

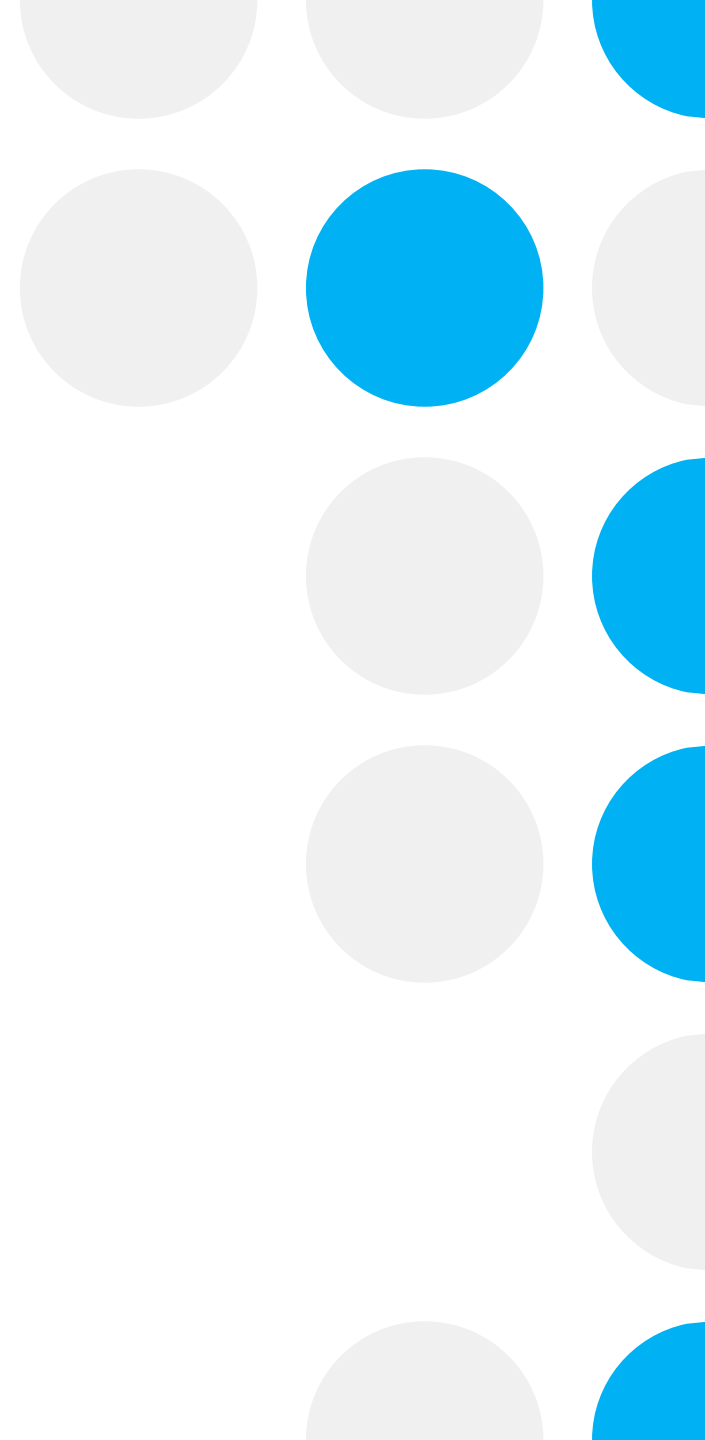
The future of ambulance service in Seneca County

“We are better when we work
together”



What are we going to do?

- Move to a full-time, paid ambulance service for anyone in Seneca Co. not already covered by an EMS agency.
 - Take a system of volunteers that is supplemented by paid staff and flip the arrangement. **We will not get rid of volunteers for as long as they are willing to help.**
 - Ensure everyone in our service area receives high-quality, prehospital care in 10 minutes or less.
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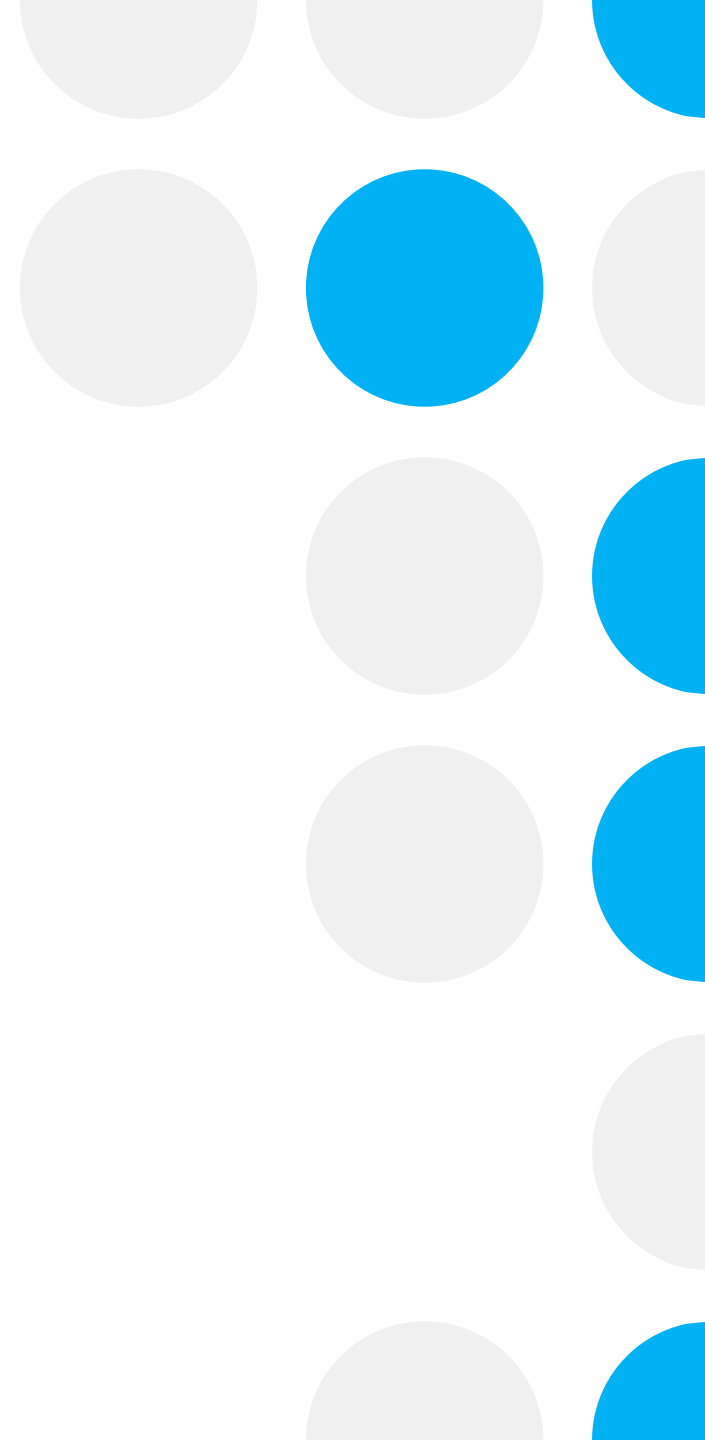
Why are we doing this?

- Volunteerism is in decline, and if the trend holds, we don't know how much longer the current system can hold up. We want to be proactive.
 - Out-of-service numbers are increasing. We are getting the job done today, but it is not sustainable.
 - State and federal laws/regulations are making it more difficult on the current system (Ohio HB 444, higher training requirements, etc.)
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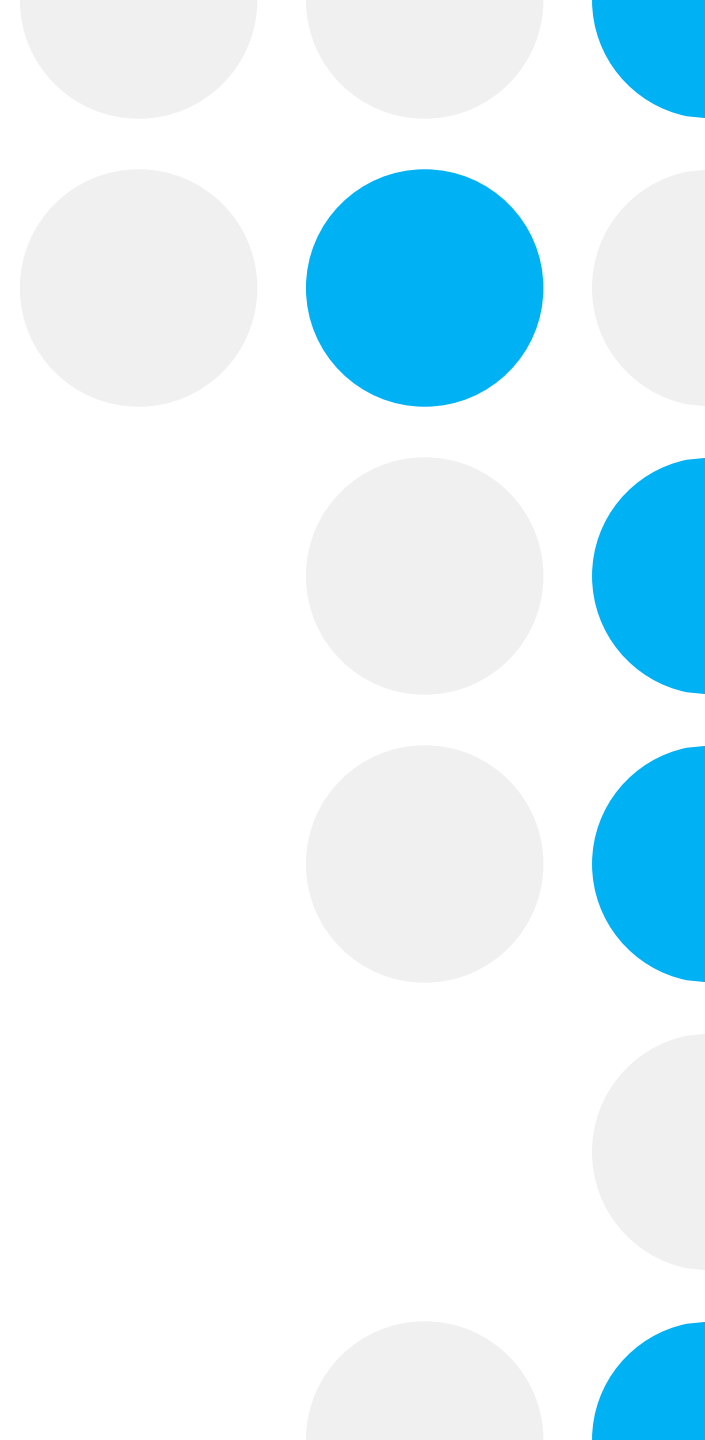
How are we going to do it?

- Better leverage existing funds and use them more efficiently.
 - Get ourselves on a path to a single joint ambulance district.
 - Constantly re-evaluate our options to find the best path. We must make changes to create a sustainable system.
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Who is going to be involved?

- Our strategy changes based on who wants to be part of the system, but operationally, we can adapt to any possible situation.
 - We are not required to provide this service, but we think it is vital and will do our best alongside those who wish to partner with us.
 - We are better when we work together.
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Initial Phase of Transition East Side

- East side
 - 1 station with 2 ambulances - Geographic center in eastern Seneca County
 - 1 squad staffed with FT ALS (Advanced Life Support) Crew 24/7/365
 - 1 squad staffed with volunteer crew & part-time paid staff
 - 1 back-up squad staffed by volunteers and call-in
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Initial Phase of Transition West Side

- West side
 - 1 station with 2 ambulances - Geographic center in western Seneca County
 - 1 squad staffed with FT ALS Crew 24/7/365
 - 1 squad staffed with volunteer crew & part-time paid staff
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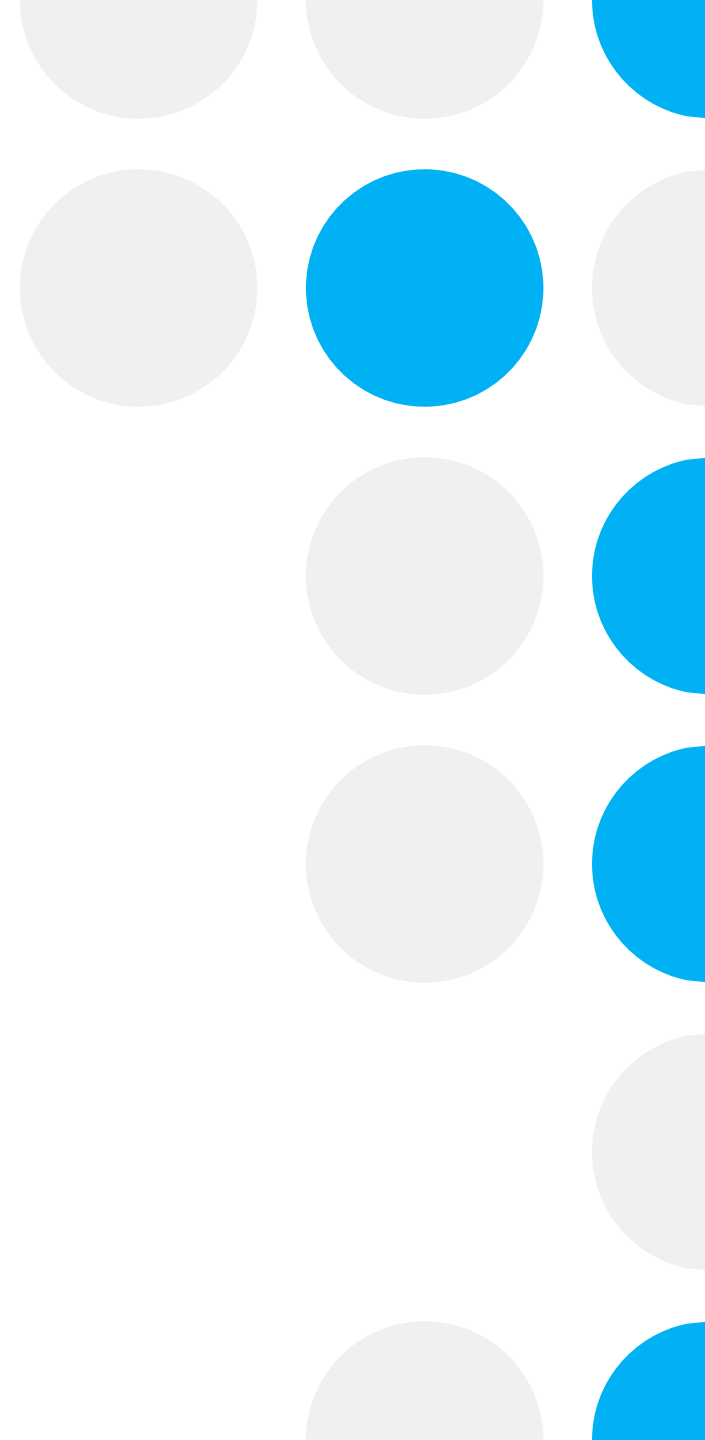
Initial Phase of Transition West Side

- West side (continued)
 - 1 volunteer squad in New Riegel staffed with volunteers and part-time paid personnel as needed to ensure 24/7/365 in-service status
 - This squad may not need part-time paid personnel for several years, but in order to be sustainable long-term, it must be planned now.
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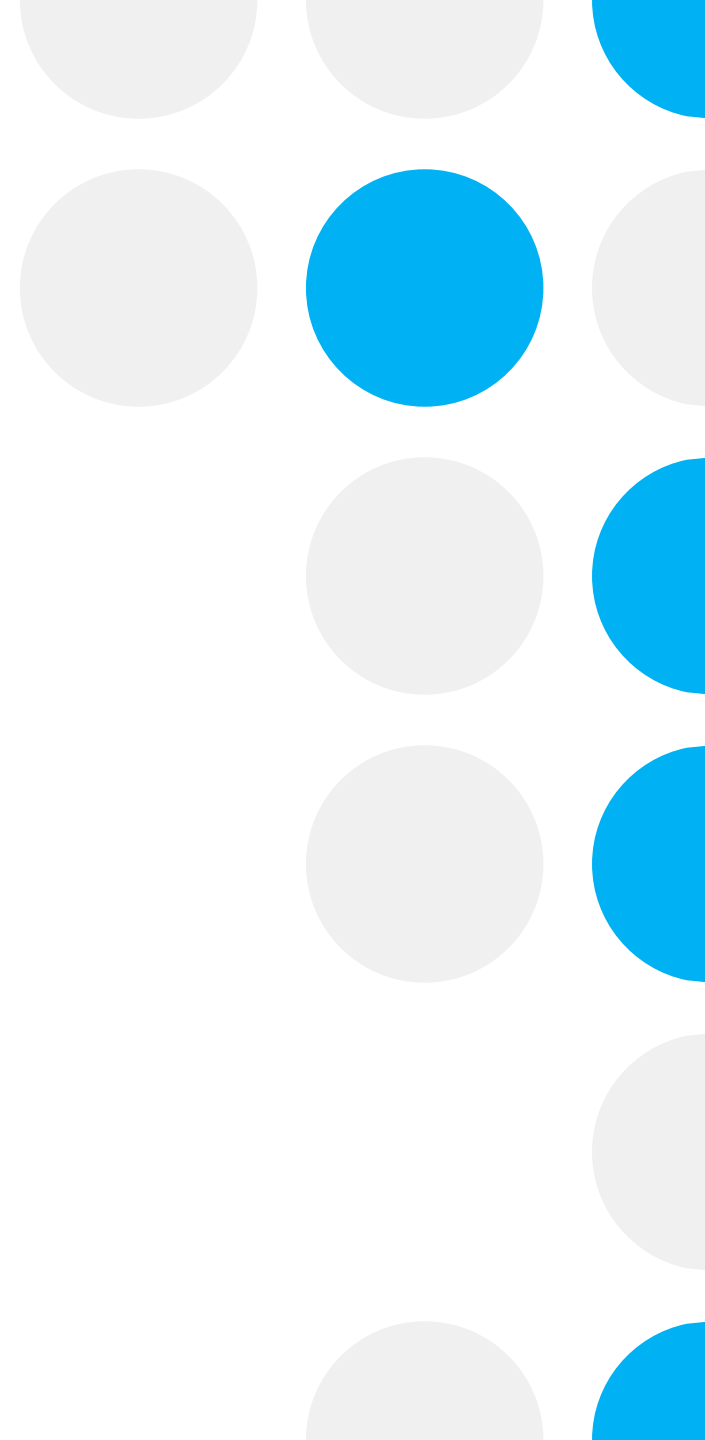
Retain Echo Paramedic

- Countywide asset for ALS standard of care
 - Leadership
 - Training
 - Supply/Inventory/Medications
 - Eventual Role in Community Paramedicine, Mobile Integrated Healthcare (telehealth).
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Future in The Northern District

- 1 FT Squad in north central area of Seneca County
 - Geographic center in the northern half with access east & west
 - ALS – 24/7/365
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What is it going to take?

- For a long time, we have all worked together to provide a service we can be proud of.
 - We stand on the shoulders of the volunteers for their hard work, and that will not be forgotten.
 - The county needs full financial commitments from the JADs and complete operational control to continue our partnership.
 - In the future, the single joint ambulance district would need to contract with the county to fund the system.
 - A JAD advisory board would regularly meet with EMS staff, but would have no direct authority over operations.
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