



Senate Joint Resolution 5
Study of emergency medical
services.



Blackfeet Tribal E.M.S.

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Basic Information



- Located on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation
- Reservation Size 1.5 million acres
- Population 13,508

Basic Information



- May 22, 1989 BEMS was implemented
- August 1, 1989 Ambulance Operations began
- April 1990 3rd Party Billing Development
- Sept. 1990 3rd Party Billing Dept. Fully Implemented

Basic Information

- 33 Paid E.M.T.'s ,
(E.M.T.-P, E.M.T.-I, E.M.T.-B, E.M.T.-FR)

FY-08 (Oct.1 2007 to present)

272 Ambulance Calls

FY-07 (Oct. 1 2006 to Sept. 30, 2007)

2444 Ambulance Calls

Funding



- IHS PL-638 Contract
- Glacier County (Minimal)
- 3rd Party Reimbursements

(1) Three Factors Affecting Services:



- Limited ALS Personnel
(Mainly E.M.T-Paramedics)
 - Implemented ALS March 2007
had to go back to BLS w/endorsements due
to lack of E.M.T.-P

(2) Three Factors Affecting Services cont.:



- Training
 - Rural Area Limited
 - Access
 - Cost Limited Funding

(3) Three Factors Affecting Services cont.:



- Equipment
 - Cost Limited Funding
 - need to update / normal wear & tear

Ideas for EMS Services in the Future:

- Roving (Traveling) E.M.T.-P
Contracted E.M.T.-P

*Rural EMS needs Trauma Centers to
assist in ALS Training Clinicals*



PL93-638 Contracted IHS Scholarship to
fund at least (2) two E.M.T.-B to get
E.M.T.-Paramedic training & State
Certified