

Sherborn Fire Department



Warrant article for replacement of
Ambulance

March 12, 2016

Ambulance Facts

- EMS calls represent majority of call volume for department.
- Ambulance generates revenue for the town
- Rate increase approved for March 1 (5%).
Additional increase likely.
- Highest regulated vehicle in Town of Sherborn (includes fire, police, and highway).
- MOST CRITICAL vehicle in the department.

Current Equipment

- Currently operate at ALS level (requires specialized equipment to be carried).
- Existing ambulance purchased in 2006.
- Shows increasing signs of wear & tear (typical life expectancy is 10 years).
 - Engine has been taken out and repaired 3 times
 - Increased frequency of mechanical and electrical defects.
 - Reduced reliability
- Only emergency medical transport vehicle within Sherborn (no back up ambulance).

Proposal for Replacement

- Warrant article is for \$305,500.
- Will take roughly 10 -12 months from the date of order to delivery
- Recommend that the current ambulance be traded in.
- Will meet new triple K safety standards
- Specifications developed are for a similar ambulance.

Conclusion

- SINGLE most important vehicle for department.
- RESPONDS to calls virtually every day.
- REDUCED reliability could impact our ability to respond in a timely fashion for critical life safety emergencies.