
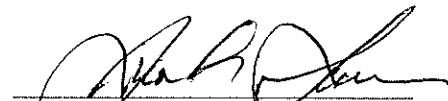


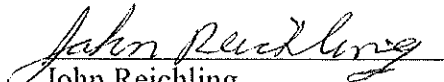
**LaFayette County, Wisconsin**  
**Emergency Medical Services Department**  
**Statement of Purpose**

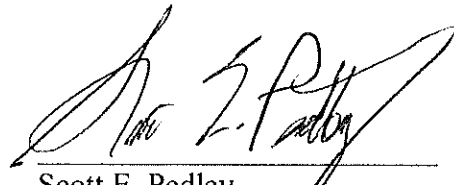
It is the purpose of the LaFayette County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department to provide county-wide emergency medical ambulance services to all areas of LaFayette County by serving as the primary EMS provider within certain municipalities and serving as a backup emergency medical care provider in all parts of the County whenever a local ambulance service is unavailable to respond to calls for service. It is the mission and purpose of the LaFayette County Emergency Medical Service Department to augment and support the staffing needs of volunteer ambulance service providers and First Responder organizations throughout the County by encouraging an increase in the numbers of qualified volunteers to be recruited. The LaFayette County EMS Department also provides emergency medical care training at no or low fees charged to all ambulance and first responder units serving the residents of LaFayette County.

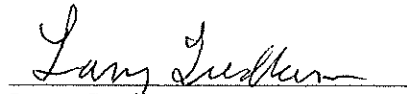
LaFayette County acknowledges and readily agrees that volunteer emergency medical services in LaFayette County are the most practical type of ambulance and first responder service organizations for the good of our citizens and those visiting. We encourage as many volunteers as possible to commit to serving their communities in order to fully staff volunteer organizations well into the future of our County. LaFayette County government also states and understands that volunteer ambulance and first responder organizations are the backbone of the EMS response capabilities within this County. Just as the County Sheriff provides countywide law enforcement in conjunction with various municipal police departments without displacing those departments where they exist, it is the purpose of LaFayette County EMS to provide countywide EMS service as either the primary EMS provider in those municipalities that so choose or as a backup or supplement to municipalities that have their own organizations or departments. National and State of Wisconsin statistical trends indicate that volunteer EMS organizations are collapsing due to a lack of trained volunteers. Therefore, it is a function of the LaFayette County EMS Department to encourage the continued existence of volunteer ambulance services and first responder units for as long as they are sustainable with the understanding that LaFayette County's EMS Department will be available to any community as a possible substitute ambulance service in the event that staffing a local volunteer ambulance service should become unsustainable. Regardless, LaFayette County EMS is always available to respond to calls to or from anywhere within LaFayette County upon request by a local municipality or if dispatched by a relevant dispatching agency.

  
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