



# Patriot Emergency Medical Services

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Lawrence County Commission

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Honorable Commissioners:

Over the past 15 years, Patriot EMS has served with pride the citizens of Lawrence County. We have participated in numerous drills and mock disasters from simulated school shootings to Hazardous Materials/WMD exercises. Our organization has worked tirelessly with our 911 counterparts at Lawrence County EMS to ensure that there is not a calamity that the EMS system couldn't mitigate.

It has been our experience that the staff and management at Lawrence County EMS have always demonstrated a high level of professionalism and empathy towards the patients and communities that we serve. It is our position that the system works and we work well together. Over the past decade many services have faced fiscal challenges specifically related to reimbursement from Medicaid and Medicare. These challenges have wreaked havoc on many EMS agencies resulting in the closure of many services.

We share a strong commitment to ensuring the public's safety and as such we fully ENDORSE the EMS Levy.

Sincerely,

Krista Blankenship

Chief of Operations

Patriot Emergency Medical Services