

# Ambulance Service Board

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## Large Participating Local Governments (2017- 2020)

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 - 2020)

Cheney Fire Department

Fire District #3

Fire District #4

Fire District #10

Fire District #11

Fire District #13

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## ASB Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

1330 – 1530

SVFD Administration Building (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room)

The meeting was called to order at 1340.

### **Present**

Tony Nielsen, Mike Charter, Paul Priest, Patrick Ramsey, Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Nick Scharff and Patty Ruggiero

Cody Rohrbach and Tom Jenkins attended via Skype.

The meeting opened with a quorum.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the ASB Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2018

Motion to Approve: Nick Scharff

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Tom Jenkins

AYE-approved

### **Agenda Review**

### **New Business**

- **ESO-to-MEDS Status Update**

- Tammie Draypeau said she thought they (AMR) was going good with the test; the problem is on ESO's side, they are working on it, but haven't heard back from them, yet; the only success they had was completed reports sent to her in the office, but it would ping with every entry they made so they (AMR) received 40-50 reports; she requested they only send it after all data was captured.
- Mike Charter said that ESO said they aren't sure where the problem is, but they are working on it.

- Paul Priest said ESO informed them they are trying to sell this in other areas; they want to charge AMR for every chart transferred; Paul said AMR didn't agree to that on the contact; will have some continued discussions with them.
  - Tony Nielsen said this was supposed to go live on November 1<sup>st</sup>; will continue to push on ESO to get a solution.
  - Tom Jenkins said Cheney went live on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - District 4 just got ESO, but they aren't live with it, yet.
  - District 3 will get ESO on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **AMR Mutual Aid to Deer Park Ambulance**
    - Paul said we should have some direction on how to operate with Deer Park's Mutual Aid requests, Level 3, Echo; this week AMR sent some resources to help them with a car crash.
    - Deer Park Ambulance typically has 2 rigs
    - Deer Park is similar to Reardan, except Deer Park is ½ in PLG & ½ not in PLG.
    - Discussed some suggestions on challenges & establishing guidelines

**Action Item**

Paul will contact Deer Park and District 4 to discuss Mutual Aid requests.

- **Election of Chairperson**
  - Tony asked for a call for nominations for 2019 Chairperson
    - Tony nominated Mike Charter
    - Nick Scharff seconded the nomination
    - Tom Jenkins said he'll throw his name into the hat for 2019 Chairperson.

**Action Item**

Mike will send an e-mail asking for other nominations and a survey for the Election of the 2019 Chairperson.

- **2019 Budget**
  - Mike Charter said the 2019 Budget is similar to the 2018 Budget; will review it to see if there are any changes from this year's budget.
  - Tony said the Large PLGs need to be confirmed in 2019
  - If no changes to the budget, won't need to vote on it.

**Action Item**

Mike will send out the 2019 Budget to everyone.

**Old Business**

- **Return of PLG Personnel from Hospitals**
  - Paul discussed how PLG Personnel are returned from hospitals; Account set up for direct bill with cab; Chief Metzger did not want Airway Heights to pay and then get reimbursed by AMR.
  - Mike said cab billing practices are a problem; he is working on setting up a corporate Uber account; flat 10% over cost of the ride so no tipping involved.

- Tom said Supervisors at AMR have been getting their personnel back in a timely manner

### **Action Items**

Mike will send out corporate Uber account information after it is set up.

Paul will send out an e-mail with a solution for folks to share with their responders.

- **Ambulance Automatic Time Stamping**

- Paul brought notes regarding a trailer park scenario from the last conversation with Tom Jenkins. Paul said the audio recording matched the on-scene time stamp; 3 minute time span; looks like it was resolved for that scenario. Paul said AMR's time stamping is very accurate; it may sometimes trigger and then they have to drive around an apartment complex afterward. AMR will be getting a new system in 2019, it will go live Q2 or Q3, it will rewind and then show a new time when the ambulance is on scene; it will alleviate concerns about time stamping; Paul asked Tom is there are any further issues with automatic time stamping?
- Tom said he wants to make sure the time stamp records the time when the ambulance reaches the destination. He said AMRs Medics have been doing a better job to check with those on scene to see if they need to bring anything else with them to the scene.

- **Inclement Weather Proposal**

- Tony said he took the well-written plan to two of the monthly Inland Empire Fire Chiefs Meetings. Valley Fire and City Fire do not participate in those meetings so nothing was resolved.
- Tom said he is confused how the playbook rolls out from Dispatch; if a known bad weather event is coming in, AMR should stage resources.
- Paul explained how they stage some; need to save some to be available
- Nick said the Inclement Weather Proposal is really a non-effect for the West Plains; we need to coordinate what is best for everybody.
- Discussed most of the problems are at Freya and I-90 out to Barker/Liberty Lake area; West Plains and Sunset Hill are not affected.
- Those affected are City, Valley, District 8 and District 9

### **Action Item**

Mike will take the written Inclement Weather Proposal to the Integrated Medical Services EMS Meeting to discuss and will report back at our next meeting.

## **Round Table** - Open Forum

- AMR - Paul Priest  
Paul said AMR Seattle received a strike notice for December 21<sup>st</sup>; won't know the impacts until it happens; it will not affect service in Spokane at

all; no field crews will be pulled from Spokane to assist with any potential work action in Seattle. AMR Spokane will likely begin labor negotiations Q-1 of 2019. Paul will keep all updated.

- Cheney – Tom Jenkins  
Nothing
- District 3 – Cody Rohrbach  
Nothing
- District 8 – Tony Nielsen  
Nothing
- District 10 – Nick Scharff  
About a month ago, Wellpinit Ambulance was coming into town and requested CCC to send ALS. CCC sent E-6 ALS, which was way out of the way. How far out from Spokane is an ALS unit sent?  
Patrick Ramsey said they protect our core area, then send an ALS unit as available after that.
- Spokane Valley – Mike Charter  
Nothing

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Tony Nielsen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Mike Charter  
AYE-approved

Meeting adjourned at 1430 hours.

### **Next Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019** 1330 – 1530  
SVFD Administration Building (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room) or via Skype