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Mark Nelson

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Good Evening Mark,
I apologize for the 11th hour email.... I am on shift for SCFR tomorrow and my comp time is unable to be done for staffing issues so I am unable to attend the meeting. I was asked by EMS association to come and speak to the board on the Lifepak 35 project and since I am unable to I was wondering if you would please be able to relay my remarks to your fellow board members.

Good evening my name is Nick Poesse I am the Service Director for the Anthon Community Ambulance Service. I apologize for not being there in person but I was unable to get the time off from work to speak on this matter.

First I'd like to thank the board for the opportunity to speak on this matter as this project will really have a positive impact on the county and rural EMS as a whole.

In Anthon, like many other departments in the county, we respond to many calls where we may not know what the root cause of their illness or injury stems from and most times we won't find out as the hospital takes over the pts care. Speaking in general terms as to stay HIPPA compliant... in the past our dept had been dispatched to a home for trouble breathing and upon our arrival find them unconscious on the floor with no pulse. So we apply the cardiac monitor "Lifepak 15" while providing High Quality CPR, apply the Lucas Device, establish an airway and do all the things that need doing. After 15 minutes we got loaded in the ambulance to begin transport to meet ALS "advanced life support" crews when the bystander states that her and the pt have actually been taking opiates recreationally. In this particular call we found it to be opioid related almost right off the bat. But like I said previously most of the time at the EMS level we will never know.

These monitors are something we can't simply skimp on and go with "low bid". It is also important to keep it all the same across the county so we can utilize any monitor on any rig without fumbling around trying to learn on the fly.

I understand the board was hesitant on using these funds to purchase the Lifepak 35's and even if they can't be funded fully I have to tell you it's a great service to the rural communities to have these life saving devices in the hands of these rural EMS Agencies.

On a personal level I ask the board to reconsider only funding 75% of the project as some departments still will find it a stretch to spend even the 25%. As you may or may not know the previous Lifepaks and the Lucas devices were granted fully through the Mission Lifeline grant from the Helmsley Charitable Trust. The Lifepak 35's are great equipment that require us to have service contracts and at least speaking for Anthon we will be spending a large sum on that annual service contract through Stryker so they can come provide software updates and provide the annual maintenance.

Again I want to thank you all for your time and thank you for your continued support for our Rural EMS agencies.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

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