



# Fairfield County Administration

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May 24, 2023

Mr. Truesdale,

Thank you so much for contacting me to request information regarding our need to replace three of the County's ambulances. Below is the information I received from our EMS Director, Daniel Sloan.

## **Fairfield County EMS Ambulance Replacement**

**Medic 1-** 2010 International Durastar

**Years in Service-** 13

**Current Mileage-** 250228

**Medic 4-** 2010 International Durastar

**Years in Service-** 13

**Current Mileage-** 224079

**Medic 11-** 2010 International Durastar

**Years in Service-** 13

**Current Mileage-** 233023

### **Issues:**

- Medic 1, 4, and 11 were manufactured by Taylor Made Ambulances which has gone bankrupt following allegations of falsifying crash test data. Replacing proprietary parts on the ambulances is impossible due to the manufacturer's closing.
- Medic 1, 4, and 11 no longer meet the DHEC ambulance certification standards but currently operate on a grandfathered-in status. If Medic 1, 4, or 11 ever have to be de-certified (which we are required to do if repairs take longer than 2 weeks), then we cannot get it recertified for operation due to having to meet the current standard and the cost to do so is more than the value of the vehicle.
- Medic 1, 4, and 11 cannot be retrofitted to meet current crash test standards for the patient stretcher. Our current gen fleet has a Stryker Power Load system to secure the stretcher in an accident which provides safety to the patient and our EMS crews. The old mounting system which is in Medic 1, 4, and 11 has been found to break free during an accident endangering the patient and EMS crew.



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- Medic 1, 4, and 11 have exceeded the desired ambulance life cycle of 250,000 miles or 10 years of service. These three vehicles have increased our maintenance costs due to their age and requirements to find parts for repair.

**Desired Replacement- Road Rescue Ford F 550 Ultramedic \$370,585.00 per unit.**

Road Rescue is our current fleet of ambulances, and the quality of work has served us well with our front-line fleet of units. The cost increase of the ambulance is due to the national shortage of supplies and inflation which has increased the cost to build ambulances on a national level.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura P. Johnson".

Laura P. Johnson, CPA  
Interim County Administrator