

2026 Legislative Priority Proposal
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EMS Essential Services	
Yuma County (Commissioner Scott Weaver)	
Preferred Contact:	Phone: 970-630-7611
Co-Sponsoring Counties/Commissioners:	N/A
Who is your subject matter expert?	Rep. Dusty A. Johnson, District 63. (970)-370-1154. dustyforcolorado@gmail.com.
Has this proposal been approved by your BoCC?	Yes.
Have you reviewed the CCI Instructional Memo?	Yes.
Describe the problem your proposal will solve.	Currently, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and EMS individuals are not qualified as “essential workers.”
Areas of Impact:	Day-to-day operations of the county; Functionality of county programs or services; General community advancement; Funding mechanisms.
What is the ultimate source of this problem?	Outdated statute and funding shortfalls.
What is your initial proposal to solve this problem?	Proposal is being developed.
Please provide sample language for this solution.	
Are there any solutions that do not require state-level legislation? Has your county explored these alternatives?	
Has CCI or any other organizations sought a solution to this problem before?	
What possible organization(s)	SEMTAC

would support your proposed solution?	
What possible organization(s) would oppose your proposed solution?	
Have you spoken with any legislators about your proposed solution? If so, what was their response?	Rep. Dusty Johnson has agreed to run this bill and is gathering co-sponsors in both chambers.
What are the financial implications of this problem to your county? Are there any financial implications to this solution either?	
What are the financial implications of this problem to any other impacted parties? What are the financial implications of this solution to any other impacted parties? <i>Please consider any relevant Colorado State Departments.</i>	
Staff Feedback	<p><u>Risk / Difficulty:</u> Low - This bill is unlikely to draw significant (if any) opposition.</p> <p><u>Time Commitment:</u> Low - Sponsors have already been identified for this bill and it is anticipated that a minimum amount of stakeholder sessions will be needed. Minimal time is needed to develop messaging to answer the question of “why” this bill is needed.</p>