

Ambulance Service Board

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Large Participating Local Governments (2017- 2020)

Spokane Valley Fire Department

Fire District #8

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 – Tom Jenkins – ASB Chair

Fire District #3

Fire District #4

Fire District #10

Fire District #11

Fire District #13

ASB Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

1330 – 1530

SVFD Administration Building (2nd Floor Conference Room)

The Skype meeting was called to order by Chief Tom Jenkins at 1332.

Present

Mike Charter, Tom Jenkins, Mitch Metzger, Cody Rohrbach, Nick Scharff and Patty Ruggiero
Tony Nielsen, Paul Priest and Patrick Ramsey attended via Skype.

The meeting opened with a quorum.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of the ASB Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2019

Motion to Approve: Tony Nielsen

2nd Motion: Nick Scharff

AYE-approved

Agenda Review

New Business

- **Replacement for Nick Scharff – SCFD 10**
 - Nick said there is no direction on his replacement, yet; hope to know more in the next couple of weeks; in the meantime, still working and enjoying retirement, but not getting two paychecks.
 - Tom Jenkins said District 10 had a nice well attended surprise party for Chief Scharff last week.
Will let everyone know when Chief Scharff is officially retired and who will replace him on the ASB.
Chief Scharff said his wife said they will be having a BBQ when he is officially retired.

- **AMR Strike Contingency Planning**

- Paul Priest said it is business as usual at this time.
- Contract every 3-4 years; while we always hope for a 4 year deal they are traditionally 3 years.
- AMR is following the process to apply through the State DOH to get temporary workforce as needed.
- Don't know how negotiations will go; have had pretty good success historically
- However, still completing our due diligence and be ready to go in case there would be a work action.
- Department of Health has a process they lay out; they ask if we are in the area where we are the sole provider? Are there others that can fill in locally if needed? That would be difficult, as there aren't any other providers and the EMS Council responded to DOH with the same.
- Filling 200 persons and 220+ responses per day becomes a personnel problem, not just equipment; we have the ability to weather work actions if it comes to that.
- Catie Holstein is new to the role; looking through a different lens. Suspect she will push us back to the Office of Emergency Management.
- The contract will expire at the end of the month; we are waiting to see if the Union will option to extend or work without a contract until a new one is successfully bargained.
- We are going to staff as we normally have; will have temporary workforce ready to go if needed; if the DOH does not allow them and there is an actual work action, they are welcome to manage the event and explain to the media and allied agencies their plans.
- Contract expires at the end of the month, but we've only had one round of negotiations, very preliminary stuff; anticipate we'll have at least a couple more rounds of negotiations.
- Don't think we're in any imminent danger of a strike, however if anything changes, ASB will be the first to know. When these things happen, not everybody strikes. If it happens and others come in, they have the potential to be paired up with someone who knows the area and procedure etc.
- We want to make fair deals, retain folks and make them happy. Sometimes expectations go a little crazy and we never know which way it is going to go. We haven't even gotten to the general TA's of the contract.

Old Business

- **AMR Mutual Aid to Deer Park Ambulance**

- Paul said they had requested aide for a rollover ejection incident when AMR was at a relatively at a low level, it was a snowy day with lots going on. ASB asked us to follow up; the conclusion was the same as mutual aid for anywhere else; our primary responsibility is to the City & County of Spokane. We will assist them if we are at a level to do so. Our contract service areas come first. Let me know if you feel differently about that. We are here to serve you. All in agreement with AMR's position on this.

- **Return of PLG Personnel from Hospitals**

- Tom Jenkins said there had been some concerns about getting personnel back from the hospitals as quickly as possible. One of the guys from Cheney rode in

with AMR around 10:30 PM about 6-8 weeks ago; Tom called CCC Dispatch to request a return ride; his Lieutenant got back home 1 ½ hours later.

- Paul said in one instance, there had been some confusion about the pickup location, Ambulance vs the Patient Entrance of the ED; didn't use to have a record of the location request; our remedy is to have FF call AMR's Dispatch Center direct to request a ride on a recorded line. Since the call is recorded, in the event of miscommunication, we will know where the break in the chain occurred, cab service, etc. AMR covers the cost of the return ride; we pay the cab company once a month; haven't had any issues with Life Flight and others who have been doing it this way for a long time.
- Mitch Metzger said not all his guys have cell phones to call AMR Dispatch. Paul said they can use AMR's phone and they will provide their Dispatch phone number. When they call for the cab, go to the pickup location and stay there until the cab arrives.
- Mike Charter said he was going to set up an Uber account, but SVFD is in the process of changing credit card vendors and only have the cost of a cab about once a year.
- Tony Nielsen said there was an e-mail about AMR's procedure, clear process that was to start on January 1st; Tony forwarded the e-mail to his folks, but maybe not to other PLGs.

Action Item:

Tom will get information on Return of PLG Personnel from Hospitals process from AMR and send an e-mail out to all PLGs.

- Inclement Weather Proposal
 - No discussion needed at this time.
 - Mike Charter said what was in place last year worked well
 - No issues; remove from Old Business.

Round Table - Open Forum

AMR – Paul Priest

AMR is looking at a new CAD called **Logis** for Q3 or Q4 this year; more real-time mapping, routing, electronic system tied to it; smaller, more portable for crews. Timing will be dependent on receiving appropriate API's and NDA's from all the PSAP's we are integrated with.

Shopping for a new location for AMR, big enough to get us back under one area. Bid on a building, two month due diligence, communication, fiber; complete teardown, build to suit; after that, looking at putting satellite deployment centers in Airway Heights and Liberty Lake.

Airway Heights – Mitch Metzger

- The 2019 Founders Day Festival will be held in Medical Lake this weekend; Expecting 40,000 people to attend. "The Moving Wall" travelling exhibit, which honors Vietnam Veterans, will be on display at the Festival.

Paul Priest said AMR will provide coverage for the Founders Day Festival. They will also be providing coverage for the Moses Lake Airshow this weekend.

Mitch said the Fairchild Airshow will be held on June 22nd. Paul said AMR will provide two units for that.

Cheney – Tom Jenkins

- Cory Stevens officially stepped down from Medical Lake; will find out who will replace him.
- Nick Scharff recommended changing the contact list name from ASB Board Members to 'ASB User Agency Contact List' and highlight Board Members.

Action Item:

Mike Charter will send out the ASB contact list to everyone for review. We will update the list, including a new format with PLGs, etc.

District 3 – Cody Rohrbach

Yesterday Paul brought up the potential CAD system for dispatch. Law didn't feel good about the process when they went through it. Want to stay engaged on the topic, get the technical experts involved so we don't have the same issues that they did. A lot of folks have associated the CAD with integration and it is totally unrelated. What do we need to do to fully understand AMR's potential needs?

Paul said when things move forward, New World CAD, connected with IT staff; API, their code of how their CAD would work together to build an interface with our CAD to be sure we're talking the same language. Will probably have some Non-Disclosure Agreements aligned with that.

Action Item:

Cody will find out if they are accredited.

District 8 – Tony Nielsen

- Nothing, everything is good.

District 10 – Nick Scharff

- Everything is really good.

Valley – Mike Charter

- Nothing

Motion to Adjourn: Nick Scharff
2nd Motion: Mitch Metzger
AYE-approved

Adjournment 1420

Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 13:30 – 15:30

SVFD Administration Building (2nd Floor Conference Room) or by Skype