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Ambulance Advisory Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2022

Meeting held at 177 Lake Street

Co-Chaired by Brian Rhodes and Bobbie Bagley

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by Chief Rhodes

AAC Members Present: Brian Rhodes, Bobbie Bagley, Steve Buxton, Chris Ditullio, Kevin Blinn, Glenn Nielsen, and Glen MacDonald

AMR Representatives: Patrick Pickering, Jason Preston, and Susan Steckevez

AMR Presentation:

- J A new concept was proposed for EMS delivery in Nashua (Utilization of EMS / BLS Transport). We are tying up large amounts of assets which has been made worse by Covid and the Opioid crisis. The current situation is also putting stress on neighboring town EMS services.
- J Data shows that 6 to 10 EMS calls per day have no transport.
- J The proposal is to transform and modernize the EMS response. E911 uses 5 primary EMD codes to identify patient acuity. Lower acuity requires only a BLS response. E911 errs on the side of caution when coding patients.
- J AMR will staff 3 ALS Ambulances and 1 BLS Ambulance with a Supervisor / Paramedic in a Quick Response Vehicle. This concept allows AMR to put in additional BLS units into responses. The Supervisor / Paramedic will assess the situation and determine if it is ALS or BLS level. They can also be used as a Paramedic Intercept and as a resource to communicate with frequent callers.
- J A motion was made by Bobbie Bagley and seconded by Kevin Blinn to recommend this proposal to the Aldermen for a one year trial period. The motion passed.
- J There was also a discussion on the AMR "Earn as You Learn" program. New EMTs will be graduating soon. They will be used to provide more BLS resources.

Adjourn:

-) There was a motion by Glenn Nielsen and seconded by Bobbie Bagley to adjourn the meeting.
-) The motion passed.
-) The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Date and Location of the Next AAC Meeting:

-) The next meeting will be February 17, 2022 at 3:00 pm at 177 Lake Street.