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,

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.MT.-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