

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM: BRENDA VOSHALIKE, DIRECTOR
CANNON FALLS AMBULANCE**

SUBJECT: HIRE EMS APPLICANTS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE

DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2013

BACKGROUND

Per MN State Statute 144E.101, Subd. 3, an ambulance service in the State of Minnesota must provide coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, unless authorized to do otherwise. Rural services are reaching a crisis to fulfill this obligation. Cannon Falls is fortunate to receive applications on an on-going basis. A group of staff members interviewed each of these prospective EMTs and Paramedics. 4 new members may seem like a daunting number to you, but I would ask you to remember that the hours are fixed. We are trying to build a team big enough for the job that needs to be done.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

On the basis of the interviews conducted with the applicants, I would request permission to hire the following new staff: Debra Beckstrom (EMT), Alan Gaylor (EMT), Shari Hanson (Paramedic), and Dana Krizak (EMT) pending successful completion of a background investigation and the ambulance service's standard physical and functional assessment evaluations.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Request a motion to approve the hiring of Debra Beckstrom, Alan Gaylor, Shari Hanson, and Dana Krizak as new staff members for the ambulance service. Start dates will be set pending successful completion of a background check, physical exam and functional assessment evaluation.