

# Ambulance Service Board

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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 (2016 - 2017)

**Cheney Fire Department**

**Fire District #3**

**Fire District #4**

**Fire District #10**

**Fire District #11**

**Fire District #13**

## **ASB Meeting Minutes**

**February 15, 2017**

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

This meeting was re-scheduled from February 8<sup>th</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting began at 1340 hours

### **Present**

Rich Llewellyn, Paul Priest, Patrick Ramsey, Cody Rohrbach, Ken Johnson, Bruce Holloway, Tony Nielsen, Nick Scharff  
Mitch Metzger attended via conference call.

Tony Nielsen called the meeting to order.

The meeting opened with a quorum.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the December 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve - Nick Scharff

Second - Bruce Holloway

Approved

## **Agenda Review**

### **AMR vehicle scheme proposal**

Rich Llewellyn showed two vehicle scheme proposals that were received from AMR, and described them for Mitch Metzger, who joined on conference call. He explained that the vehicle schemes would be for a limited time frame, but we haven't yet discussed the timeframe.

Paul Priest said they do this from time to time to get some interest. Their first step is to seek approval.

Nick Scharff said he isn't sure we want to get in the advertisement business. Tony Nielsen pointed out that if a loved one is going to get picked up for their last ride, some would like it and some not. He said he wants to hang onto a professional reputation. Bruce Holloway said you can see "Chiefs" on the ambulance more than "AMR". Ken Johnson said some other parties have bought ambulances and put business names on them, including lights.

Paul Priest said a large majority seem to not be for it.

Motion to not approve request – Mitch Metzger

Second – Nick Scharff

Not approved – all members present voted AYE.

### **Nominations for the 2017 ASB Chair**

Motion to approve **Tony Nielsen** for 2017 ASB Chair - Nick Scharff

Second – Rich Llewellyn

Approved.

### **Round Table** – Open Forum

There have been some transport issues recently.

A non-viable fetus was delivered in Liberty Lake.

There was a code in a Greenacres parking lot in rainy weather. The patient was moved into the ambulance before it was determined to be a suspected homicide so the ambulance became part of the investigation.

Five guys had a code at Safeway, which is working its way through the EMS Council.

Patrick Ramsey told about the AMR ambulance accident. He said their Dispatch probably called CCC on their line. The ambulance was totaled, but the crew was okay. They were driving a little fast for the conditions. They are working to get a replacement. Paul said it was slick under the underpass and the driver was originally from California. Bruce said his son had an accident on the other side of the freeway. Nick initiated a review and discussion of the ambulance fire. He said their guys were

filming it and it got sent to KHQ. They will revise their social media policy, as it is not tight enough. Patrick said the fire was on Facebook live. Paul thanked the Fire Department for putting the fire out for them.

Spokane Hospitals opened a no divert policy. The ambulances had been asked to wait outside with patients. They continue to see some delays because of this. Four ambulances were held up at Deaconess. They are working through it with the EMS Council. Bruce said it is because of a lean staffing financial model. He suggests if there was a charge for ambulance wait times then there would be financial incentive to change.

Cody Rohrbach, District 3, said they want to thank AMR Honor Guard, who came out for a long-time member.

Paul Priest said they will be adding to their Honor Guard. Let him know if anyone wants to join.

SVFD also has an Honor Guard that is available.

Ken Johnson wanted to discuss the policy for bringing people back, as they had 2 incidents between the last two meetings. They were told by AMR they couldn't bring them back. Paul Priest advised if AMR has a person ride in, they also will need to take them back. He said the Fire Departments need to call their Duty Supervisor and they will get it done. They can review tapes in their Communication Center and get specifics on the dates and times, as everything is recorded.

Ken asked the times for their Cheney zone. He said they keep hearing AMR is in compliance. Paul said he will get together with Ken in a couple weeks to discuss this. Rich Llewellyn will join them in the meeting. They looked at it and moved Post 904 area. He asked if there has been any relief. Even when they are compliant, it seems like a long time, so they totally understand. They built the system and renewed the contract based on zone. He said if they are late, how late are they? They will drill down on it. Bruce said the Cheney population was quite a bit less before. Paul said the population flexes with the school. Cody said there is solid traffic in the mornings & evenings in 904 area.

Ken said he is disappointed AMR delays aren't shown in the documentation. Paul advised Ken to call him anytime they have any concerns over slow response time. They will pull the latest response time census data.

Tony Nielsen said we still need to confirm Large PLG's. They are more than likely the same as they have been. Rich Llewellyn to confirm.

Nick Scharff said they had some I-90 calls a couple weeks ago and they were told it was going to be awhile. The patient was out of their vehicle in snow and the ambulance didn't arrive right away. AMR Supervisor, Haley, told him she didn't know how long it would be before they could get the next ambulance. It seemed like there was some confusion at the Garden Springs exit. Nick asked if there is a way to look it

up on CCC, can they call Lincoln County themselves. He said he had bright green on and he stood out.

Mitch Metzger said he requested a Supervisor. Supervisor, Haley, should have recognized the IC. The State Trooper was on scene about 2 hours. Tony said AMR needs to identify the IC and be able to relay what resources they have. The IC vest makes it easier to identify the IC.

Patrick Ramey said if more than 2 ambulances are on scene, it triggers having a Supervisor on scene. They should know how many ambulances they have. It was busy at that time. Paul said they adjust staffing constantly and they are getting closer to target goals. They are working on CCC; working out some radio details. They know when ambulances are cleared from hospitals.

Motion to adjourn – Nick Scharff  
Second – Mitch Metzger  
Approved

Meeting adjourned at 1430 hours

**Bruce Holloway said the next meeting will probably be his last, as he will be retiring on June 30<sup>th</sup>. He said he has 44 years in his career, with 42 years as a Fire Chief.**

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 1330 – 1530

SVFD Administration Building (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room) or by conference call.