

FITCH-RONA EMS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Fitch-Rona EMS District
101 Lincoln St., Verona, WI
Thursday, November 14, 2024

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7 PM. Roll Call Present: James Roberts, Dave Lonsdorf, Deb Paul, Stephen Fusco, Derek Johnson, Sue Luginbuhl. Absent: Connie Hilla, Brent Kyzer-McHenry, Jim Wheeler. Also present: Chief Patrick Anderson, Michelle Wachter, EMS Office Manager, and Scott Yarbrough, Fitchburg FACTv.

Public Comments: None

Chair Johnson introduced and welcomed a new commission member, Stephen Fusco who is a citizen member for the City of Verona.

Review and approval of meeting minutes from October 10, 2024

Motion by Luginbuhl, Roberts second. *Motion carried.*

Chief's Report

Chief Anderson went through the district calls data and noted that the district is on target to hit the projected 6.2% increase. He noted that there have been 37 times this year when other districts needed to assist as all our district trucks were on calls.

The Chief noted several of the events EMS staff have worked and gave a shout-out to Paramedic Ennis for her work with the Verona Girl Scouts. The Chief noted the status of the financials and that the new billing company is catching up nicely with the aging billings that had piled up last year. He noted the district CD's, FAP funding and that the district has applied for new FAP funding for this next state fiscal year which is used to offset purchases. There were no donations to note in October.

The Chief noted the district milestones and highlighted Deputy Chief Dostalek's 9-year milestone.

Chief Anderson discussed new ambulance purchases that were pushed out until January 2025 for receiving. These will be the trucks that should have been replaced in 2023 and 2025.

The Chief updated the commission on the hiring process for the new deputy chief and where the district is in the process. The applicant pool was not large so that had gone through the process in October will be moved forward, but the position was reposted and another interview panel will occur in the beginning of December.

The Chief also mentioned that Mollie Olson went through the intern program and has now been hired as a full-time paramedic.

He also noted that the district is partnering with Madison Fire to support the UW Football and Hockey games.

The Chief provided many shout-outs this month including Justin and Jamie receiving a "Nice Work" from UW Peds nurse on great patient care, Hayden and Ryan D. receiving a "thank you" for great care from a pediatric patient, Jamie helping the Verona Girl Scouts as noted earlier, a shout out to Greg and Andrew from VPD who assist a family involved in a crash who were not injured, but provided them a ride to a place where they would wait for a ride out of the elements and providing a change of clothes, a Thank You to Kristy and Chip for compassionate patient care during the lost of a family member.

In addition, the Chief thanked Fitchburg FACTv for assisting in updating employee photos and also to several folks who helped with interviews and teaching demos: Sara Olson (City of Fitchburg), James Roberts-Commission Member, Chief Eric Lang (Deer Grove), Chief Liza Tatar (City of Madison), Chief Chris Backus (Belleville EMS), Deputy Chief John Austad (City of Sun Prairie), Lane Mathson and Amy Hanson, Medics with Fitch Rona EMS.

A question was asked about the FAP (Fund Assistance Program) funding and what the funds are used for and the Chief clarified the restricted use of those dollars.

Subcommittee Reports

- a. **Personnel:** Nothing to report
- b. **Finance:** Nothing to report

Review and approval of accounts payable checks authorized by Chief Anderson

Motion to approve by Roberts, Lonsdorf second, *Motion carried.*

Resolution 2024-5 Approval of GASB 54

The Chief explained the GASB updates. Motion to approve Lonsdorf, Roberts second. *Motion carried.*

Discussion and possible action on 2025 Ambulance Rates

The Chief explained current rates and the shared potential increased rates. He provided a chart to show three different percentage increases. He noted that the goal was to keep the municipal support and user rates at a 50/50 ratio, or at least get close to that. A 7% increase would bring rates to the 50/50 ratio of fees for service and municipal support. After discussion, a motion was made to increase rates by 7% effective January 1, 2025, by Roberts, Paul Second. *Motion carried.*

Charge Description	HCPSC Code	Charge Type	Current Price	7%
A2 Transport NonRes	A0433	ALS Base Rates	\$1,565.79	\$1,811.94
A2 Transport Resident	A0433	ALS Base Rates	\$1,462.79	\$1,692.75
ALS Emerg Transport NonRes	A0427	ALS Base Rates	\$1,565.79	\$1,811.94
ALS Emerg Transport Resident	A0427	ALS Base Rates	\$1,462.79	\$1,692.75
BLS Emerg Transport NonRes	A0429	BLS Base Rates	\$1,565.79	\$1,811.94
BLS Emerg Transport Resident	A0429	BLS Base Rates	\$1,462.79	\$1,692.75
DOA Transport NonRes	A0429	Other Charges	\$1,565.79	\$1,811.94
DOA Transport Resident	A0429	Other Charges	\$1,462.79	\$1,692.75
Interest Charge	A0999	Other Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mileage - Ground	A0425	Mileage	\$22.66	\$26.22
Paramedic intercept	A0432	Other Charges	\$422.81	\$489.28
Patient Mileage Charge	A0888	Mileage	\$22.66	\$26.22
TNT Tier 1	A0998	Other Charges	\$150.00	\$173.58
TNT Tier 2	A0998	Other Charges	\$450.00	\$520.74

Special Event Rate			\$68/hour	\$70/hour
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Closed Session

Motion by Lonsdorf, Roberts second. *Motion carried.*

Open Session

Motion to move to open session by Lonsdorf, Roberts second. *Motion carried.*

Discussion and possible action on items discussed in closed session:

Motion made to approve a MOU with the union related to Training Officer Pay by Lonsdorf, Fusco second. *Motion carried.*

Other Business:

Commission Member Paul noted that the Farm Bureau would be holding a safety course in the near future dealing with tractor rollovers along with other training.

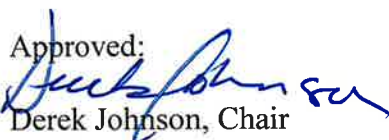
Chair Johnson asked the Chief about the status of the intergovernmental agreement review. The Chief updated the commission that leadership from the three municipalities had been meeting and working on updates to the funding model and governance. He stated that they have been very open with proposed changes. Any changes would take effect January 1, 2026.

Adjournment: Motion Roberts, Second by Luginbuhl to adjourn at 7:53 PM. *Motion carried.*

After a brief discussion, there will be no December meeting.

The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2025, at 7 pm.

Approved:


Derek Johnson, Chair