

## FITCH-RONA EMS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Fitch-Rona EMS District  
101 Lincoln St., Verona, WI  
Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

**Public Comments:** None

### **Review and approval of meeting minutes from November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

### **Chief's Report**

Chief Anderson went through the district calls data and shared that 2024 ended with 5,184 calls for service. This was a record year, and 7% above 2024. The breakdown by municipality adjusted by 1% more in Fitchburg and 1% less in Verona, otherwise, steady.

There was a total of 45 times in 2024 when neighboring agencies had to come to take calls in the district because all of our ambulances were out.

He noted that he did not have the updated aging number for the billing company so the A/R was not current. He would share the updated information when it comes in.

The invoices for the first half of 2025 municipal funding will be sent next week

The Chief noted he just started his 24<sup>th</sup> year with the service and Paramedic Latsch passed his probationary period.

Chief Anderson discussed new ambulance purchases ordered in 2022 should be physically here at the beginning of February. It takes a few weeks to get them inspected and in service. These will be the trucks that should have been replaced in 2023 and 2025.

The Chief read the "Shout Outs" for our staff and to Simon from the City of Verona for assisting with mounting the Cellular Booster in the station.

He reported that a conditional offer had been extended to Devon Anders for the Deputy Chief position. He was just waiting on the finalized copy of his background check. The tentative start date is January 27<sup>th</sup>. Devon is currently a Lieutenant with Deer-Grove EMS and has been there since 2010.

### **Review and approval of accounts payable checks authorized by Chief Anderson**

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

### **Discussion on 2025 EMS Commission meeting dates**

Chief Andersson brought up for discussion reviewing the date of the Commission meetings. Previously, they had been held on the third Thursday. This conflicted with a Planning Commission meeting with the Town so they were moved to the second Thursday in 2023. This has presented some conflict with the municipal court schedule, which also uses the council chambers prior to the meeting.

There have also been times when financial reports don't come in time for the meeting when it occurs early in the month. Other days of the week don't usually work due to other meetings already occurring.

Discussion among the commission about the date and time occurred. Since Commissioner Dave Lonsdorf was the one primarily affected by the conflict, it was decided to table the discussion until next month and until he was in attendance.

**Other Business:**

Chief Anderson stated the intergovernmental agreement review continues to occur and was told the next meeting was at the end of January.

**Adjournment:** Motion Roberts, Second by Paul to adjourn at 7:19 PM. *Motion carried.*

The next meeting will be held on February 13th, 2025, at 7 pm.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

Derek Johnson, Chair