

EMS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

April 1, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

River Falls City Hall
222 Lewis Street
River Falls, WI

Call Meeting to Order 6:30 p.m.

Advisory Board Members Present:

Carole Mottaz, Gary Donath, Kent Kittleson, Jeanne Wespetal, Judy Edgar, Ken McNiff, Hal Watson

Also Present: Chris Gagne, City Council Member;
Jason Stroud, EMS Director

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2019.

MSC McNiff/Wespetal to approve March 4, 2019 minutes. Unanimous.

1) EMS Coverage Agreement

Director Stroud said that this agreement captures what the department is already doing and have been doing for some time before he arrived.

Stroud said that he talked with their representative from the state EMS office, Ray Lemke and Mr. Lemke suggested that we have written coverage agreements in place and that this was a good time to talk with Ellsworth and St. Croix EMS about the agreement.

Stroud said that the EMS coverage agreement allows River Falls to utilize resources from a neighboring service to cover our area for 911 calls when there is a known absence period or safety backstop.

Stroud mentioned that he and the Ellsworth director added a provision to get a truck and crew for \$50 an hour if there was a staffing emergency in either department. The \$50 would cover costs and not meant as a profit.

Wespetal had a question regarding part F #1 and #5 of the agreement in which if River Falls is out for a call would they go halfway to Ellsworth and how often does this usually occurs. Stroud replied that River Falls would move an ambulance to coverage if Ellsworth has all of their ambulances out roughly once a week.

Mottaz and Watson asked for how long this occurs if it happens and if they are doing this for us. Stroud said that each instance is usually between thirty minutes to an hour

and that they do provide coverage to River Falls enough to make it equal out.

Watson asked if Ellsworth would send an ambulance to River Falls Station. Stroud replied that they would be based out of the station when they are being paid the \$50 an hour rate for a set block of time and vice versa for when River Falls goes to Ellsworth.

Mottaz asked Stroud if he is pursuing agreements with any other services else. Stroud replied that it would be ideal to have agreements with our neighbors to the north but due to their current situation he will wait to engage with them.

2) Project Breathe – Pet Oxygen Masks

Stroud said that the department received a donation of four pet oxygen mask kits from the Invisible Fence Company that enables personnel to administer oxygen to the pet. Transportation of the pet will not be done by the department but by rather the owner of the pet.

3) Directors News, Events and Activities

- a. Stroud said they are bringing on four new part time casual EMT's and one casual part time Paramedic and should start around the week of April 15 with a one-two month training period.
- b. Interviews for a full time Paramedic will be conducted Wednesday, April 3 and Friday, April 5.
- c. Protocols continue to be implemented to match Allina Health protocols.
- d. The transition to switch to ImageTrend as our billing company is on track for May 1.
- e. Viking Clients Services will take over past due collection from Waukesha County.

Adjournment: MSC Edgar/Wespetal at 6:50 p.m.

Next meeting date June 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Assistant to the City Administrator