

Belleville EMS  
Annual Report 2019 - 2020

Since bringing on a full-time chief starting the first part of April, a lot of work has been completed to bring Belleville EMS back up to where it needs to be. All documents are current and meet the requirements of the State EMS Office. There has been a lot of remodeling and much needed up dating to the station. It is a beautiful station but needs to be more functional for 2020 needs and going into the future. Most of the work is being done in-house, so we are saving a tremendous amount of costs. Some of the needed updates include remodeling the old day room into two separate offices to allow for secure work areas and storage of private information including member and patient information. The old general office is now the new day room. Some basic electrical needs were corrected and new flooring was installed to help with sanitizing and cleaning. Another small conference room is being added to the training room to prepare our station for teleconferencing and long-distance learning which will become the new way classes and meeting will be held. This fall, the dorm rooms will be reconfigured to offer more security to members that sleep at the station. The carpet will also be taken out and replaced with laminate to allow for better sanitation and cleaning as well.

Flex staffing has been put in place which allows members to practice up to their level of their license to the Advanced EMT level. When there is an Advanced EMT or higher on the ambulance they have to ability to work at that level. This allows us to provide more medications and higher skills in our ambulance rather than having to call a paramedic service saving both the patient and Belleville EMS some cost for care.

Going forward, recruiting will be the focus this summer. The roster has a lot of names, but only a small number of those names are active. The goal is to add some more people from town to step up and help staff the ambulance. The challenge is getting people to commit to a class that is very demanding to become certified. The other alternative is to hire part-time staff to make sure the ambulance is staffed with highly capable EMT's that can provide a quick response from the station. There is also work being done internally to build the structure of the service back up as well. Training will be revamped, policies will be updated and good people will continue to be recruited to provide the best quality pre-hospital care we can.

Thanks,

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