

Ambulance Service Board

Your Local Fire Departments

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Large Participating Local Governments (2017- 2019)

Spokane Valley Fire Department

Fire District #8 – Tony Nielsen – ASB Chair

Fire District #9

Airway Heights

(Five PLG voting members needed for a quorum)

Other Participating Local Governments

Fire District #5

Medical Lake Fire Department

Small Participating Local Governments (2018 - 2019)

Cheney Fire Department

Fire District #3

Fire District #4

Fire District #10

Fire District #11

Fire District #13

ASB Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 12, 2018

1330 – 1530

SVFD Administration Building (2nd Floor Conference Room)

This meeting was re-scheduled from August 8th to September 12th.

The meeting was called to order at 1335 by ASB Chair Tony Nielsen.

Present

Tony Nielsen, Rich Llewellyn, Paul Priest, Patrick Ramsey, Greg Anderson, Nick Scharff, Cody Rohrbach, Tom Jenkins, and Patty Ruggiero
Mitch Metzger and Gino Palomino attended via conference call.

The meeting opened with a quorum.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of the ASB Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2018

Motion to Approve: Cody Rohrbach

2nd Motion: Tom Jenkins

AYE-approved

Agenda Review

- **Return of PLG Personnel from Hospitals**
 - Mitch met with AMR, had an issue in the summer with turnaround time to get FF returned; won't ride in with AMR unless supervisor will bring them back; no way for them to have an Uber account; unfavorable experience with Spokane Cab; volunteers paying out of pocket isn't favorable before getting reimbursed by AMR.

- Rich advised SVFD has an account with Spokane Cab, it is not flawless, sometimes the cab driver doesn't show up.
- Others said they had some instances where Spokane Cab left; FF was stranded; Sometimes there is an hour turnaround time
- Per contract, 30 minute turnaround time
- Paul Priest suggested they set up an account that would bill AMR direct.
- Tony suggested maybe setting up account to bill ASB; need to put patient care first, ride in with those that need critical care.
- All agree, need to set something up that is as efficient & quick as possible to return FF
 - **Action Item:** AMR will look into setting up Uber Account
They will e-mail options to ASB.

- **Ambulance Automatic Time Stamping**

- Tom said he and Pat discussed in the past; what are the parameters noting an ambulance on the scene or not? Incident: When on 8th floor of a dormitory, would have been nice to catch AMR before they arrived on scene so they can let them know what is needed, ie: meds, stretcher, etc.
Would make us feel more like a unified team if they know when they are on scene; Time stamp when AMR passed a residence, but it took an additional 3 minutes for them to arrive on scene. Request verbal time stamp when AMR arrives, close to the vicinity.
- Pat will look into this incident to see where it pinged on AVL (Automated Vehicle Location)
- Paul advised, 400 feet with radio backup; they should be bringing the gear in; will try to tighten it down, less than 400 feet; Dispatcher would need to catch verbal time stamp
 - **Action Item:** Paul will look into this & send e-mail to Tony with possible changes
Revisit at next meeting; everyone can note any observations/changes

Old Business

- **Inclement Weather Proposal**

- We haven't had a chance to meet to identify trigger points.
- Discussed several examples

- See June 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- Mike Lopez's document is a great foundation.
- Want to determine trigger points before winter weather sets in
 - **Action Item:**
 - Rich and Tony will have offline discussion and notify group.
 - Tony Nielsen will forward this so it will be discussed at the Chiefs Meeting, 1st Thursday in October, and let them make the determination what triggers could/should be.

- **RTF**

- Rich Llewellyn – had drill in July at old North Pines Junior High; Per feedback, it seemed to go pretty well
- Tom said their RTF lacked cops; lesson learned, need to determine how cops & FF going to link up at a safe secure entry, what are the calls signs.
- Nick said the lessons learned should be shared with Ops group so everyone wouldn't start from Ground O.

Round Table - Open Forum

- AMR - Paul Priest
They sent 5 people out for hurricane relief to help with evacuations in the Carolinas for those who can't extricate themselves; nursing homes, etc. Dedicated to OEM efforts; joint effort across U.S. They have a therapy dog, between puppy & full grown phase, good temperament.
- Airway Heights – Mitch Metzger
Nothing
- Cheney – Tom Jenkins
He thanked AMR for their quick on-scene service related to the shooting in Cheney a couple weeks ago.
- District 3 – Cody Rohrbach
Nothing
- District 4 – Gino Palomino
Nothing
- District 8 – Tony Nielsen
Nothing

- District 9 – Greg Anderson
 - Drill coming up with the city next month.
 - Joint Grant money for Paratech supposed to arrive anytime; hopefully billed to that Drill.
 - Have to rewrite it without the city's name on it.
 - Ladder has been out of service for 3 weeks; back in service yesterday.
 - New aerial platform will be arriving; will be able to back ourselves up when our main ladder is out of service.
 - Taking 2 volunteer companies out of service on Monday; moving to more outlying areas
 - Hiring 5 more people next year.
 - Maybe joint recruit academy; March 1st – April 1st.
- District 10 – Nick Scharff
 - Nothing to report on EMS.
 - Busy fire season; got lots of experience.
 - Looking forward to getting volunteers back from contracts.
- Spokane Valley – Rich Llewellyn
 - This will likely be his last ASB Meeting;
 - Will be retiring on October 1st; starting another job at Everett Fire.
 - Not sure who will replace him.
 - Not much to report from SVFD
 - There was an uptick in respiratory calls.
 - EWU has a trauma dog; she will bring the dog to SVFD.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Nick Scharff
 2nd Motion: Cody Rohrbach
 AYE-approved

Meeting adjourned at 1429 hours.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 1330 – 1530
 SVFD Administration Building (2nd Floor Conference Room) or by conference call