

Ambulance Service Board

Your Local Fire Departments

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Large Participating Local Governments (2021- 2023)

Spokane Valley Fire Department

Fire District #8

Fire District #9

Fire District #4

Small Participating Local Governments (2021 - 2022)

Cheney Fire Department – Tom Jenkins – ASB Chair

Airway Height Fire Department

Fire District #3

Fire District #10

(Five PLG voting members needed for a quorum)

Other Participating Local Governments

Fire District #5, Fire District #11, Fire District #13

ASB Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

1332 – 1427

Skype Meeting

Present (Skype Meeting)

Tom Jenkins, Ken Johnson, Paul Priest (AMR), Darren Briehner (AMR), Mitch Metzger, Bryan Collins, Mike Charter, Shawn Arold, Frank Soto, Jr, Cody Rohrbach, Tim Loncon, Howard Johnson, Gino Palomino, Dan Williams, Jim Walkowski, Lonnie Rash, and Patty Ruggiero

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of the ASB Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2021

Motion to Approve: Shawn Arold

2nd Motion: Lonnie Rash

AYE-approved

Agenda Items

New Business

Confirm four PLGs for two-year term

Voted on four Small PLG Representatives; No others were nominated:

- January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022
 - District 3
 - District 10
 - Cheney Fire Department
 - Airway Heights Fire Department

Motion to Approve: Lonnie Rash

2nd Motion: Shawn Arold

No objections.

AYE-approved

Deer Park Ambulance Staffing Issues

- Paul Priest said there have been some struggles with Deer Park's ambulance staffing. AMR offered to help, but their response was "No thanks, we've got it." They chose to stand on their own and run their show. Unless AMR has ten ambulances available, they are not going to send a resource to Deer Park when they request it. They will be servicing the contracted service area down here. Last weekend, AMR ran ten calls in Deer Park's service area, nine in one day. Paul said they extended an olive branch and tried to assist them, but they can't force them to take help. Paul said he has kept Tom Jenkins in the loop with all of this and he is welcome to share their communications with ASB.

Gino said he has concerns with Deer Park's refusing AMR's assistance. He understands where Paul is at on the business end of it. He appreciates that Paul has offered to help. Gino said he hasn't had a chance to discuss it with Deer Park. He hasn't met the new Director, yet. It affects District 4, who won't get any assistance unless AMR has ten or more available ambulances.

Paul said he has been communicating with Chief Neckels. It isn't AMR's job to do Deer Park's response with the increases. In April, there were 500 more and in May there were 600 more than those same months in 2020. Coeur d'Alene is the fastest growing city in America right now. People are loving this area and moving here from the westside.

Tom said he reached out to Paul. They had a second call back to back and their ambulance was coming from pretty far away. He realized there were a bunch of calls in the queue to the Deer Park area. It creates a cascading effect to the primary area of the County. Tom said he is open for suggestions. Deer Park is under new management. This topic is on the agenda as an informational point.

Gino said we'll see what it looks like over the next one to two weeks.
Tom told him to let us know what we can do to help.

Old Business

None

Tom asked AMR, Paul and Darren, to excuse themselves from the meeting as the rest of the group will move into an Executive Session not to exceed forty-five minutes for a Special Meeting to discuss the upcoming contract. They made some changes to the contract. Tom clarified there will not be any legal representation. This is private and confidential.

Paul said he will have something to Tom by Monday.

Adjourned to Special Meeting.

Paul and Darren (AMR), and Patty Ruggiero left the meeting at 1345.

Special Meeting

- Discuss ASB/AMR Contract

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Cody Rohrbach

2nd Motion: Lonnie Rash
AYE-approved

Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 13:30 – 15:30