

Ramona 3<sup>rd</sup> Ambulance Ad Hoc Committee  
Ramona Community Planning Group

FINAL Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2021

Teleconference Meeting at 7:00 pm  
Access for Public and Committee Members  
Call in # 978-990-5330  
Access Code 8612750

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Dan Summers
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Debbie Foster
3. Determination of members present  
Attendees- Dan Summers, Lynn Hopewell, Debbie Foster  
Absent - Matt Rains
4. Approval of the order of the agenda.  
Motion to approve by Lynn Hopewell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Foster. Motion approved 3-0-0-1  
(Matt Rains absent)
5. Dan Summers - Gave a brief history of emergency services in Ramona emphasizing that in 1989 Ramona had a population of about 20,000 and Ramona Fire had two ALS ambulances. Today, Ramona's population has nearly doubled, and we still have only two ALS ambulances.
6. Dan Summers - Gave status of current emergency service availability in Ramona. Dan points out that increased residential population and increased recreational activities generate greater call volume that often requires outside ALS resources to respond to Ramona causing delayed responses. Very simply, if both Medic 80 and Medic 81 are on calls in Ramona and a third call comes in, that ambulance may be coming from Warner Springs, Julian, Barona, or Poway.  
  
Debbie Foster shared that when ALS resources are responded out of their area of responsibility like Warner Springs, it leaves that region uncovered until the resource returns to district.
7. Dan Summers - The solution is a third ALS ambulance stationed at Fire Station 82 in Ramona. That ambulance could be provided by the private sector or CalFire.

8. Dan Summers has written a letter from the RCPG to the RMWD. He read the letter. Lynn Hopewell suggested that language be added to the letter pointing out the negative impact to rural districts if their only ALS resource is responded into Ramona. Dan agreed to add the language.
9. Dan Summers- Jim Piva is the designated liaison between the RCPG and the RMWD. Dan will pursue a meeting between the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ambulance Ad Hoc Committee and Mr. Piva to explore the process of acquiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> ambulance for Ramona.
10. Debbie Foster - Shared a recent account of a call in which her son, who is a paramedic, responded from his district in Warner Springs to a medical aid in Ramona. The response time was 45 minutes.
11. Debbie Foster/Dan Summers pointed out that response times are critical because there are blood clot medications for heart attacks and strokes that can only be given in the emergency room within a narrow window of time. If there is a delayed response, the patient may not arrive at the hospital in time to receive the life-saving meds.
12. Lynn Hopewell shared about a wrist injury while on a training exercise with the Sheriff's Search and Rescue team in 2002. An ambulance was called, and she asked if there were any other ambulances available, the answer was no. She chose to have a friend take her so that Ramona wasn't short an ambulance.
13. Dan Summers/Debbie Foster clarified the difference in scope of practice between EMT's and paramedics. EMT's are basic life support (BLS). Paramedics are advanced life support (ALS).
14. There were no requests for future agenda items.
15. Concerns from members - It was agreed that Matt Rains be given the minutes of this meeting ASAP.
16. Dan Summers requested a motion to adjourn. Debbie Foster made the motion and Lynn Hopewell seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.