

## Charges Are Discussed

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The state has said the county is responsible to provide ambulance service and have given us strict guidelines to follow in providing the service," he said.

He said that when charges have come in from either Shelby or Kings Mountain with notes added that the financial circumstances of the

person helped are bad that his office has contacted the person requesting a letter stating the income and expenses that prevent payment of the ambulance charge. "I have told the people if they will show me in writing justification for us to forget the ambulance charge then they will hear nothing else from us about the matter. I have not received one single written statement from anyone reported to be a hardship case."

Revels said that about 80 percent of the service bills are paid through Medicare and Medicaid coverage. "These bills are paid. It is the people who can afford to pay for the service themselves who are not making any attempt to do so," he said.

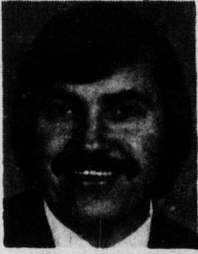
Johnnie Caldwell, secretary of the squad, suggested the Kings Mountain Rescue District be considered for a tax that would pay for the service and eliminate the billing for each transport.

Revels said he has suggested the tax be for fire and rescue districts, as is being requested in the Casar District. "And I think this might be discussed at the emergency services planning board meeting next Monday night," he added.

Four of the seven squad directors attending the meeting Monday voted to elect Delbert Dixon as board chairman and Tom McIntyre as secretary. Dixon will accompany Capt. Galloway to the planning board meeting in Shelby next Monday night.

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