

Bold Coast EMS Service

Report for 2026

To the Citizens and Selectmen of Steuben, Cherryfield and Milbridge

For the year July 1, to February 19, 2026, Bold Coast EMS responded to 280 calls. There were 31 calls for Steuben, 90 calls for Milbridge, 107 calls for Cherryfield, 7 for Deblois, 2 for Beddington, and 43 calls for other towns. Because we can only bill when a patient is transported, we were able to bill for 208 of those calls. The Milbridge Nursing Home closed the second week of July 2024, which has led to a reduction in the number of calls. We have been trying to adjust our operating budget to account for the reduced number of calls.

The Bold Coast EMS operates on a fiscal year from July 1 to June 30, while Cherryfield and Steuben operate on a calendar year budget. If the number of calls continues on this track through June 30, 2026, we will fall short of our projected revenue for the year end budget.

While we hope our Citizens do not require our EMS services, we never know when this service will be needed. Our crew is actively training to better prepare for any emergency care that may be required, and they are doing a fantastic job. Additionally, we have four crew members who have completed or are in the process of completing the advanced EMT certification.

We have been shorthanded with the on-call crew due to medical conditions, and the loss of one member. This has caused us to be out of service at times. We need more on-call crew members for nights and Sundays. We are increasing the pay for the on call and the time restriction on distance from the stations.

Respectfully Submitted


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