



# Ada County Paramedics

Neighbors for Life

## Quick Facts

as of April, 2012

Total employees .....	123		Field employees (102)	
Administrative .....	21	17.0%	Supervisory.....	14 14.0%
Field .....	102	83.0%	Non-supervisory.....	88 86.0%
Reserve (volunteer)...	16			
Administrative employees (21)			Female .....	24 24.0%
Female .....	13	62.0%	Male.....	78 76.0%
Male.....	8	38.0%	Paramedic.....	74 84.0%
			EMT .....	14 16.0%

### Budget Facts

The Ada County Paramedics budget for FY 2012 is \$12,552,392. A property-based ambulance tax district generates approximately \$4,275,743, or ~30%, of the budget. Fees for service and Neighbors for Life membership dues generate the balance of our revenue.

The Ada County Ambulance District was formed on March 25, 1975. At that time, two ambulances served approximately 141,000 people in Ada and Boise counties. The district was formed at a tax levy rate of 1.25980 mils (or .00012598 on every property value dollar after subtracting 75,000), remaining roughly the same since the district was created. What cost \$1 in 1975 cost \$3.62 in 2005. Hence, a family living in a \$150,000 home spends approx. \$9.45 per year for EMS.

In 2010, approximately 393,531 people or 373 persons per square mile lived in Ada County. This population figure exceeds the U.S. Census Bureau's projected 2010 population of 325,150. Ada County real estate market has not been immune to the crisis experienced by much of the nation in recent years. Since the peak in 2007, Ada County's residential median sale price has declined nearly 35%. Foreclosures and short-sale transactions have dominated the residential market. Overall the market appreciation experienced during the early part of the last decade has been negated by the decline in values in the past few years.

### Response Facts

In 2011, Ada County Paramedics responded to 22,029 calls and documented 22,484 patients. Approximately 69.6% of these patients were transported to local emergency rooms by Ada County Paramedics in Mobile Intensive Care Units (MICUs).

Our Paramedics and EMTs respond to 9-1-1 emergency medical calls in a 1,055-square-mile area from 14 stations in Ada County.

### Employment Facts

Field crewmembers work 48 hours per week. Many crewmembers prefer the 24-0-24 shifts (24 hours on, 24 hours off, 24 hours on), with the balance working 24-12-12 and 12-12-24 shifts.

Field employees are hourly, non-exempt, according to state and federal labor statutes. New Paramedics (EMT-Ps) earn a starting hourly rate of \$15.30 plus 2% per year of experience after successful completion of a field training program and six months of employment to a maximum of ten years experience. Advanced EMTs earn \$10.57 per hour to start, and the Basic EMTs earn \$9.44 per hour to start.