

EMS Profile by Eddie Martin, EMT-P

EMS Profile: Crockett County EMS

About us: Crockett County EMS is a county-based EMS provider in West Texas. Crockett County EMS was acquired in 1972 from Jane's Funeral Home and started with a station wagon. We are mostly volunteers, but we have one full-time person and another volunteer with a per-run stipend. We operate out of a station located in Ozona, the county's largest—and only—town.

Number of personnel/units: The service currently has a total of 18 members: Three paramedics, five EMT-Intermediates, five EMT-Basics, two ECAs and three drivers. In 1976, Crockett EMS purchased its first Type 2 ambulance, but we have now grown to three Type 1 ambulances licensed as BLS with MICU capabilities.

Number of calls: Crockett County EMS runs an average of 500 calls per year, and the average transport distance is 66 miles. Crockett County EMS covers all of Crockett County, 2,975 square miles, and some of Val Verde County. Some of our calls are as many as 65 miles away, creating responses that can keep a unit out of the station for as many as six hours. We have 60 miles of busy Interstate 10 running through Crockett County, as well as a busy oil and gas industry in our county, which are frequent sources for our

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Crockett County EMS is an 18-person provider serving more than 3,000 square miles of rural West Texas. The mostly volunteer team operates three ambulances and practices long-distance response—often traveling 65 miles for a call or more than 80 miles for transport to the nearest Level III trauma center.

service calls. Ozona has an urgent care clinic but no hospital. The nearest Level III trauma center is 83 miles away.

Current activities: We currently offer ECA and EMT-B classes as well as American Heart Association card classes. Crockett

County EMS is an active member in the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council for Trauma, and we support the Crockett County Sheriff's Office DARE program. Our members recently completed a synthetic drug/bath salt class hosted by Crockett County EMS.