

March 1, 2024

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

On March 1, 2024, the Morrow County Administrator notified the Morrow County Sheriff's Office that Boardman Fire Rescue District will take over ambulance response in Boardman as of 6 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024. According to the same email, BFRD will take over ambulance response for all other parts of Morrow County on March 12, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Based on legal counsel, MCHD has determined that we can provide the following backup emergency medical services countywide:

1. MCHD's Quick Response Teams (EMS personnel), located in each community, may respond as needed to medical calls to provide stabilizing care.
2. MCHD may transport patients by ambulance if appropriately dispatched and if a delay in transport would place the patient at risk of harm or death, based upon the professional judgement of the care provider on scene. The same holds true if assistance is requested by officials at the scene of an accident (motor vehicle or otherwise).

MCHD will not have sufficient staff or resources to respond to all medical calls and our assistance should be requested only when the County's selected ambulance service provider is unable to respond timely. It must be understood that any response by MCHD is subject to availability of personnel as MCHD will no longer be the primary responder.

We have grave concerns about the changes the County is implementing currently, and MCHD is unwilling to stand by without offering our available resources to the community we serve, especially when patients need us most.