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*Emergency Medical Transport Services  
- Is Your Community Prepared?*

*Kurt Vogel, Fire Chief for the City of Sterling*

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**Why change?**

- Save money
- Improve service
- More control

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**How long will it take?**

- It take 6-18 months

  
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**Planning**

- Start early and Get support from:
  - the community
  - the hospital
  - City and County officials
  - Fire Departments and
  - any other providers in the area
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**What you will need**

- Medicare provider number (6 months minimum)
- County licensing and permits
- Medical Director
- Policies and procedures- Quality assurance procedures, complaint procedures, equipment failure, reporting procedures- EMS, Fire and Dispatch

  
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### What you will need(continued)

- State resources are available to evaluate the current services
- Ambulances
- Equipment
- Staffing
- Administration
- Station/housing

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### Who will the service be provided

- Hospital
- County
- Private
- Fire

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### What level of service

- Advance Life Service
- Basic Life Service
- Special levels - Critical Care and Community Paramedic
- Regional

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- Who will pay/funding
- Enterprise
- Tax
- Fees - collection rates start slow (30 -50% may be the best)
- General fund
- Subscription plan

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### Keys to Success

- Surround yourself with the smartest people

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- Definitely don't do it because you think it's easy. Do it because you want to provide a better service, a better work atmosphere, and to offer things currently not available in your town.

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- Having a detailed budget that is comprehensive, logical and not overzealous is important for the people writing the check. Be as accurate as possible on your original budget.

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- Communicate with the employees involved as much as you can. Whether you are closing doors or merging services keep people informed.

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## Questions

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