

Resolution No. 218

A resolution providing for the provision of
temporary ambulance service for the
town of Stevensville

Whereas although not mandated by state statute, the town of Stevensville desires to provide for the continued availability of licensed ambulance service for the town of Stevensville;

Whereas the ambulance service formerly serving the Stevensville area has discontinued timely service;

Whereas Missoula Emergency Services, Inc. is willing to provide an ambulance with reasonably necessary equipment and supplies for emergency transportation; and

Whereas Missoula Emergency Services, Inc., is willing to provide the ambulance if the town of Stevensville and the Rural Fire District will provide staffing by qualified emergency basic response life support personnel; and

Whereas it is in the interest of the public safety, health and welfare to continue to provide emergency transportation services at a minimum level until more comprehensive service can be identified and contracted;

The town council of the town of Stevensville hereby resolves as follows:

1. The town shall enter a 90 day contract with Missoula Emergency Services, Inc. To provide an ambulance car equipped with reasonably necessary equipment and supplies, as required by the state license, for use in emergency response situations occurring within the town of Stevensville;

2. The ambulance service provided by Missoula Emergency Services, Inc., shall constitute the primary emergency transportation response unit for the town of Stevensville,

3. This ambulance shall be staffed primarily by the Stevensville Fire/Q.R.U. *Volunteer* personnel approved by the Missoula Emergency Services, Inc., and holding sufficient credentials for emergency response at the Basic Life Support Level with proper endorsements. The town of Stevensville Fire/Q.R.U. personnel shall not permit an unlicensed or non-approved operator to operate the ambulance.

4. Missoula Emergency Services, Inc., shall maintain all appropriate licenses at the Basic Life Support with Endorsements level.

5. Missoula Emergency Services, Inc., shall maintain sufficient property and liability insurance on the ambulance and its operators/crew members, and the company shall

notify its insurance carrier of this arrangement. Any necessary endorsements to insurance coverage shall be obtained by Missoula Emergency Services, Inc. The company shall provide the town of Stevensville with a copy of the property and liability insurance policy.

6. The Stevensville Fire/Q.R.U. personnel who hold sufficient credentials and who are approved by the Missoula Emergency Services, Inc., shall staff the ambulance. The Stevensville Fire Department, along with the Stevensville Rural Fire Department, shall provide the garage for the ambulance. The Town of Stevensville and Rural Fire District shall provide the fuel for the ambulance, with each entity paying one-half. The company shall provide for the maintenance of the vehicle, equipment and supplies.

7. Personnel shall wear a shirt or other clothing signifying that they are serving the Missoula Emergency Services, Inc. at the time they assume transport operator duties. *The Stevensville Fire/Q.R.U. personnel shall log in as a transporter at the time of assumption of transport duties.*

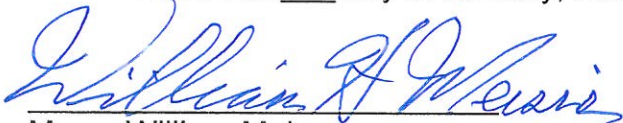
8. The contract entered between the town of Stevensville and Missoula Emergency Services, Inc., shall be finalized for council approval no later than February 1, 2006, for review and consideration at the town council meeting of February 13, 2006.

9. The Stevensville Rural Fire Department must enter a separate contract to be approved by the town council as a condition to the town's entering a contract.


10. The Stevensville Fire Chief, QRU captain, and town council fire department representative shall continue to study alternatives for a long term provision of emergency transportation services and shall report back to the council within 60 days setting forth the alternatives available.

11. This resolution requires approval of the terms of the contract prior to the contract being finalized. The town will not enter this arrangement without the approval of the town's insurance carrier.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2006.



Mayor William Meisner



Attested by ~~Nancy Lowell~~ *Sandy Holland*
Clerk of the town of Stevensville

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