



MINUTES
AMBULANCE SERVICE SUB COMMITTEE

May, 19, 2021 4pm

Members Present

Councilor Walker-Chair
Councilor Hailey
Councilor Rice
Assistant Fire Chief Wilder
Deputy Finance Director Sullivan

Others Present:

Mr. Justin Van Etten- MRI
Deputy Police Chief Gary Boudreau
Dispatch Manager Keri Devine

Mr. Justin Van Etten provided an explanation of the ambulance service, and explained in general how a basic system works. Mr. Van Etten inquired on the City's contract cost with Frisbie/HCA and commented that the \$692,000 annual expense seemed high. Assistant Chief Wilder confirmed that the contract requires a paramedic and a basic EMT as the minimum standards for each ambulance. Mr. Van Etten then commented that the City of Rochester has a "Rolls Royce" EMS program.

Mr. Van Etten addressed calls for service volume, patient billing, and other conditions that can impact the contract. Particularly the cross staffing that occurs when medics work in the emergency room when not assigned to the ambulance. Mr. Van Etten also explained the costs involved with purchasing and outfitting an ambulance.

Deputy Police Chief Boudreau and Dispatch Manager Devine provided details on EMS dispatch call volumes. They provided a 5 year spreadsheet detailing all dispatch calls for EMS. The spreadsheet was broken down by the various call categories. Committee members discussed the data presented, specifically mutual aid. Additional data was presented that was not in the initial spreadsheet on EMS annual transports to a hospital.

The committee then discussed having the Dover Fire Chief available for questions at the June 23, 2021 meeting. Assistant Chief Wilder will arrange for Dover's Fire Chief to be present. In addition, Assistant Chief Wilder stated Rochester Fire is working on a comprehensive presentation, which will be ready for the July 28, 2021 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5pm

Mark Sullivan- Deputy Finance Director

EMS Run Numbers

Year	Total EMS	FD & EMS	EMS Mutual Aid	EMS Intercept	Total FD	FD Mutual Aid	Mutual Aid
2016	6302	1549	102	936	2823	71	73
2017	6478	1664	128	884	2921	79	80
2018	6324	1522	107	815	2884	77	77
2019	6225	1323	99	792	2508	84	98
2020	6244	1445	98	838	2733	90	184
*2021	2308	494	54	260	888	39	59

***2021 - to date 5/14/2021**

