

# 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

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## **ASB Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

1330 – 1530

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

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

### **Present**

Tony Nielsen, Rich Llewellyn, Paul Priest, Patrick Ramsey, Jim Walkowski, Gino Palomino, and Patty Ruggiero

Nick Scharff attended via conference call.

The meeting opened with a quorum.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the ASB Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2017

Motion to Approve: Tony Nielsen

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Rich Llewellyn

AYE-approved

### **Agenda Review**

- **First Watch**

Rich Llewellyn still trying to schedule a meeting with all the players on First Watch; touched base with Mike Lopez & discussed it a little bit; pay city for their liquidative damages vs accounting contract that is passed through to the client.

Paul Priest has been talking with Mike Lopez for quite a while; AMR has a tight time frame, will be heading to Las Vegas next Tuesday for EMS Conference for the week; the next week will be in Portland & Yakima; will be doing a budget in Portland for next year; will know a rough number by October 25<sup>th</sup>; hope to hook

up for meeting before then; may be available for a conference call, depends on the day and time. First Watch is a great program, just a surprise \$75,000 in unbudgeted year, can't do that, need to plan ahead for it.

Rich may meet with the City and will include Paul in conference call if he is available.

**Action Item:**

**Rich Llewellyn** will schedule the meeting to discuss First Watch.

- **ESO Update**

Rich Llewellyn had a conference call this morning about the ESO technology.

Paul Priest said they talked about what they want to see, functionality, as far as having data flow into our meds charts; if we happen to be on scene first, have UPI (Unique Patient Identifier) that follows the patient through and coordinates with the Health Data Exchange portion of their initiative.

Broke it down into 3 sections:

1. Interface (meet the needs of the contract)
2. UPI (Unique Patient Identifier)
3. Make sure functionality with HD component

Timeline? Waiting for ESO to tell us; there have been some struggles getting all players to connect; Sounds like their major projects that were ahead of us have been completed, so hope we are no longer low priority.

Basically it will work like a wheel, where you come on in the wheel depends on how much information you have; if AMR comes on first, they will have everything, if we are assisting, they'll be handling the patient charting and we'll get info. if we want from the hospital as it makes it circle; if we're on scene first and transition to AMR, we'll get it as it comes back from HDE (Health Data Exchange) when it is fully developed.

HDE (Health Data Exchange)

- is figuring out what happened to your patient after delivery to the hospital;
- Based off ICD9 codes, billing codes, etc., you can figure out:
  - What happened
  - Where they went
  - Outcome
- You can compare your initial field impressions against the hospital diagnosis; good learning tool; good for system improvement.

Gino Palomino said they will probably be going online July 1, 2018.

Jim Walkowski said they have their proposal in to Chief and will discuss with the Board at their Management Retreat next week; being optimistic, maybe going online January 1, 2018, now that Firehouse has been acquired by ESO, could ease some Staff members' concerns.

- **GEMT Planning**

Jim Walkowski said those in attendance at yesterday's meeting, including Cody Rohrbach and Lonnie Rash, asked if we leave it here or proceed in a different direction, do some further analysis? Everyone thought it needs to be taken to the County Chiefs and do some further research. In the meeting, they spent most of the time going through their voluminous spreadsheets. Gino said there needs to be some kind of feasibility study.

Rich Llewellyn said Chief Collins went down to his old stomping grounds and talked with them, they went through this process and implemented the process in conjunctions with AMR.

Paul Priest said it is for a small group of patients, you have to be a public service unless you contract with an ambulance agency and you take over the billing, which is extremely hard; Cost of billing FTEs to do that, only talking about a subset group of people that you are getting reimbursement funds for; funding that comes in is only to cover your actual costs so you need to have 100% spot on billing or you have a lose-type situation; kind of a Band-Aid fix for a Medicaid issue that would be solved much easier if they fixed the Medicaid reimbursement issue.

Still a lot to be learned, explored.

**Action Item:**

**Jim Walkowski** will bring this up with the County Chiefs for discussion.

**Round Table** - Open Forum

- AMR -  
Paul Priest expressed gratitude to Chief Nielsen for the Freeman incident. They had initially pulled crews out of service that provided transport for those patients; they were able to get hooked up with Gino Palomino, Station 82, utilized Chaplains; had a mini debrief, food; Nice collaboration; AMR crews appreciated it.
- District 4 -  
Gino Palomino, new Station 41, Admin/Community Center is a little ahead of schedule; will move in around April or May; will have Training where current Admin. is located. Picking up 4 new engines next week; plugging away on projects.

- District 8 -

Tony Nielsen acknowledged the great people that helped out with the Freeman High School shooting, especially Paul Priest and Patrick Ramsey, from AMR, provided them with a crew into the night. Their help was much appreciated!

- District 9 -

Jim Walkowski said they hope to make the transition to ESO fairly quickly; not yet decided if they are going with the Fire Module, it was still being Beta tested.

- District 10 -

Nick Scharff said really nothing to report on; status quo

- Spokane Valley -

Rich Llewellyn said he and his fiancée are on the ESO conference promotional video for the next conference; they were playing it at the ESO users group meeting in Seattle on Wednesday.

There will be a shift in Training personnel starting next Monday; had 24 hour Training and Safety Officers for a few years, going to 24 hour Paramedic/Safety Officer; ALS Captain in 24 hour position, will also serve as MSO/ISO; not sure what the new title will be, it was previously Field Training Officer. They'll be available as a resource, also; not sure if it will be backfilled with ALS personnel or BLS Captain could backfill for Safety Officer.

Valley 31

Ray Moeckel  
Shawn Barrett  
John Leavell

Valley 32

Daytime Training Officer

Valley Medic 7 operated April through September and is now done; it was operating 0800-2000, 5 days a week, Monday-Friday; we were up to about 119 runs in September; 20% of the runs they were jumping calls and canceling someone else.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Jim Walkowski

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Gino Palomino

AYE-approved

Meeting adjourned at 1402 hours

**Next Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 13, 1330 – 1530**

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