

The Highland County Board of Supervisors directs the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board to develop a comprehensive emergency medical services comprehensive plan for Highland County encompassing both volunteer and paid agencies within Highland County. The plan shall include a complete review of and recommendation for all apparatus, equipment, facilities, staffing, scheduling, policies/procedures, etc. for the purpose of creating a single blended EMS system to serve our community here in Highland County. The blended agency, titled Highland County Rescue Squad, will operate under one EMS license and one EMS command structure. The advisory board will present a draft plan to the board of supervisors no later than June 1, 2024.

The EMS Advisory Board, at their discretion, may create "small groups" or other committees to develop the draft plan. The members of the small groups or committees may be members of the community or other interested parties that the EMS Advisory Board deems appropriate for the task at hand.

The Highland County Rescue Squad will be led by a chief and two deputies, which will be referred to as the Command Group. The chief shall be the Highland County Department of Emergency Services Chief and report to the Highland County Administrator and the Highland County Board of Supervisors. One deputy shall be the President of the Highland County Volunteer Rescue Squad or designee and the other deputy will be the President of the Bolar Volunteer Rescue Squad or designee. The intent is for the Command Group to work and act as one. If issues arise within the command group which cannot be resolved internally, any member of the command group may contact the Highland County Administrator and/or the Highland County Board of Supervisors for resolution.

The following people will be the members of the Highland County EMS Advisory Board.

1. Chairman: Dan Hamilton
2. Vice-Chairman: Chief, Highland County Department of Emergency Services - Nick Fialo
3. Member: President, Highland County Volunteer Rescue Squad or designee
4. Member: President, Bolar Volunteer Rescue Squad or designee
5. Member: Sheriff's Department
6. Member: EMS OMD - Asher Brand