



18 April 2024

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD 16 APRIL 2024 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

EMSAB Members: Laura Gifford Mike Larson
 Jennifer Grinage Serena Tschirgi

EMSAB members attended the April 16th meeting in the LFD Station 1 Training Room starting at 12:12 p.m. Grinage attended via Zoom. Also present were Staff Liaison Greg Rightmier, Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Tengono, Ambulance Billing Assistant Amy Paris and LFD Admin Assistant Stephanie Rudy, who took notes.

Consent Agenda:

- Tschirgi made a motion to approve the 1/16/2024 minutes; the motion was seconded by Grinage and approved by the board.

Active Agenda:

- Assistant City Attorney Tengono rewrote Lewiston City Code Chapter 2 per EMSAB direction. Board membership was reconfigured so the transport agency position was replaced with a general public position. This position is currently vacant along with the extended care position and the LFD representative position that was vacated due to Dave Chenault's retirement.

Unfinished & New Business:

- An ambulance fee study was completed in March 2024. The following discussion points came from reviewing the study:
 - Need to reflect a truer cost of providing service
 - Revenue from ambulance billing goes into the City's general fund
 - A bill is only created if LFD transports a patient, provides medication to a patient without transport or an event standby is completed
 - There is no difference in fees between a resident and a non-resident due to area EMS contracts in place

Members decided to increase the ALS and BLS charges by averaging the Idaho agency fees, slightly increase Treat-No Transport ALS and mileage fees and remove charging for oxygen since the new billing company does not charge separately for this service. Standby remained the same since it was recently increased.

- Lewiston City Code Chapter 7 revisions by Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Tengono were shared with board members. Tengono referenced Idaho code and other area entities in order to complete these revisions. The board agreed to table finalizing the document until a future meeting due to time constraints.
- Agency report:
 - Chief Rightmier, Captain Greene and Fleet Manager Braun will drive to Chehalis, WA on April 29 to inspect and pick up two new ambulances. These will replace one that currently has a blown motor and another one that may be donated to LCSC.

- LCSC EMT students are currently scheduled through May to ride-along with LFD crews to get their required hands-on hours.
- Idaho State University is working with LCSC to establish a satellite paramedic program in this area.
- At a recent SJRMC chest pain accreditation meeting, it was mentioned SJRMC has available grant funding for a community paramedic position.
- LFD recently completed an extensive WA Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) audit. ID GEMT implementation is being held up pending the WA GEMT audit results.
- Diesel particulate matter is being mitigated from all fire stations beginning the week of April 22. This is a big step towards improving the health of our stations.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

**NEXT EMSAB MEETING IS TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024 AT 12:00 PM
IN THE STATION I TRAINING ROOM**

Submitted by:  4/18/24
Gregory V. Rightmier, Staff Liaison Date

 4/18/24
Stephanie Rudy, Recording Secretary Date

GVR: sr

c: Tanya Brocke, City Clerk
Dan Johnson, Mayor
Kassee Forsmann, Council Liaison
Kayla Hermann, City Attorney

AMBULANCE USER FEE STUDY – MARCH 2024

Area	Resident BLS	Non-Res BLS	Resident ALS	Non-Res ALS	Treat - No Transport ALS	Mileage	O ₂	Standby	Extrication
ADA Cnty					NO RESPONSE				
ACFD#1	570.00	570.00	800.00	800.00	100.00	15.00	0.00	130.00	
Canyon Cnty	696.00	821.00	1,027.00	1,152.00	450.00	16.00	-	100.00	-
Clarkston	690.00	790.00	850.00	950.00	-	20.00	0.00	100.00	-
Idaho Falls					NO RESPONSE				
Kootenai Cnty EMS	642.00	753.00	837.00	948.00	224 Resident 335 nonresident	17.50	-	165.00	-
McCall Fire	650.00	650.00	925.00	925.00	400.00	17.00	-	100.00	500.00
Pasco					NO RESPONSE				
Pocatello	633 Emergent 460 Nonemergent	842 Emergent 500 Nonemergent	Level 1 - 752, Level 2 - 1087	1,001 Level 1 1,445 Level 2	292 Resident 394 Nonresident	13 Resident 15 Nonresident			170.00
Pullman	900.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,200.00	-	17.00	-	100.00	125.00
Walla Walla (Non-emergent)	796.00	1,012.00	884.00	1,114.00	75.00	12.00	-	91.00	-
Lewiston	492.00	492.00	764.65	764.65	210.13	12.02	38.95	130.00	136.33

AREA	EMS TRANSPORTS	EMS NON TRANSPORTS	% PRIVATE	% MEDICARE	% MEDICAID	% OTHER	GEMT	MVA COST RECOVERY
ACFD#1	100	N/A	4	78	10	8	Planning on	No
Canyon County	not recorded	not recorded	18	47	20	14	Yes	No
Clarkston	1,319	1,516	13	61	21	5	Yes	No
Kootenai County	12,081	5,458	19	62	14	5	Yes	No
McCall Fire	332	212	23	59	10	9	Planning on	No
Pocatello	4,801	3,598	41	26	25	8	Yes	No
Pullman	1,337	657	not recorded	not recorded	not recorded	not recorded	Yes	No
Walla Walla	3,879	2,413	18	54	25	3		
Lewiston	4,771	3,388	25	55	12	8		

LEWISTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

EFFECTIVE: 1 OCTOBER 2023

EMS SERVICE FEES	RATE	RATE
This complete listing of charges for Emergency and Nonemergency Medical Services as established by Lewiston City Code 7-1 is provided for convenient reference and comparison.		
Basic Life Support (BLS) Transport	492.00	655.00
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Transport Medication administration, IV therapy, cardiac monitoring, defibrillation, external cardiac pacing, intubation, EOA, needle cricothyrotomy, PASG, needle thoracostomy	764.65	900.00
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Treat/No Transport	210.13	275.00
Multiple Patients Sit-up patient, stretcher not available	246.00	246.00
Mileage - Per patient transport mile	12.02	16.00
Oxygen	38.95	0.00
Extrication	136.33	136.33

SPECIAL EVENT STANDBY FEES	RATE	RATE
Ambulance with 2 Medics – per hour	130.00	130.00
Single EMS Responder – per hour	65.00	65.00