

Letter of Support

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Subject: Response Times-Prescott AZ
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 9:58:48 PM

Greetings,

I am reaching out to you all to ask that you expedite the CON (Certificate of Necessity) for Central Arizona Fire and Medical in Northern Arizona.

The current response times are detrimental to victims of medical emergencies such as cardiac arrest, strokes, and more. When trained in the medical profession one learns that there are vital windows of care in which a person must be treated depending on the event. While not everyone understands the medical profession nor the idiosyncrasies of it, I am calling on all of you to do your due diligence in providing Central Arizona Fire and Medical the tools and resources needed to serve the community.

We all understand that the circumstances of the past few years have changed the way we function and respond. However, we must still move forward with positive solutions and not be sidetracked by unrealistic data from those that wish to shadow facts with opinions.

There is a duty to look at the facts, the global picture, the lives lost or compromised and there is a time to do the right thing which is now.

I ask, on behalf of Central Arizona Medical and Fire and as a community member, that you provide our public servants the tools that they need to save lives. Their oath is to do no harm and protect what is savable and to do this, there must be resources and support.

I challenge you to take a step back and evaluate the value of life over popularity.

I challenge you to rise as leaders against those that are profit driven and not patient driven.

I challenge you to look at your family and imagine them gasping for their last breath while reaching out to you with a pale white hand and blood seeping from their mouth as their heart stops from traumatic injury.

I challenge you to visit the morgue and see a cold, lifeless child, robbed of their future as they lay there with a sewn thoracic cavity that is filled with fluid and matter to make them appear whole to their parents that are screaming in agony in the waiting room.

I challenge you to spend 1 12-hour rotation at a fire station and watch the horror of someone that can feel their life bleed out from a gunshot wound to the stomach causing all functions to slowly shut down and their expression when they realize that their bowels have emptied in front of a crowd.

I challenge you to take a tour of Central Arizona Medical and Fire and talk to the first responders that have held the body of an 89-year-old female as she has cried herself into exhaustion in the arms of a firefighter because her spouse of 51 years died on the floor, stripped of his dignity, while medics worked to save him from cardiac arrest.

I challenge you to do the right thing.

The community will rally and support Central Arizona Medical and Fire because they are fulfilling their call and duty to save lives.

They are not profit driven.

They are not selfish.

They are not ignorant.

They are an organization of highly trained individuals that see the value in a life, that have made the conscious decision to serve others, and to do what it takes to ensure each person is more than another statistic.

Empower our first responders to save lives.

Thank you,

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Scott



From: [Scott](#)
To: [PIO](#)
Subject: EMS Pod cast with the Chief
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 6:52:40 PM

Hello,

My daughter works for Lifeline ambulance and as your Chief mentioned the employees are not the problem it's big brother AMR!

Having worked with LA County Fire for 28 years as a FF/PM and have dealt not only with AMR but also Halls Ambulance company out of Kern County (which borders LA County) your department has an up hill battle.

Not only does DHS protect these agencies but will lie about response times etc and make the fire department look like the bad guys.

Your department has every right to transport a patient to an LZ or begin to the local hospital if an ambulance has an extended ETA. You don't need medical direction from the base hospital to initiate transport as that is the on scene medic or Captains call!

Myself and my partner Have called for our airsquad, placed patients in the back of Sheriff vehicles, our paramedic squad or even in our engine companies to expedite transport while treating vs waiting for an ambulance to arrive.

However, I've never placed a patient in a private vehicle or accompanied one due to liability issues which could've lead to a major lawsuit should things have gone south. But that is a decision the medic or captain have to make.

I would suggest that maybe you look into staffing full time your own mobile aid units or establish paramedic/EMT ambulances like Phoenix or LA City to help augment the local ambulance company (no matter who it is) as this battle can and will be pretty lengthy and frustrating unfortunately.

Best of luck and keep up the good fight.

Scott [REDACTED]
Retired LA County FD firefighter/paramedic
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Sent from my iPhone

Letter of Support

Chip



From: [Chip](#) [REDACTED]
To: [PIO](#)
Subject: AMR/Lifeline Response Times
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 6:10:44 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

This is in response to the latest problems plaguing the local Medical Care that we are seeing decline. With over the 365 Level 0 that Lifeline has continued to be in, is risking the lives and well being of the citizens of Central Yavapai County.

My name is Chip [REDACTED] and I currently am an avid Scanner listener, and also am the Admin for 2 of the Counties most popular FaceBook Emergency information groups, Central Arizona Fire Medical Authority is in Desperate need of the CON {Certificate Of Notification} to guarantee proper Medical Attention to Patients young and old.

I have personally heard that while AMR/Lifeline at times has over an hour response time and as no less than 30 minutes, with those time frames, I ask how many lives are put are in Danger and at risk for more Damage being done. Case in Point, I recall making a post for an 8 month old baby that went into Cardiac Arrest with Lifeline Ambulance being 42 minutes to E.T.A, Where Station 61 and the Captain of the Engine making the decision to use Rescue 61 to Transport that infant to either NativeAir or all the way into YRMC West Campus.

There are over 100 different times I can name where AMR/Lifeline had an extended E.T.A, Which is unacceptable by National Standards. The residents of Prescott and surrounding Quad Cities deserve to have reliable Medical Transportation.

CAFMA has it in print that they have has 365 times that AMR was in Level 0, I believe their Data and numbers are wrong and according to the records I keep I believe they are off by 100, it is closer to 430 times and most recently AMR went Level 0 at 06:41 in the morning and went level 0 6 times that day.

To those in the offices of D.H.S , please the communities and residents of Yavapai County Need THE EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE OF NOTIFICATION ISSUED.

AMR/Lifeline has created a Monopoly in the Medical response and Transportation Industry, they treat their patients as though we are expendable and their mentality that they have the right to refuse service to anyone at anytime, plus their lack of enough Medical Units, 5-7 response units is not enough for 126,000 residents, when we at one point in time had 11 Medical Units.

Further more Prescott Fire Department and that of Central Arizona Fire Medical Authority swear to an Oath to provide and Protect the citizens of their community, they have the Respect of all the residents.

Thank you for your Time and Understanding, and Please we urge D.H.S to issue the Emergency CON.

Chip [REDACTED]

Admin for the Yavapai County Police and Fire Information Page

Admin for the YE911 Emergency Scanner Chat Room

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