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Hello Mr. Potter,

Could you please share the following with the Brattleboro Selectboard?

Hello Brattleboro Selectboard,

We had the opportunity to review the memo regarding the EMS proposals, and we wanted to clarify our position on fire department response to “priority 1 calls”.

Fire Department Response and Support

- a. We did not indicate that a fire department response was necessary for “all priority 1 calls.” Rather, we indicated that some percentage of calls that are specifically challenging in regard to access, manpower, or high clinical acuity may trigger a response request from Rescue Inc. An emergency call for a person in cardiac arrest would be the most likely need for first response, these types of calls are infrequent, for example in 2021 there were 15 of these events in Brattleboro.
- b. Situations like car accidents, fires, and HAZMAT events are examples of emergencies which will require both agencies to be involved with the patient care process, to some degree.
- c. It should be further noted that even AMR offering a “turn-key” solution does not avoid the necessity of fire department response to many of the same calls.
- d. This is specifically important because it factors into the financial liability calculations the Town has presented in their recent memo.

If this explanation promotes further questions please reach out. We are willing as always to meet in person as well.

Thank You,



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