

2020 Earlham Rescue Report

2020 proved to be a very challenging year for everyone, Earlham Rescue included. By late March/early April we were all struggling to keep up and learn what exactly COVID-19 was and how it was going to affect our community and daily lives. Many of our meetings and trainings had to be cancelled, and there was a big scramble to find N95 masks and other PPE that was in high demand and short supply. Fire and Rescue leadership worked diligently to stay up to date on changing requirements and guidelines through daily meetings and briefings with both Dallas and Madison County Emergency Management and Public Health Departments, following Public Health Proclamations from Governor Reynolds, and attending meetings with local officials from other agency and associations. Rescue sent out press releases to help educate the public through both social media and the Earlham Echo. Through it all, Rescue members persevered and continued to provide the same level of excellent care that we have always worked hard to maintain for our community. While we weren't able to hold normal events like station tours or 4th of July events, Earlham Rescue was still able to participate in the EHS senior parade for graduation, EHS football, the sesquicentennial day, and parading Santa and Mrs. Claus around town.

This year, Earlham Rescue responded to 196 calls and stand by events. The total member response to these calls was 859 for an average of 4-5 providers per response. 151 of the calls had at least 1 advanced level provider and 45 had EMT level providers. Our average response time is 4.93 minutes from page to en route, goal is under 5 daytime and 6 nighttime, and our average time from page to on scene is 8.76 minutes, which is in line with the national goal of 8-10 minutes. We currently are comprised of 14 members on the squad and 1 driver. The members traditionally meet every second and fourth Thursday of the month for business meetings and training, though this year most of these meetings had to be held virtually. Despite these challenges, Rescue members accumulated a total of 317.75 hours of continuing education, not including Jacob Royster finishing Paramedic School which is equivalent to approximately 1520 hours.

We continue to serve as a provisional Advanced EMT [AEMT] non-transport service. Earlham Rescue is one of the few volunteer provisional AEMT units in the central Iowa area which allows us to provide higher level procedures and medications while waiting for a transport ambulance. This year, through a change in the State's Scope of Practice and adopting new protocols, we were able to start carrying 4 additional medications as well as now allow EMTs to deliver breathing treatments if an advanced provider is not on scene. We currently serve the community with 7 EMTs, 3 RNs, 4 Paramedics (3 new this year) and 1 Driver. The 3 RNs and the 4 Paramedics can function at an AEMT level. Dr. Jon Suddarth remains our medical director. David Hopp resigned his role of Captain in December after serving as Captain for 25 years. Captain Hopp was essential to Rescue's initial response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. We would like to thank Captain Hopp for his many years of dedication to the Earlham Rescue and are thankful that he will remain on the roster as one of our advanced providers. Paramedic Blake Boyle was elected as the membership's new nomination for Captain.

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The members of the Rescue would like to take this opportunity to thank the council for their continued support of the Earlham Rescue Unit, the community for their support to the Rescue Association, the Earlham Fire Department and the Earlham Police Department whose assistance allows us to provide quality care to patients in a safe environment. We would like to thank the Madison and Dallas County Sheriff's Offices Dispatchers and Deputies for their work behind the scenes and at incidents with us. Finally, we thank the County Emergency Management and Public Health Departments for their partnership through the pandemic.

I am proud of our members' commitment to maintaining this high level of care for our community on a volunteer service. We look forward to continuing to serve the community. Please contact myself or anyone of the members with question, needs or concerns.

Please see attached member roster, calls by disposition and a list of Rescue Association purchases donated to the rescue and community.

Sincerely,

Blake R Boyle

Earlham Rescue Captain

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Rescue Member List

Blake Boyle	Paramedic	Captain
Tabitha Royster	RN	1 st Assistant Captain /Training Officer
Don Mudge	EMT	2 nd Assistant Captain /Training Officer
Jake Royster	Paramedic	Secretary
Gavin Boyle	EMT	Treasurer
Garrett Boyle	EMT	Attending Paramedic School
Vicky Boyle	EMT	28 Year Member
David Hopp	RN, EMT	26 Year Member
Paulette Horner	Paramedic	New Member
Rachelle Keller	Paramedic	Newly Rejoined Member
Clayton Klisaris	EMT	
Jeff Parker	EMT	15+ Year Member
Doreen Roberts	EMT	
Kris Waugh	RN	21 Year Member

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<u>Runs by Response Disposition</u>	<u>Number of Runs</u>
Patient Treated, Transferred Care to Another EMS Unit	103
Public Assistance	22
Cancelled En Route or On Scene	19
Patient Treated and Released	19
Assist Other Unit or Agency	19
Patient Refusals	8
Standby Events	<u>6</u>
	Total: 196

2020 Rescue Association Purchases

- \$120 Banners from Graphic Edge
- \$5,116.50 AEDs for the City Pool, Library, and Community Building
- \$21 Safety Glasses
- \$700 6-bank radio charger
- \$36.32 solution
- \$65 new glucometer
- \$20 chloropreps
- \$324 Hero 24/7-rescue apparel
- \$132.50 custom neck gaiters
- \$86.82 custom masks
- \$352.54 spotlights/flashlights

- \$6,974.68 Total