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Press Release

Injury Care EMS, seeking to provide Ambulance transports, is meeting with the Canyon County Ambulance District May 4, 2009, at 2 PM at the Canyon County Courthouse.

Injury Care Emergency Medical Services Inc. (ICEMS) is seeking a resolution from the Canyon County Ambulance District Board to provide non-911 ambulance service within Canyon County.

ICEMS is a Treasure Valley based, Idaho state licensed ambulance that is authorized to provide emergency and non-emergency transportation between hospitals and other healthcare facilities. Additionally, ICEMS also provides pre-hospital medical care in other settings throughout the entire State of Idaho. This includes many large mass-gathering/event settings and more recently provided medical/ambulance stand-by at the Nampa Idaho Center, Meridian Speedway, and Bogus Basin.

Canyon County ordinance 03-013 controls who can provide ambulance service within the district. According to that, the ambulance district board then approves the service of another ambulance provider, as long as certain criteria have been met.

“We believe that we are the first privately-owned ambulance service to try to comply with this ordinance,” states Dr. Richard Radnovich, ICEMS’s executive director. Radnovich notes that Canyon County Sheriff Dispatch is the agency that sends ambulances to most 911 calls in Canyon County. They also dispatch Canyon County Paramedics to non-emergent/emergent transports between healthcare facilities (such as transporting a patient from a hospital in Caldwell to a hospital in Boise). Thereby, putting a strain on the 911 system, having slower response times to those who call 911, and increasing the CCAD cost of operations. In addition, the ambulance district does not provide a complete range of services – they do not transport psychiatric patients, are not willing to wait for a patient and return he/she back to a care facility, or provide stand-by medical services.

Injury Care EMS started in response to demand from Treasure Valley facilities and families who wanted better service at lower cost.

Injury Care EMS is locally owned by Bill Arsenault, a combat veteran, and Richard Radnovich, a Boise physician.

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