

MINUTES
TOWN OF WALLINGFORD
AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 16, 2020

The Ambulance Committee met on January 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Fire Chief Richard Heidgerd, Police Chief William Wright, Health Director Stephen Civitelli, Dr. Delbert Smith, Fire Lieutenant Samuel Wilson, Board of Health Members Leonard Guercia, OEM, Isaac Cardona, Kathy Neelon and Mayor Dickinson.

The Fire Chief described the implementation of a Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance service. A large majority of our ambulance calls do not require the presence of a paramedic. Effective July 1st paramedics will be on the fire engines not on the ambulances. Dispatch will determine whether a paramedic is needed on any call as a result of protocols and answers questions from those requiring ambulance assistance.

The number of firefighters will be reduced from 63 to 56 and 16 EMT's will be hired. There will be two ambulances in service 24 hours per day. The EMT's are approximately 50% of the wage costs of firefighters. Lt. Sam Wilson described the required rate schedule. The State of Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) has proposed a 1% rate increase for the year 2020.

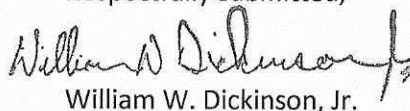
A motion was made by Len Guercia to adopt the State Office of Emergency Medical Services 1% rate increase for Wallingford ambulance billing. The motion was seconded by Isaac Cardona. The Committee unanimously approved the rate increase.

The attached schedule was distributed illustrating the impact of the rate on the various services we offer. The rate is not expected to provide any profit but it is hoped it will cover all costs.

Mr. Cardona asked if the Department is encouraging volunteers. The Fire Chief indicated that the Department has staffed a part time BLS ambulance which responded to 234 calls. There is hope that our recruits for EMS service will also result in interest in coming full time firefighters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



William W. Dickinson, Jr.
Mayor

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Attachment

SCHEDULE OF MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RATES

EFFECTIVE January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020
2019 Rate Schedule

Wallingford Department of Fire Services

AMBULANCE SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE

Basic Life Support (BLS) Rate	\$758.00
Advance Life Support Level 1 Non-ER.....	N/A
Advance Life Support Level 1 ER.....	\$1,199.00
Advance Life Support Level 2.....	\$1,269.00
Paramedic Intercept	\$852.00
Basic Life Support (BLS) Helicopter Assist.....	\$496.00
Advance Life Support (ALS) Helicopter Assist.....	\$771.00
Advance Life Support (ALS) Assessment.....	\$445.00
Specialty Care Transport (SCT)	\$1,647.00

ANCILLARY CHARGES

Waiting Time Charge	\$201.00
Per Mileage Charge	\$18.43
Special Attendant Charge	\$150.00

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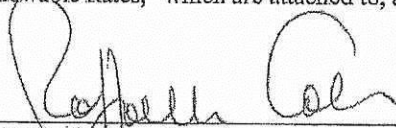
Base Rate (IC).....	N/A
Two Patients (IC).....	N/A

ANCILLARY CHARGES

Per Mile Charge (IC).....	N/A
Second Attendant Charge (IC).....	N/A
Waiting Time Charge (IC).....	N/A

All charges must be in conformance with the definitions on the subsequent pages entitled "Explanatory Notes on the Implementation of the 2016 Schedule of Maximum Allowable Rates," which are attached to, and become part of, the Rate Schedule.

Certified to be the maximum allowable rates by:



Raffaella Coler, Director
Office of Emergency Medical Services

Date Certified: December 20, 2019