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Press Release

Emergency Medical Ambulance Services

For immediate release. Siouxland Paramedics, Inc. (SPI) has initiated discussions with the City of Sioux City to evaluate options to best sustain quality emergency medical ambulance services in the community.

Due to the increasingly difficult healthcare financing environment in Siouxland and across the country, SPI has initiated dialogue with Sioux City council members, city manager, and Sioux City Fire Rescue (SCFR) to transition emergency medical ambulance services to a more sustainable model by January 1, 2018.

SPI employees have worked closely with SCFR, jointly responding to emergency medical calls in the City and with regional emergency medical services to provide paramedic assist services since SPI's inception in 1982. In 2000, the City of Sioux City and North Sioux City's EMS District entered agreements to provide financial support for emergency medical ambulance services to SPI due to the continued declining healthcare financing situation. The current discussions involve even greater involvement by the City of Sioux City to ensure stable, quality, efficient emergency ambulance services.

Over 10,000 individuals are served by SPI every year. SPI is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services. SPI employs 57 individuals of which 31 are full-time employees, 1 is part-time, and the remainder are contingent.

SCFR provides paramedic-level first response emergency medical service with 32 paramedics, 24 Advanced EMTs, 54 EMTs, 113 total employees, out of seven fire stations. SCFR is accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International and is a Class 1 Insurance Services Organization (ISO) department.

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