Ambulance Project Snapshot

Project- through a joint venture with Buckeye Valley Fire District, we are pleased to announce an Inter-governmental Agreement (IGA) that will bring an ambulance to Harquahala Fire District at no new cost upon board approval. This will be a 6-month pilot program to determine the validity of the operation. Billing for services will remain the same as current for residence utilizing an ambulance.

Benefits for Harquahala

* 24/7 ambulance coverage in Harquahala
* Five people staffing 24/7
* Coverage of the South station 24/7
* No new cost to Harquahala budget.
* Some positive reimbursement revenue depending on the success of operations.
* Buckeye Valley provides half of the staffing for the unit.

Benefits for Buckeye Valley

* Reduced response times help protect their CON- certificate of Necessity from competitors.
* Harquahala provides half of the staffing for the unit.
* Reduces fuel, wear, and tear on vehicle from long responses.
* Harquahala will house the unit at the south station.

Change in philosophy.

* Redirect 75% of Reserve pay to shift overtime. Since BV will providing the driver (5th person), we will essentially only be using reserves or overtime to meet minimum staffing levels of 4 personnel with 2 medics minimum. This will be cost neutral as far as budget is concerned. We must have these staffing minimums in order to have the ambulance in service.