



EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 20, 2025
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:30 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Comments by the Chairman
- 9:35 a.m. Review by the Legislative Council staff of the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#)

VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONDER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION STUDY

- 9:40 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding the committee's study of volunteer emergency responder recruitment and retention
- 9:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Doug Nelson, State Fire Marshal, Insurance and Securities Department, regarding an overview of fire departments in the state
- 10:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Christopher Price, Director, Emergency Medical Systems Unit, Department of Health and Human Services, regarding emergency medical services
- 11:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Mike Sandy, Paramedic, Oakes Volunteer Ambulance Service, regarding emergency medical services
- 11:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Art Hagebock, representative, LaMoure Ambulance Service, regarding emergency medical services
- 11:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Ken Wangen, President, and Mr. Brian Paulson, Vice President, North Dakota Fire Chief's Association, regarding volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Chris Estes, Sheriff, and Mr. Charles Russell, Director, Division of Emergency Management, Dickey County, regarding the role of volunteer emergency responders and volunteer recruitment and retention
- 1:35 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Travis Bateman, Director, Badlands Search and Rescue, regarding volunteer recruitment and retention
- 2:05 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the North Dakota Hospital Association, regarding emergency medical service volunteer recruitment and retention
- 2:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Emergency Medical Services Association, regarding emergency medical service volunteer recruitment and retention
- 3:15 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 3:30 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Representatives: Jim Grueneich (Chairman), Jayme Davis, Clayton Fegley, Pat D. Heinert, Dawson Holle, Karen Karls, Donald W. Longmuir, Dennis Nehring, Todd Porter

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