



Miles City Fire Rescue

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In the City of Miles City, the ambulance is set up as an enterprise fund, which has been operating at a deficit and continues to be supplemented by the City. A couple contributing factors to this deficit are past billing and recovery for ambulance services and a paid per-call service in the county. As it stands now, the county only pays per call although the service is offered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To cover the true costs of staffing 273 hours a week for ambulance coverage, funding for replacement of apparatus and equipment was calculated on either a 5-year or 10-year plan. Total costs for ambulance service and replacement on a 5-year plan results in an actual cost per call of \$1,720.79, while total costs on a 10-year replacement plan is \$1,566.12 per call.

Given a two-year average of 1,437 calls with 265 county calls, the percentage of county ambulance calls is 18.44%. Multiplying this by the total costs with a 5-year apparatus and equipment replacement plan results in an actual cost per call of \$1,720.79, which results in a total cost of \$343,635.80 for county response (see below):

$\$1,720.79 \times 1,437$ is $\$2,472,775.23$

Subtracting average revenue of \$609,240.52 is \$1,863,534.71

$\$1,863,534.71 \times 18.44\%$ is $\$343,635.80$ actual cost for county response

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$\$1,566.12 \times 1,437$ is $\$2,250,514.44$

Subtracting average revenue of \$609,240.52 is \$1,641,273.92

$\$1,641,273.92 \times 18.44\%$ is $\$302,650.91$ actual cost for county response