

I have been part of EMS in Kossuth County since 1993 and the Kossuth County EMS System since its inception in July of 2020. As the EMS Administrator, I have the opportunity to work with our EMS hubs in Swea City and Algona and the volunteer ambulance service members throughout our county. We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of people serving our area.

Creating a sustainable system for EMS in Kossuth County has been a goal even before I became involved and continues to be a goal for the Kossuth EMS Advisory Council. In the month of October, I will be visiting communities throughout Kossuth County to talk about the future of EMS and what our proposed plans look like. This is a key time for these discussions, as Kossuth County voters will have an opportunity to vote on whether to make EMS an essential service at the November 8 election.

At each meeting we will offer a presentation, but most of the time will be spent on hearing and answering your questions. The schedule for these community meetings is as follows:

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| • LuVerne | October 4, at 6:30PM to 7:30PM | LuVerne Community Center |
| • Wesley | October 5, at 6:30PM to 7:30PM | Wesley Community Center |
| • Whittemore | October 6, at 6:30PM to 7:30PM | Whittemore Fire Hall |
| • Bancroft | October 11, at 6:30PM to 7:30PM | Bancroft City Offices |
| • Lakota | October 12, at 7:00PM to 8:00PM | Lakota Community Room |
| • Swea City | October 18, at 6:30PM to 7:30PM | Methodist Church Fellowship Hall |
| • Titonka | October 19, at 6:30PM to 7:30PM | Buffalo Creek Activity Center |
| • Algona | October 20, at 6:30PM to 7:30PM | Former UBC Building |
| • Fenton | October 25, at 6:30PM to 7:30PM | Fenton EMS Office |
| • Lone Rock | October 26, at 6:30PM to 7:30PM | Lone Rock Fire Station |
| • Ledyard | October 27, at 6:30PM to 7:30PM | Ledyard |
| • Algona | November 1, at 6:30PM to 7:30PM | Former UBC Building |
| • Burt | November 2, at 6:30PM to 7:30PM | Burt Activity Complex |

If you want to know more about the future of ambulance service in Kossuth County, please join me for one of these upcoming meetings. Thank you for the support you show for EMS staff and volunteers, and we hope to see you at a meeting in October and November

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