

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Tim Malchow, Director
Cannon Falls Ambulance

SUBJECT: EMS Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillators

DATE: February 17, 2015

BACKGROUND

The Cannon Falls Ambulance Service received a charitable grant of up to \$25,000.00 from the Minnesota Mission: Lifeline EMS Equipment Grant Program, which was accepted by the Council and City on July 15th of this year. In order to maintain consistency of patient care when utilizing this type of technical equipment, particularly in high stress situations such as cardiac arrests, we would prefer to have identical types of equipment on each of the ambulances. In this way, supplies are the same, where items are located when someone reaches for them are the same, buttons are in the same place, etc. In this manner, we feel that it is easier to train and maintain skill levels for situations that are not encountered on a daily basis. In addition, having similar monitors makes the purchasing a restocking of supplies easier, as there is one brand, rather than multiples, that needs to be purchased and re-stocked.

On December 16, 2014, the City Council was made aware that the grant prices were available till end February 2015. Due to a large discount expiring soon, we suggest the purchase for the last remaining monitor. The funding would come from the ambulance capital improvement budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommend purchase of a third Physio-Control Lifepak 15 Monitor/Defibrillator for the ambulance service.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Request a motion to approve the purchase of a third Physio-Control Lifepak 15 Monitor/Defibrillator for the ambulance service in the amount of \$24,000.00.