

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners  
Request for County Board Action/Agenda Item Cover Sheet



To: Chairperson, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners      Date: 5-8-13

Via: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

From: Sheriff Scott Turner

Title of Item:

Recognition – McGregor Area Ambulance

Requested Meeting Date: 5-14-13      Estimated Presentation Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter: Sheriff Scott Turner

**Type of Action Requested** (check all that apply)

- For info only, no action requested
- For discussion with possible action
- Let/Award Bid or Quote (attach copy of basic bid/quote specs or summary of complex specs, each bid/quote received & bid/quote comparison)
- Approve/adopt proposal by motion
- Authorize filling vacant staff position
- Request to schedule public hearing or sale
- Request by member of the public to be heard
- Item should be addressed in closed session under MN Statute \_\_\_\_\_
- Approve under Consent Agenda
- Adopt Ordinance Revision
- Approve/adopt proposal by resolution (attach draft resolution)
- Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Fiscal Impact** (check all that apply)

- Is this item in the current approved budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (attach explanation)
- What type of expenditure is this?  Operating  Capital  Other (attach explanation)
- Revenue line account # that funds this item is: \_\_\_\_\_
- Expenditure line account # for this item is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Staffing Impact** (Any yes answer requires a review by Human Resources Manager before going to the board)

- Duties of a department employee(s) may be materially affected.  Yes  No
- Applicable job description(s) may require revision.  Yes  No
- Item may impact a bargaining unit agreement or county work policy.  Yes  No
- Item may change the department's authorized staffing level.  Yes  No



**Supporting Attachment(s)**

- Memorandum Summary of Item
- Copy of applicable county policy and/or ordinance (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable state/federal statute/regulation (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable contract and/or agreement
- Original bid spec or quote request (excluding complex construction projects)
- Bids/quotes received (excluding complex construction projects, provide comparison worksheet)
- Bid/quote comparison worksheet
- Draft County Board resolution
- Plat approval check-list and supporting documents
- Copy of previous minutes related to this issue
- Other supporting document(s) (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide (1) copy of supporting documentation NO LATER THAN Wednesday at Noon to make the Board's agenda for the following Tuesday. (If your packet contains colored copies, please provide (4) paper copies of supporting documentation as we do not have a color printer or copier.) Items WILL NOT be placed on the Board agenda unless complete documentation is provided for the Board packets.**

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### MEMO

To: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners      Date: May 8, 2013

From: Sheriff Scott Turner      Re: Certificate of Appreciation – McGregor Area Ambulance

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In 1976 a group of forward-thinking people got together to raise funds in the McGregor area to purchase an ambulance and form a volunteer ambulance service. Some of those individuals – like Vern Miller, Clyde Rich, Ray Farley, George Deering, Bob Sundberg and Darrell Olson were members of the McGregor Fire Department. Others, like Bill Fox, also saw the need for a vital service to help keep people safe.

Since 1976 they have responded to 10,000 calls for service that included a number of scenarios such as car crashes, lost hunters, missing children, medical calls and rescue calls. They delivered some babies along the way and were there to standby when law enforcement took down a meth lab. Whatever the need, the McGregor Area Ambulance has always been there to offer assistance when called upon. Shortly thereafter, in 1978, another community-minded resident, John Bajda, joined the crew and continues to serve as an EMT on the McGregor Area Ambulance to this day. Penny Olson joined the crew in 1980 and continues to serve on the crew as well. Dake Olson, grandson of one of the original organizers, is the current crew chief. Jerry Farley, Mayor of McGregor and son of one of the original organizers, was also on the crew.

It takes a much time and commitment to become an EMT. It takes tremendous amount of time by a great number of volunteers over the last 35 years to respond to 10,000 calls for service. For that time and dedication by a great number of volunteers over that span, the citizens of Aitkin County are truly grateful.