

June 17, 1994

From: David Eisenberg  
To: Wes and Marion Curtis  
Re: Seiad Valley Fire Dept First Responders

Dear Wes and Marion:

Seiad Valley Volunteer Fire Department is in the process of having a first response capability. There was a meeting last night with myself, Rick Andrews - Fire Chief, Jennifer Johnson and Mike Thomas - two of my recently graduated EMT students.

The plan is to have CDF notify Seiad - and who ever was available would come to the fire hall and one engine would be dispatched to the scene. If no one ( David, Sherrie, Mike, Jennifer ) responded, they would try a land line and then respond. It would be just like K-River - they and HC ambulance are called at the same time.

Rick Andrews would like to get together with you and Wes and work out whatever any details - a few topics that came up:

OK Workman's comp - Jennifer and Mike would be added to Seiad's role - I thought Sherry and I would continue to be covered by HC ambulance.

Replenishment of supplies - I suggested Seiad budget funds for replenishment I'd like to avoid some of the hassles we've had with K-River. I'd appreciate any constructive suggestions you have in this area. The issue also came up about temporary exchange for things like backboard or KED. Yes on Backboard - No on KED.

Training - if there is events that you're aware of - please call or let Rick know so we could have the option to attend. ( Rick says that CDF will putting on a First responder course for the Fire Dept in the Fall and all the crew will be trained. )

Ride along - Jennifer and Mike are interested in gaining more experience. I told them I would try and respond to as many events as I could and help them refine their skills in the " real world ". They were interested in riding along - and I need your help in figuring out how we can meet the needs of the ambulance for

liability issues. I had an idea that they could sign up for a COS class again, and be covered by the college's insurance. The disadvantage is they would have to pay registration fees and be willing to take a failing grade since they wouldn't need to go to class.

[ This brings up a delicate subject for me ... If I come down to the scene to assist Mike and Jennifer in gaining skills and confidence - I'm not sure I want to be committed to go on every run. I am grateful that you have made an effort to screen the calls for me. ]

Another option for the ride along would for Mike and Jennifer to formally join the HC ambulance. I realize that this does not help you in your staffing needs for Happy Camp. But it would provide a bigger pool of staff and I have asked them to consider it and let them get their feet wet with some real responses with Seiad before they make up their minds. *Good Idea -*

Hep B Vaccine I told Rick that this should be covered by the Seiad Dept. I'd be glad to assist by giving shots at no charge.

Pagers The fire dept. has several fireman on pagers now and is committed to buying at least one more for First responders to use - We had a consensus of giving Rick a schedule of when we were available - but that it would not be possible to every hour of every day covered. Who would have the pager would go hand in hand with when people said they were going to be in town.

Anyway these are some areas that Rick would like to talk to you about and find out what works for you. I have made a list of supplies that I suggested as a core, and could later be expanded. ( On my list were backboard, straps, BVM, Ked, Sager Splint, O<sub>2</sub> tank and regulator, Emergency bag, assorted splints, pocket masks etc. )

I'll talk to you next week - Rick wanted to have an idea of what you thought so he could give the info to the Fire Commissioners and get the final ok for purchases.

Thanks

*David*

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( By the way if I haven't mentioned it lately- I do appreciate all the work you two give to the ambulance and without your effort we wouldn't have the system we have today.)

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