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Lawmakers look for ways to deliver on ‘essential’ ambulance service

By John Hult
South Dakota Searchlight

Back in February, South Dakota lawmakers recognized emergency medical services as an “essential service.”

Sort of. “Essential service” typically means the government has to guarantee access to said service by providing or funding it.

The majority of states don’t affix that designation to ambulance services.

South Dakota lawmakers voted unanimously in favor of a non-binding resolution that says the Legislature “supports efforts to prioritize emergency medical service as an essential public service.”

There were other efforts in Pierre that didn’t get quite so warm a reception.

Two days after the passage of that resolution, lawmakers shot down a bill that would’ve required counties and municipalities to provide ambulance services. Eight days after that, they shot down a similar bill that would’ve created a state fund to divert some money from criminal fines to help pay for services.

Instead of backing those bills, they chartered a committee to study the issue and stocked it with five senators and six representatives.

On Monday, that group of lawmakers convened in Pierre to talk about long-term survival for the ambulance services now provided by a mix of paid and volunteer response teams across the state.

The Emergency Medical Services Interim Committee heard testimony on low passage rates for emergency medical technician exams, a decline in volunteerism and the difficulty of setting up an ambulance district, a legal entity.

But one issue loomed over all others. “The biggest thing I want to get across is that somebody has got to be responsible for funding us,” said Maynard Konechne, director of the South Dakota Emergency Medical Services Association and a presenter during the Monday meeting.

- Staff recruitment, training and retention.
- Access to care in rural areas far from trauma care centers.
- Efficiencies in operations.

Citizens expect an ambulance to show up regardless of how far they live from the nearest hospital, said Sen. Tim Reed, R-Brookings, one of the committee’s two leaders. That means the group — and the Legislature as a whole — has to be ready to change the way it thinks about emergency medical services (EMS).

“We have to be willing to have a conversation about how we recognize, support and potentially restructure EMS as an essential part of our public safety system, just like law enforcement or fire services,” said Sen. Tim Reed, R-Brookings, co-chair of the committee.

Rural areas, declining volunteers, low reimbursement rates

The average emergency medical technician in South Dakota is 51 years old, according to survey data collected by the state Department of Health.

The department regulates and offers technical support to the state’s 121 licensed ambulance services. It also offers training, collects data, and, for the past three years, has been in the process of disbursing \$20 million in COVID-era funding to modernize and bolster ambulance services across the state.

Marty Link, the director of the department’s Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Program, told the committee that South Dakota has 28 active emergency medical technicians (EMTs) between 70 and 75 years old — and two in their 80s.

“They’re doing great work, and I love them dearly,” said Link, himself a longtime service provider, but aging providers are part of the reason the state urged ambulance services to apply for grants to buy “power cots.” The cots lift and push patients into place without the aid of paramedic muscle, which allows older providers to stay on duty a few more years.

The trouble is that fewer people are signing on to be volunteer technicians, Link said, and more stringent testing requirements have become a hurdle in recent years.



IN DEMAND — Susan Shumaker, a paramedic for Humboldt Fire and Ambulance, pictured in November 2022. [Submitted Photo to JOHN HULT - SOUTH DAKOTA SEARCHLIGHT]

Just 56 percent of the South Dakotans who took their paramedic test with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians passed on the first try this year. EMTs aren’t as highly trained as paramedics, but also must pass a test, often after completing a 190-hour certification course. The passage rate for South Dakota EMT hopefuls in 2025 thus far is 72 percent.

Paramedic and state Rep. Eric Emery, D-Rosebud, told the committee his first emergency medical course lasted eight hours. Increasing professionalization has meant a more skilled response team, he said, but it’s also put some people off.

Twenty-eight ambulance services in South Dakota are all volunteer. Another 24 have a mix of paid staff and volunteers, and still more are paid per-call.

Training can be “four, five, six months of their life for something that they may not even be compensated for,” Emery said.

Jerome Harvey of Pennington County, a volunteer firefighter, told the committee he doesn’t see the volunteer model as workable long-term.

“The number one issue is steady state funding and realizing the fact that it is a profession,” he said. “We have to recognize that we’re on the other side of the mountain, on the other side of the pyramid, on the downhill slide in terms of volunteerism.”

Recruitment and retention were the number one needs identified in health department surveys of ambulance agencies, part of a 2023 sustainability assessment.

On Monday, Link and Health Secretary Melissa Magstadt trumpeted the department’s “Telemedicine in Motion” program, which has equipped 84% of South Dakota ambulance agencies with tablets that connect to doctors who can advise EMTs on how to best deal with traumatic issues.

Reimbursement troubles

Lemmon, in far northwestern South Dakota, is among the more rural of the state’s rural enclaves. Its nearest hospital is 26 miles away in Hettinger, North Dakota.

Some of Lemmon’s ambulance services are delivered on a pay-per-call basis, but the call cost often outpaces the pay. Medicare covers about \$650, Lemmon EMT Association Treasurer Carrie Derschan said, and Medicaid reimbursements pay around \$400.

“That’s about 56 percent,” of the cost to run a patient from the Lemmon nursing home to the nearer hospital.

“We have to write the rest of that off,” she said.

A “Big, Beautiful Bill” packed with President Trump’s policy prescriptions is currently up for debate in Congress. The bill’s provisions have been revised multiple times so far, but Konechne, the EMS Association leader, said he worries that its proposed cuts to Medicaid will exacerbate the issues facing the mobile medical teams.

“We’re struggling the way it is,” said Konechne.

“And now we’re going to take another hit. They’re not doing that for police and firefighters.”

Next steps

An increase to the base rate paid by Medicare and Medicaid in South Dakota for ambulance rides is among the funding options listed by the health department in its Monday presentation. Also suggested was funding help for training courses from the state, more investment from local communities for operational needs, and additional fees for “super speeders” or drunken drivers, earmarked to fund medical services.

Community buy-in is already part of the funding puzzle for rural ambulance services. Spearfish pitches in \$50,000 a year, that city’s EMS director said. In Buffalo, a northwestern city near the Montana border, financial support for the Harding County service’s 2,500-square-mile coverage area comes from local businesses.

“They realize that we are health care,” said Annette Slaba, Harding County’s EMS director.

Emery sponsored one of the bills to require counties and cities to fund ambulance services that failed to earn support back in February.

His included a plan to siphon some of the money the state collects in criminal fines into an EMS fund, from which localities could pull grants for their operations. It would have started with \$1 million from the state general fund, but Emery said during debate on

the measure that the fund would probably need \$50 million a year to meet the state’s needs.

Committee member Sen. Tamara Grove, R-Lower Brule, said Monday that she feels like citizens wouldn’t balk at paying additional taxes for emergency medical services, as long as they understood where their money was going.

“We want quality people in those ambulances,” Grove said. “We want people who know what they’re doing and are willing to show up at our worst moments.”

Sen. Reed suggested that lawmakers could simplify the process of starting an ambulance district, around 20 of which exist today as multi-county, or multi-community partnerships. If state law makes it too difficult to set up those districts, Reed said, it might make sense to simplify the process to let communities take the lead.

“I don’t think we want the state starting to draw lines,” Reed said. “It’s best for communities to work together and figure this out. A taxing district would be a way of doing that.”

John is the senior reporter for South Dakota Searchlight. He has more than 15 years experience covering criminal justice, the environment and public affairs in South Dakota, including more than a decade at the Sioux Falls Argus Leader.

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Fri & Sat 10 a.m.-9:45 p.m.

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Sunday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Closed Monday–Tuesday

EDGEMONT EATS

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Daily
9 a.m.–12 a.m.
Friday & Saturday
9 a.m.–2 a.m.

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Monday–Wednesday–Friday
11 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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Friday & Saturday
Noon–10 p.m.

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6 a.m.–9 p.m.
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Tuesday–Friday
7 a.m.–2 pm
Saturday
7 a.m.–10 a.m.

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Daily
6 a.m.–2 p.m.

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Mon–Wed 5:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Tues, Thurs, Fri.
5:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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Monday–Friday 7 a.m.–5 p.m.
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Sunday 8 a.m.–Noon

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Daily
5 a.m. - 6 p.m.

TACO JOHN'S

Daily
11 a.m.–10 p.m.

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Tues - Fri 7 a.m.–2 p.m.
Saturday 7 a.m.–10 a.m.

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8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

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Thursday–Sunday
7 a.m.–9 p.m.

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Sunday–Wednesday
11 a.m.–8 p.m.
Tuesday - Saturday
11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

PERKINS TAVERN

Monday–Wednesday
11 a.m.–8 p.m.
Thursday - Sunday
7 am - 9 pm

PIZZA BARN

Monday–Thursday
4–9 pm
Friday & Saturday
4–10 pm

UNCLE VITO'S

Tuesday–Friday
7 a.m.–2 p.m.
Saturday
7 a.m.–10 a.m.

PRINGLE EATS

THE HITCHRAIL BAR & RESTAURANT

Tuesday–Sunday
11 a.m.–8 p.m.

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LIVE MUSIC - LOCAL EVENTS

Wednesday 7-9

Custer Area Economic Development Corp.
Black Hills Energy
Custer, SD
7 AM

Men's Breakfast Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
7:30 AM

Custer County Commission
Custer County Courthouse
Custer, SD
8 AM

Driver's License Exams
Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
8 AM to 5 PM

Seniors Bridge Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 3 PM



BLOWOUT TIME — The annual Buffalo Gap Blowout is this weekend, with a variety of events on the schedule. Included among those events is mutton bustin' Saturday. The blowout kicks off Friday evening with a youth rodeo at the Buffalo Gap Arena. [File Photo]

Thursday 7-10

Seniors Fitness Class
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

BSF Prayer Meeting/Children's Program
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
9-10:30 AM

Friends of Bill W. AA Group
Bethesda Lutheran Church
Hot Springs, SD
6 PM

Civil Air Patrol
Custer County Airport
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

=Buffalo Gap Youth Rodeo
Buffalo Gap Arena
Buffalo Gap, SD
6 PM

Women's Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Friday Nighters *LIVE*
Heartland RV
Park Event Center
Hermosa, SD
6-8 PM

Karaoke
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
7-11 PM

Black Hills Brawl Youth Wrestling Tournament
Custer High School
Football Field
Custer, SD
5 PM

Chess Club
Pringle Community Center
Pringle, SD
5-7 PM

Buffalo Gap Blowout Mutton Bustin'
Buffalo Gap Arena
Buffalo Gap, SD
5:30 PM

Buffalo Gap Blowout Grittin' All In Ranch Rodeo
Buffalo Gap Arena
Buffalo Gap, SD
6 PM

Greg Johnson & Friends *LIVE*
Heartland RV
Park Event Center
Hermosa, SD
6-8 PM

Saturday 7-12

ADD/ADHD Support Group
Monument Health Custer
Hospital Conference Room
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Live Music at Sprockets: Featuring Don Anderson *LIVE*
Sprockets Fun Foundry
Hill City, SD
6:30-8:30 PM

Custer AA Group
Custer Alano Club
Custer, SD
7 PM

Brian Turner's Rockabilly Deluxe *LIVE*
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
7-10 PM

Hill City Seniors Rummage Sale
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
7 AM- 1 PM

Buffalo Gap Community Breakfast
Buffalo Gap Community Center
Buffalo Gap, SD
7:30-10:30 AM

Farmer's Market
Way Park
Custer, SD
8 AM - 12:30 PM

Custer AA Group
Custer Alano Club
Custer, SD
10 AM

Friends of Bill W. AA Group
Bethesda Lutheran Church
Hot Springs, SD
10 AM

Rushmore Cup at Rocky Knolls
Rocky Knolls Golf Course
Custer, SD
10 AM

Noise in the Barn *LIVE*
Buffalo Gap Arena
Buffalo Gap, SD
Following Ranch Rodeo

Kim Baxter *LIVE*
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
7-9 PM

Every Thought Captive Study
Lighthouse Assembly of God Church
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Women's 12-Step Recovery
Custer Alano Club
Custer, SD
10:15 AM

Hermosa Mudbog
14278 Shorb Road
Hermosa, SD
Noon

Jimmy Ray & The Stingers *LIVE*
Lost Cabin Beer Co.
Hill City, SD
1-3 PM

Creating Nature Journals
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

Buffalo Gap Blowout Parade
Main Street
Buffalo Gap, SD
11 AM

Custer State Hospital Cemetery Picnic
South Star Valley Drive (Former STAR Academy)
Custer, SD
11 AM - 2 PM

Adult Macrame Program
Hill City Public Library
Kids' Annex
Hill City, SD
11 AM- 1 PM

Christmas in July Ornament Making
Hermosa Arts & History Museum
Hermosa, SD
Noon - 4 PM

AA Meeting
Keystone Senior Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Heartland Bingo
Heartland RV
Park Event Center
Hermosa, SD
6-8 PM

Charles Hargens Art Display/Open House
Hot Springs Museum
Hot Springs, SD
3 PM

Community Food Pantry
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
9-11 AM

Storytime
Hill City Public Library
Kids Annex
Hill City, SD
9:30 AM

Yoga
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9:30 AM

Kid Zone
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

Rushmore Cup at Rocky Knolls
Rocky Knolls Golf Course
Custer, SD
Noon

Hill City Seniors Rummage Sale Preview (bring 1-2 canned food items)
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
12-2 PM

Wellness Support Group
Monument Health
Custer, SD
2 PM

Teen Book Chat
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
3 PM

Chick Chat & Crafts
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
4 PM

The Book Report
Petals & Pages
Custer, SD
5 PM

Buffalo Gap Blowout Goat Roping
Main Street
Buffalo Gap, SD
1 PM

Jimmy Ray & The Stingers *LIVE*
Silver Dollar Saloon
Hill City, SD
2-4 PM

Custer Community Action Team Food Distribution
CAT Building
Custer, SD
2-5 PM

Magic: The Gathering | Commander Night
Sprockets Fun Foundry
Keystone, SD
4-8 PM

Buffalo Gap Blowout Ranch Rodeo Calcutta
Buffalo Gap Arena
Buffalo Gap, SD
5 PM

Seniors Yoga
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9:30 AM

YMCA at the Garden
Custer Community Garden
Custer, SD
10 AM

Custer Rotary Club
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
Noon

Chick Chat and Crafts
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
4-6 PM

Pringle Volunteer Fire Department Meeting
Pringle Community Center
Pringle, SD
5 PM

Women's Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Custer Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
Custer School District Administration Building
Custer, SD
1 PM

Mini Canvas Art Reception
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
3 PM

Youth Group Ultimate Frisbee
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6-8 PM

Bingo
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30-8:30 PM

Custer AA Group
Custer Alano Club
Custer, SD
7 PM

Fairburn Town Board
Fairburn Civic Center
Fairburn, SD
7 PM

Gold Discovery Days Arts & Crafts Festival
Washington Street Between 4th & 6th Streets
Custer, SD
11 AM - 8:30 PM

Caroline Hatton Judged Flower Show
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
2-5 PM

Gold Discovery Days Carnival
Washington Street
Custer, SD
5-10 PM

Kids' Gold Nugget Hunt
Custer Area Chamber of Commerce
Custer, SD
5:15 PM

Friday Nighters *LIVE*
Heartland RV
Park Event Center
Hermosa, SD
6-8 PM

Gold Panner's Race
Washington Street Between 2nd & 3rd Streets
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Custer School District Board of Education
School Administration Building
Custer, SD
6 PM

Hermosa Arts & History Association
HAAA Museum
Hermosa, SD
6:30 PM

Thursday 7-17

Seniors Fitness Class
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Seniors Foot Clinic
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM - 12 PM

Mahjongg
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM

Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
12:30 PM

Hermosa/Fairburn Food Pantry
Hermosa Town Hall
Hermosa, SD
3-5 PM

Gold Discovery Days Carnival Opens
Washington Street
Custer, SD
5-10 PM

Legion Meeting
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Friends of Bill W. AA Group
Bethesda Lutheran Church
Hot Springs, SD
6 PM

Civil Air Patrol
Custer County Airport
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Live Music at Sprockets: Featuring Bottom Line *LIVE*
Sprockets Fun Foundry
Hill City, SD
6:30-8:30 PM

Custer AA Group
Custer Alano Club
Custer, SD
7 PM

Delaney Campbell, Sara Carper, Abbey Leach *LIVE*
Prairie Dog Taproom
Hill City, SD
7 PM

Object Heavy *LIVE*
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
7:30-10 PM

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Prairie Dog Taproom
Hill City, SD
7 PM

Object Heavy *LIVE*
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
7:30-10 PM

JJ Kent *LIVE*
Prairie Dog Taproom
Hill City, SD
7 PM

Hot City Soul *LIVE*
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
7-10 PM

Stateline Ramblers *LIVE*
Custer VFW
Custer, SD
7 PM - Midnight

Hot Air Balloon Rally
Pageant Hill
Custer, SD
5:30 AM

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
6:30 - 9 AM
Custer, SD
5:30 AM

Farmer's Market
Way Park
Custer, SD
8 AM - 12:30 PM

Black Hills Gold Prospecting Club Authentic Gold Prospecting Demo & Hands-On Learning
French Creek Park
Custer, SD
8 AM - 5 PM

Caroline Hatton Judged Flower Show
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
9 AM - 1 PM

Gold Discovery Days Quilt & Fiber Show & Vendor Market
Custer Armory
Custer, SD
9 AM - 4 PM

Gold Discovery Days Parade
Mt. Rushmore Road
Custer, SD
10 AM

Custer AA Group
Custer Alano Club
Custer, SD
10 AM

Friends of Bill W. AA Group
Bethesda Lutheran Church
Hot Springs, SD
10 AM

Summer Rec Program
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
9 AM - 12 PM

Women's Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
10 AM

Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1-4:30 PM

Teen Tuesday
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
2 PM

Celebrate Recovery
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
5:45 PM

Hermosa Town Board
Hermosa Town Hall
Hermosa, SD
6 PM

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Bingo Night
Gold Pan Saloon
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

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Custer County Courthouse
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Custer, SD
8 AM to 5 PM

Seniors Bridge Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 3 PM

Friday 7-18

Seniors Birthday Coffee Club
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Community Food Pantry
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
9 AM - 11 AM

Summer Rec Program
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
9 AM - Noon

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Storytime
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Kids Annex
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BUSY WEEK AHEAD — Power blues trio Jimmy Ray & the Stingers will play three shows in the coming days, starting Saturday at the Silver Dollar Saloon in Hill City. Guitarist Jimmy Ray Fechner is backed by fellow multi-instrumentalist/bassist Louis Umbarger and drummer Scooter Prosnieski to lay down classic blues standards and original numbers, served with plenty of groove, grit and greasy guitar power. [Submitted Photo]

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