

# **Wabasha Ambulance Commission**

## **Quarterly Meeting**

### **Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**

#### **Ambulance Garage 7pm**

Members Present: John Friedmeyer, Mike Wallerich, Dr. Robert Taylor, and Mark Jarstad

Members Absent: Barb Tentis

Others Present: Ryan T. Marking, Ambulance Director

#### **NEW CARDIAC MONITORS**

Director Marking talked about the Ambulance Service needs for new cardiac monitors. This has been in the works prior to him starting. The initial plan was to stay consistent with St. Elizabeth's Hospital. During the planning the nurse's and doctor's from St. Elizabeth's Hospital choose to go with Zoll because it was more user friendly. The hospital's cardiologist recommended that they go with Physio-Control LifePac's because of the ability to shock at a higher energy. It's the feeling of the crew and Medical Director Dr. Taylor that Zoll is the best option for the service. Based on a majority of our intercepting and receiving agencies use Zoll and it is also the most user friendly monitor. Discussion ensued about other pros and cons of each monitor.

**MOTION MADE BY JARSTAD TO RECOMMENED TO COUNCIL TO PURCHASE 2 REFURBISHED ZOLL E-SERIES CARDIAC MONITORS WITHOUT CARBON MONOXIDE MONITORING IF STILL AVAILABLE. IF THERE ARE NO REFURBISHED UNITS LEFT THEN RECOMMENDS THE PURCHASE OF 2 NEW ZOLL E-SERIES MONITORS WITHOUT CARBON MONOXIDE MONITORING TO BE FUNDED BY THE AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND. SECONDED BY WALLERICH. ALL AYES**

#### **NEW EMT MENTORING PROGRAM**

Marking informed the commission that he is going to be implementing a new EMT mentoring program starting this month. It's designed to have 3 phases each new EMT needs to complete before they can start functioning as an EMT on their own. It will ensure that all new EMT's have consistent training. Each new EMT will be assigned 2 mentors who will be responsible for make sure each new EMT completes each phase. There is also an evaluation that crew members will do on the new EMT's after every call. Before each new EMT proceeds to the next phase the Director will sit down with both the mentors and the new EMT and go over the evaluations and decide if they are ready to proceed to the next phase. No new EMT will proceed to the next phase or be let off

probation if the Director or Mentor feels they are not ready. This will give more structure to a program that is currently in place.

#### DIRECTORS CELL PHONE

Marking stated that during his 2<sup>nd</sup> month as director he incurred a \$116 cell phone bill for going over his minutes. It was mostly from dealing with Ambulance Vendors. The city agreed to make a 1 time payment for the overages but to avoid this in the future the city wants the director to get on the city cell phone plan. The cost is \$35.00 a month for 400 minutes through Verizon. Phone would be designated solely for work related calls and would be on 24/7/365. In order for Marking to get on the plan the commission needed to approve it.

MOTION MADE BY JARSTAD TO ALLOW DIRECTOR MARKING TO GET ON THE CITY CELL PHONE PLAN. SECONDED BY FRIEDMEYER. ALL AYES

#### CALL STATISTICS

Marking stated that even with a rig being down 11 days the Ambulance Service did not lose any calls or transfers to other services. Marking also stated that the service had 40 calls which is still above average for the month of October. Marking stated that since Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> was a busy day, in that the service had 5 calls he does not have the update billing/revenue information to pass along. However, he said the Ambulance Service has brought in almost \$60,000 in the last 2 months. Marking said that on average the service brings in approximately \$19,000 a month.

#### NEW AND OLD AMBULANCE UPDATE

Marking stated that there recently have been issues with both ambulances and 971 was out of service for 11 days getting repaired for a cost of \$2,384.76. Also, the AC in 971 has a leak in the condenser but Marking stated since it is winter time and the new trucks are ordered he choose not to repair it. Marking stated 972 had an electrical short causing the emergency lights to malfunction. An electrical circuit was replaced at a cost of \$632.06. Also, 972 needed an oil change last month and when the mechanic came down to get the truck the battery was dead. Marking stated that was also replaced but he has not received a bill yet. Marking stated the new Ambulances were ordered on September 29<sup>th</sup> and that he recently talked to the vendor and Ford currently has a shortage of Ambulance chassis and this has pushed the project back and the new delivery date is scheduled for March.

#### 800MHZ RADIO UPDATE

Marking advised he had an 800Mhz radio meeting with Wabasha County last night to discuss the fleet map. Marking said there was some good discussion but he still had questions and concerns about the fleet map that he will be addressing at an upcoming meeting. Marking stated the radios that were purchased from the Assistance for Firefighters Grant that the EMS and Fire Departments received were ordered last week. The county is planning on switching over sometime after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

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Ryan T. Marking, Ambulance Director