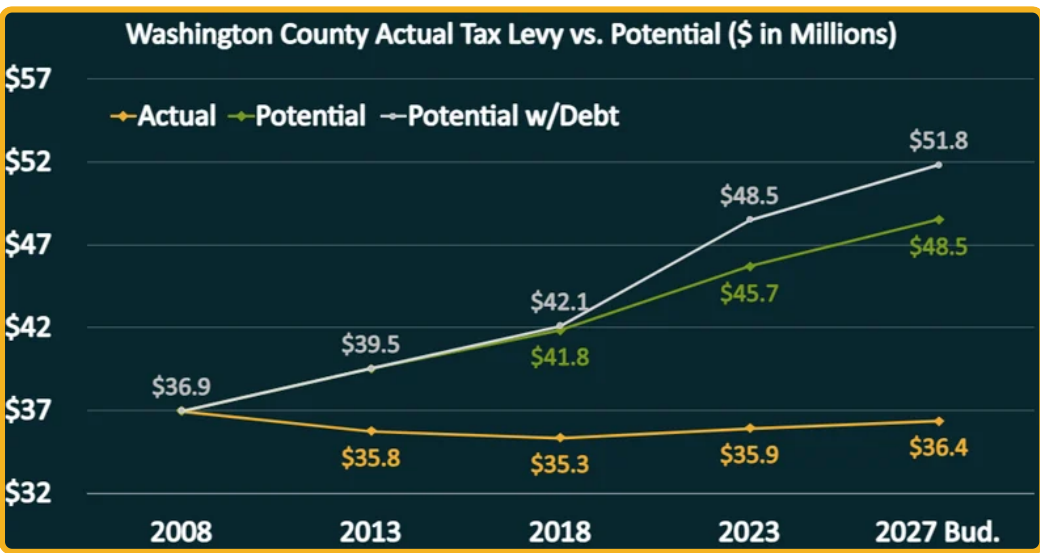
Municipal Leaders/Fire Chiefs Proposal

Levy Limits - Emergency Medical System (EMS) costs are rising significantly faster than levy limits allow.

Current projections show that municipalities could face double or triple increases in Fire/EMS funding over the next 10 years.

HOW CAN WE RESPOND

- Proposals driven by work groups of municipal leaders and fire chiefs
- Consensus that there are no other revenue sources to sustain current system
- Lifeline option to use new provision in state law for counties to fund countywide EMS
- WI Statue 66.0602(3)(e)6 states that the amount a county levies in a given year to fund a countywide emergency medical system is exempt from the general levy limit. This exemption only applies to Counties.



\$3,500,000

Washington County has proposed a \$3.5 million investment which represents 20% of the total EMS budget across Washington County. This provides meaningful countywide support while keeping local communities invested in their EMS services.

EMS PROPOSALS

	JULY PROPOSAL	COUNTY GOAL
Distributed to EMS Providers (20% of EMS Levy)	\$2,735,605	\$2,735,605
Volunteer Incentive	\$500,000	\$500,000
County Admin Fee	\$273,561	\$0
Changes Needed to Get to \$0 Rate Impact	N/A	-\$790,481
Total EMS Levy	\$3,509,166	\$2,445,124



Washington County Countywide EMS System

SMART Goals

SMART Goal 1 – Operating Debt & Referendum Avoidance

Program Description: Initial contract term – All Washington County Municipalities avoid cost shift borrowing & referendum for operating costs.

Due Date: December 31, 2029 & annually thereafter

SMART Goal 2 – Documented cost savings from Fire/EMS Chiefs 5 & 10 year projections

Program Description: Achieve verifiable average 5% cost saving annually comparing each years proposed budget to Fire/EMS Chief's 2026 projections.

Measures of Success: Completed analysis shared with municipalities; consistent and validated data for budget preparation; improved clarity for towns, villages, and cities.

Due Date: December 31, 2029 & annually thereafter

SMART Goal 3 - Volunteer Recruitment & Retention

Program Description: Develop and implement a countywide volunteer recruitment and retention strategy that stabilizes& enhances volunteer availability across all departments.

Goal includes creating an 80% active roster coverage target for all agencies achieving an average 5% increase in total Volunteer, Paid on Call, Paid on Premise and reducing onboarding gaps.

Due Date: December 31, 2027; December 31, 2029 & annually thereafter

Measures of Success: Increased active volunteers countywide; improved onboarding efficiency; documented retention growth in participating departments.

SMART Goal 4 – Regional and/or Joint Collaboration Study

Program Description:

- Complete two targeted regional/joint collaboration, cost savings & related timelines for execution, as well as capital needs for implementation.
- Develop uniform multi-agency policies, including JPA/MOU's & document related savings.

Due Date: December 31, 2029

SMART Goal 5 – Apparatus Maintenance & Replacement Strategy

Description: Complete White Paper analyzing unified contracting & county-based vehicle/equipment maintenance strategy detailing cost benefit, potential savings & implementation plans.

Due Date: December 31, 2027

Measures of Success: Published maintenance plan; shared purchasing conversations initiated; plans for measurable cost savings to be achieved through coordinated procurement.

SMART Goal 6 – Apparatus Cost Avoidance

Description:

- Establish a maximum cap on redundant equipment and document established savings by end of Q1 every year.
- Develop county-wide deployment plan for optimal quantity & location of 4-6 equipment types.

Due Date: Q1 of each year in the initial term of the agreement, beginning in 2028

SMART Goal 7 – Fire/EMS Priority Dispatch Optimization

Description: Complete white paper analyzing Fire/EMS dispatch cost/benefit & implementation timeline, as well as response times & financial impact of priority based dispatch & automated MABAS.

Due Date: December 31, 2028

Measures of Success: Verified improvement in dispatch performance; documented financial impact; enhanced coordination and response efficiency across departments

WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Date of enactment: _____

Date of publication: _____

2026 RESOLUTION ____

Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Washington County Countywide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes §§ 59.03, 60.565, 61.34, and 62.11 authorize and in some cases require counties, towns, villages, and cities to provide emergency services necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the rising costs, staffing shortages, decreased volunteerism, and increasing service demands for emergency medical services (EMS) have created challenges for individual municipalities in maintaining reliable and sustainable local EMS systems; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute § 66.0301 authorizes municipalities and counties to enter into intergovernmental cooperation agreements for the joint exercise of powers and the joint performance of duties; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors, together with the Cities, Villages, and Towns within Washington County, recognize the benefit of developing a unified, cooperative, and efficient Countywide EMS System to ensure consistent service levels countywide; and

WHEREAS a Countywide EMS system will improve response times, optimize resource allocation, enhance quality of care, and create long-term financial sustainability; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with its identified Strategic Priorities Washington County initiated efforts to facilitate the creation of a Countywide EMS System that retains autonomy and local control of the existing EMS providers while providing funding to ensure that quality EMS services will continue to be provided throughout the County for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, sixteen (16) municipalities within the County passed resolutions supporting the continued discussions in the creation of a Countywide EMS and the Washington County Fire Chiefs Association, Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin, and the West Bend Professional Fire Fighters have also voiced support; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute §66.0602 authorizes the County to raise the tax levy to fund a Countywide EMS system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that this Board hereby authorizes the planning and creation of a Washington County Countywide EMS System in partnership with all municipalities within Washington County.

