



Grand County Emergency Medical Services

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Welcome and thank you for taking the time to do ride alongs with Grand County EMS. Grand County EMS first became an organization in 1973. It was formed as an ambulance association that was managed by Allen Memorial Hospital. It started with 8 volunteer members and an old army ambulance purchased for \$600 dollars. In 2000 Grand County EMS became a department under the supervision of the Grand County Council. Today Grand County EMS has 10 full time employees, and 25 paid call members with a fleet of 9 vehicles. Grand County EMS is a Paramedic level agency which serves the emergency response and transportation needs of Grand County and northern San Juan County. GCEMS has a response area of 3,700 square miles which includes almost 6,000 miles of roads and trails. One factor that makes this rural area unique for emergency medical care, is the 2 million plus visitors who arrive each year to participate in outdoor recreation at Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, and Dead Horse Point State Park. More than 40% of the runs conducted by GCEMS each year involve visitors to the area.

Our ride along program is focused on 3 different areas:

1. Provide those interested in applying at Grand County EMS an opportunity to see how our organization functions and what our culture is like. It also allows our staff to interact with the potential employee.
2. To give those who are interested, a chance to see what working in EMS or emergency Medicine is like.
3. To give opportunities for public education and awareness.

Our department is serious about finding candidates who fit into our culture and values. GCEMS is always moving and changing, and we seek out candidates who are not complacent, and who want to operate as members of a team.

Mission Statement:

As a community built agency Grand County Emergency Medical Services is dedicated to providing the highest level of Public Safety and Public Health for our residents and visitors. We protect lives through pre-hospital emergency medical care, transport, rescue, disaster response and public education.

We are excited to have you along and hope you will have a good experience! Please fill out the remaining forms and return them to Michelle Mefret in the main EMS office located at 520 East 100 North, please call first at (435) 259-1301.

Sincerely,