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Nevada's Emergency Medical Systems (EMS) Program Provides \$20,000 to Nye County

Funding to be used to train volunteer EMS providers

Carson City – With the hospital closure in Nye County in August of 2015 and the EMS provider Life Guard Air Ambulance leaving the county, the training funds will help to bolster EMS in the county by training volunteers.

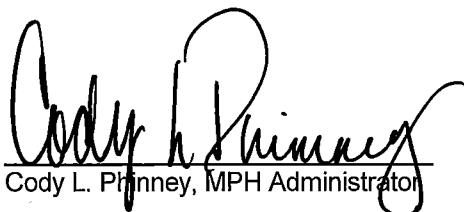
Chad Westom, Chief, Bureau of Preparedness, Assurance, Inspection and Statistics (PAIS) said, "This is an exciting opportunity for volunteers in the county to get the much needed training to provide EMS services to the residents and visitors in the county. Since the closure of the hospital and the two EMS providers leaving the county, this funding is crucial to get volunteers trained and provide EMS services."

The bureau has also submitted a grant request to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation with the goal to decrease health equity gaps in Mineral, Esmeralda and Nye counties. The grant proposal is for \$630,000 over three years. The funding will be used to establish a robust volunteer and professional emergency management team to decrease the gaps. Eighty percent of the money will be allocated to human capital and the remaining 20% will be used for equipment purchases and upgrades.

Go to [http://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/Emergency_Medical_Systems_\(EMS\)/](http://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/Emergency_Medical_Systems_(EMS)/) for more information about Nevada EMS.

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