

## History

Delta Junction had a volunteer emergency service, Delta Rescue Squad, for over 40 years. In 2012 they lost their physician sponsor due to volunteers not responding.

The City of Delta Junction adopted a franchise agreement to contract ambulance services with Delta Medical Transport in January 2013.

That year there were around 280 emergency calls. Today there are over 500 each year.



## Thank You Community Partners

- Fi Greely Fire and Emergency Services
- Alaska State Troopers
- Public Health Nurse
- Fire Department
- Family Medical Center
- Interior Alaska Medical Center
- Regional EMS Agencies- North Pole, Salcha, Interior Region EMS Council
- State of Alaska EMS Office
- Alaska Land Mobile Radio
- Fairbanks Dispatch Communications Center

**It is necessary to have a professional staff, guaranteed coverage, and modern equipment**

## Why Volunteer EMS is not Sustainable

We have volunteer firefighters that are first responders through the Fire Department, but it is unsustainable.

1. Fewer volunteers: Recruitment and retention of volunteers is at an all-time low.
2. Higher Call Volume: Call volumes have increased significantly over the last decade. Volunteers struggle to meet this demand.
3. Training and Equipment Requirements: Modern EMS requires advanced medical training, certifications, and equipment, which is difficult to maintain without significant time and financial investment.



**Emergencies can happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime, any age**





### Cost of Ambulance Service

Payroll Wages	650,000
PERS	143,000
Health Ins.	126,000
Auto Expenses	100,000
Supplies	95,000
Payroll Taxes	65,000
Fuel	50,000
PA Sponsorship	30,000
Billing Services	20,000
Telephone/911	19,000
Property Ins.	10,000
Training	6,000
<u>Licenses</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,316,000</b>

### Suggested Solutions

- **Corporate Contributions:** Funding (fees) from corporate partners
- **Tourism Fees:** Fees for tourists that stay and travel in Delta
- **Grant Funding:** State and federal grants supporting EMS
- **Redirecting alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana tax:** Filing the needed documentation to benefit from state alcohol tax
- **Landfill Fees:** Three cents (\$.03) of tipping fee towards EMS
- **Restructuring Billing Services:** The City would take over all billing for ambulance services. Allowing for reimbursement of federal/state funding not available to private entity



**Your voice matters! Together we can keep Delta safe.**

### NO EMS?

- NO** help for emergencies
- NO** support from Fort Greely
- NO** school functions

### How Can You Help?

- Stay Engaged
- Support Local Solutions
- Spread the Word

Help us think through other ideas

Contact City Hall with questions, ideas, and suggestions:

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