

Rush Fire District Press Release

Rush Ambulance Service Transition Update

- **Decision to Dissolve:** After **four years of dedicated efforts** to sustain the Rush Ambulance service, the Rush Board of Fire Commissioners have made the difficult decision to dissolve it. This decision was influenced by:
 - A steady decline in volunteer availability
 - Increasing training and operational requirements
 - Low transport rates (only 15–20% of calls)
- **New Partnership with CHS Ambulance:**
 - Since January 2024, CHS Ambulance has been co-responding with Rush Ambulance to ensure consistent emergency coverage.
 - CHS, which holds operating authority in the town, will now fully assume ambulance services.
 - The Rush Ambulance vehicle will remain stationed at the firehouse and will operate under CHS Ambulance.
- **Opportunities for Current Members:**
 - Current Members of Rush Ambulance are encouraged to join CHS Ambulance.
 - Benefits include continual training opportunities, a quality assurance program, and a well-defined onboarding process.
- **Rush Fire District's New Role:**
 - The District will now operate as a Basic Life Support (BLS) First Response Agency.
 - Firefighters will continue to be dispatched along side CHS Ambulance as Basic Life Support (BLS) responders for medical emergencies
 - This model ensures rapid response in critical situations like cardiac arrests or traumatic injuries
- **Honoring the Legacy:**
 - The Rush Ambulance has a proud and rich history of volunteer service.
 - A heartfelt thank you goes out to the dedicated members who have given countless hours to care for the residents and visitors of Rush.

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