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## EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 23, 2025  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:30 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the [minutes of the August 20, 2025, meeting](#)

### VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONDER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION STUDY

- 9:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Doug Nelson, State Fire Marshal, Insurance and Securities Department, regarding information requested by the committee concerning fire departments in the state
- 9:55 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Rebecca Fricke, Executive Director, North Dakota Public Employee Retirement System, regarding volunteer emergency responder benefits
- 10:10 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Jonathan Hildremyr, Training Director, and Mr. Chris Demello Rice, Certification Director, North Dakota Firefighter's Association, regarding volunteer firefighter training programs
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:40 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Tim Wahlin, Chief of Injury Services, North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance, regarding insurance benefits for volunteer emergency responders
- 10:55 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Wayde Sick, Director and Executive Officer, North Dakota Career and Technical Education Department, regarding education programs for emergency responders
- 11:15 a.m. Comments by interested persons

### FIRE SERVICE REGIONAL RESPONSE MODEL STUDY

- 11:25 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) on the evolving fire service operational and response needs of the state
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Nelson regarding the fire service operational and response needs of the state
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Darin Hanson, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director, Department of Emergency Services, regarding the fire service operational and response needs of the state
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Thomas Claeys, State Forester, and Mr. Ryan Melin, Fire Management Officer, North Dakota Forest Service, regarding the fire service operational and response needs of the state
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Hildremyr and Mr. Rice regarding the fire service training needs of the state

2:15 p.m. Comments by interested persons

2:30 p.m. Break

**DELINQUENT BILLING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT SYSTEM  
FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS STUDY**

2:40 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) on the delinquent billing reimbursement system for ambulance service providers

2:45 p.m. Presentation by Mr. John Arnold, Deputy Commissioner, Insurance and Securities Department, regarding the delinquent billing reimbursement study

3:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [memorandum](#) summarizing the submissions received in response to the request for proposals for consulting services

3:05 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Mark Reinhart, Project Director, NDW Software, LLC, regarding the [proposal](#) submitted in response to the request for proposals for delinquent billing reimbursement consulting services

3:25 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Matt Zavadsky, Emergency Management Services and Mobile Healthcare Consultant, PWW Advisory Group, regarding the [proposal](#) submitted in response to the request for proposals for delinquent billing reimbursement consulting services

3:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons

3:50 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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