

Dallam County, Texline Receive Grant for New Ambulance to Boost Emergency Response

TEXLINE, Texas — Emergency services in the far northern Texas Panhandle are set to receive a major upgrade following the award of a new grant to Dallam County for the City of Texline, and Texline EMS for the purchase of a new ambulance.

Dallam County Judge Wes Ritchey announced the funding this week, calling it a critical investment in public safety for a rural region where access to rapid medical transport can make a life-saving difference. The new ambulance is expected to improve both response times and patient care capabilities.

“This grant is a big win for our community,” said Marcia French, Texline City Manager. “In rural areas like ours, we often cover long distances. Having a reliable, modern ambulance ensures we can respond quickly and provide a higher level of care from the moment we arrive.”

County and city leaders echoed the sentiment, emphasizing the importance of maintaining strong emergency infrastructure despite limited local resources. The new unit will be equipped with updated medical technology and improved safety features to better coordinate with local hospitals.

Texline, located along the Texas-New Mexico border, serves as a critical hub for surrounding ranching communities and travelers passing through the region. Emergency responders often handle a wide range of calls, from traffic accidents on nearby highways to medical emergencies in remote areas.

Officials say the grant funding helps ease the financial burden on local taxpayers while ensuring first responders have the tools they need to do their jobs effectively. Funding for the new ambulance comes from a grant program authorized for rural communities through Texas House Bill 3000.

“This is about protecting lives,” Judge Ritchey said. “When minutes matter, having dependable equipment is essential. This ambulance will serve our community for years to come.”