

EMS Profile by Peggie Coleman

EMS Profile: Emergency Services Foundation of Texas

The Emergency Services Foundation of Texas (ESFT) was established as a not-for-profit organization in 2007 by local physician James K. Hall and other concerned citizens. ESFT was established with the goals of improving rural health care and meeting the educational needs of EMS personnel in the Texas Panhandle. Chief Operations Officer Joe Anstey has more than twenty years experience as a paramedic and is critical-care certified. Medical Director James K. Hall, MD, actively participates in the system to ensure quality patient care. ESFT operates two emergency service providers: Pampa EMS and Boys Ranch EMS.

Number of personnel: Pampa EMS staff totals 32 personnel under the leadership of Director Derek Brewster, EMT-P, and two paramedic supervisors, Brent Aaron and Wade Bell. The staff consists of 14 full-time paramedics and three EMT-Basics, supplemented by a part-time employee pool of five paramedics, three EMT-Intermediates and ten EMT-Basics. Three paramedics are critical-care certified, and two more are currently enrolled in a critical care class. We also have three EMTs completing paramedic programs.

Boys Ranch EMS staff totals 12 paramedics under the leadership of long-time paramedic Bryan Wood. Boys Ranch EMS currently has five full-time paramedics and seven part-time paramedics, two of the paramedics are critical-care certified.

Years of service and number of units: Pampa EMS began operations in October 2009 with three Type II ambulances. Two primary units are staffed 24-hours per day at the MICU level, and the third unit is fully stocked and licensed ready to be staffed in the event of increase call volume or during



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The Emergency Services Foundation of Texas, established in 2007, operates Pampa EMS and Boys Ranch EMS, which provide 9-1-1 and transport services in Gray and Oldham counties.

routine maintenance of the other units. Pampa EMS also maintains one supervisor vehicle.

Boys Ranch EMS in Oldham County began operation in June 2010 with one MICU-capable ambulance. This unit provides service to the privately owned community of Boys Ranch and a ten-mile radius surrounding the community. In addition to 9-1-1 response, the EMS crews work with a physician in the Ranch clinic and maintain night and weekend operation of the clinic, as needed.

Number of calls: Since ESFT began operations of Pampa EMS, the service has responded to more than 2700 requests for service, with a projection this year to respond to

2400 calls. Pampa EMS provides 9-1-1 service and general transfers from the local health care facility to a tertiary care facility sixty-eight miles west.

Boys Ranch EMS responded to a total of 78 requests for service since ESFT began operations.

Current activities: Through a cooperative effort with ESFT both Pampa EMS and Boys Ranch EMS are affiliated with local college paramedicine programs with progressive, up-to-date training equipment and excellent educational directives. Both Pampa and Boys Ranch participate in the development and implementation of safety and injury prevention programs, such as first aid and CPR training, and programs to promote bicycle, sports and water safety.