

## **Emergency Services**

Rich Livengood, a paramedic with the Treynor Fire Department, was the speaker on 14 February. He grew up in Carson and has lived in Treynor 12 years. He has been a paramedic for 20 years. He is on a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) search and rescue and has been a variety of places in that capacity, including the World Trade Center and the Gulf coast. He works as a paramedic at a fire station in Omaha.

Treynor has five volunteer paramedics trained on advanced life support. Paramedics can perform the same procedures as an Emergency Room. To maintain proficiency Rich has to complete 70 hours of training per year for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) certification and an additional 100 hours per year for paramedic training.

For liability insurance, most people are covered under the Good Samaritan Act. At work Rich is covered under an Omaha city policy.

Omaha has 40,000-50,000 calls to 911 per year. Omaha has 24 fire stations and 14 ambulances. Treynor has 120-150 calls to 911 each year, including mutual aid calls in the surrounding communities. Working in Omaha, he has participated in up to 18 calls in one day.

As a paramedic, Rich carries a box full of all types of pharmaceuticals. These drugs are rotated periodically with a pharmacy to keep them fresh.