

Tuesday March 1 2022 OMD Paramedic Service Description and Vote Q&A Write-Up

Rafael ok'd me to have this final meeting to address concerns about the voting process and clarify details about the service.

Service details

Currently the 'emergency' response in Pete's Camp is 911. Routing to Mexicali, once they determine your location and need for medical help they dispatch *Cruz Roja* (a transportation ambulance) that is not equipped with live-saving medicines or monitoring equipment or trained and licensed paramedics. It is TRANSPORT only. If *Cruz Roja* ambulance is not available (for example, right now for the next 3 days there is no *Cruz Roja* service...their ambulance is being worked on in Mexicali), they check the fire department. On weekends *Brigada del Sol San Felipe* may also be available on the 911 service if *Cruz Roja* and the FD are not available. *Brigada* is a volunteer force. *IMSS* also has a transport (unequipped) ambulance with driver only – NO trained staff.

Just so you know, when arranged ahead of time by the fire department, OMD supports the fire department for transport ONLY.

The Proposal

OMD is offering TO PETE'S CAMP a PARAMEDIC emergency response service exclusively to Pete's Camp. The fully equipped ambulance is dedicated to Pete's Camp. When they respond to your emergency, they have the necessary life-saving medications and are connected with a doctor in Mexicali to give permission to administer meds to you.

This is a MEDICAL RESPONSE service by trained and licensed paramedics to attend to you when you are injured or ill. THEN they will transport you, and stay with you and attend to you. If you are being transported north for additional care, you can be taken to any Mexicali hospital (such as *Hispano Americano* or *Almater*) or have them contact the US authorities to transfer you at the Mexicali-Calexico West Border.

If the OMD paramedic and ambulance are on another call, a second OMD ambulance and paramedic will be at Pete's Camp.

This is new and not offered in San Felipe. OMD is offering to establish this at Pete's Camp, for Pete's Camp homeowners, for an annual fee of \$365 USD per family per year. The price-cap is for 2 years I was told. We are going to vote on this proposal.

OMD will provide an ambulance, paramedic, and driver 24 hours per day (in shifts). So if one crew is on a call, another ambulance, paramedic, and driver will be available at Pete's Camp.

QUESTION – What do our bylaws allow?

ANSWER – We are not an incorporated Board and we do not have bylaws. Our HOA is operated with the permission of Rafael. Rafael owns the camp and may make all decisions.

QUESTION – What's keeping price from increasing next year?

ANSWER – If we vote YES (50%+1) then Rafael and OMD will write a contract. A 2-year price cap was already offered.

QUESTION – How fast can they transfer you at the Border?

ANSWER – I think it is 2-3 minutes, they call ahead. In specific critical circumstances OMD has been permitted to cross Border to transport patient to airfield.

QUESTION – Are there medications on board for a stroke?

ANSWER – OMD will give me a list of [Mexican law] required medications for a paramedic ambulance. I don't know if a "clot buster" medication is allowed.

QUESTION – Do they drive you to a doctor in San Felipe first?

ANSWER – If you are medically unstable they have to take you to a doctor in San Felipe to stabilize you. If you are medically stable they can take you to your choice of care in Mexicali, or to the Calexico West Border crossing for transfer.

QUESTION – What happens if both the ambulances are already dispatched?

ANSWER – I do not know [OMD currently has two ambulances and plans to obtain a third].

The Proposal (continued)

If you choose to do bloodwork, OMD will have your health issue details available should you require help. BLOODWORK IS NOT REQUIRED.

QUESTION – I heard the Bloodwork was not part of the offer and would cost extra?

ANSWER – I was told it was part of our offer.

QUESTION – How will they get paid?

ANSWER – Rafael will specify, monthly? Quarterly? What we pay will go to OMD. It will be a line-item on our annual lease statement.

The Proposal (continued)

Diego just sent me the list of equipment and meds onboard; I will get those available for you. I can post on the Pete's Camp homeowners website.

Ballots

We plan to hand out and mail ballots on March 19. IF YOU WILL BE HERE IN PETE'S CAMP AND WANT YOUR BALLOT HANDED TO YOU, I NEED YOUR NAME AND LOT NUMBER. I WILL ALSO ASK EVERYONE IN AN EMAIL REGARDING THEIR PREFERENCE TO GET BALLOT HERE OR MAILED.

Of the ballots returned, the majority (50%+1) is the decision. If a YES, then Pete's Camp and OMD will do a contract. This will be a unique contract with Pete's Camp for the residents with the OMD paramedic and ambulance service. If a NO, then Pete's Camp will NOT have a paramedic and ambulance service.

One vote/one invoice, I am clarifying the list with Rafael.

QUESTION – Who is covered?

ANSWER – Immediate family; however, everyone will receive emergency paramedic service, but extended family/guests will be subject to a discounted fee for transport.

QUESTION – Can we see the votes and who voted?

ANSWER – We will not see the names and how they voted.

Ballots (continued)

The ballots will be given to owners here – in person, not in office mail slot, and mailed to owners not here. Each ballot will have a unique number so we can ensure ballots are not photocopied, and there is only one vote per family. Ballots will be returned (in a provided addressed/stamped envelope) to our PO Box in Calexico, provided by Deb Ramirez. There will be a ballot box in the Camp office for people here to securely return their ballot. Deb will put mailed ballots received in the ballot box too.

Ballots must be originals (not photocopies). Ballots must be returned (or postmarked) by April 9. We will recruit non-Board member Homeowner representatives to be present at the ballot count.

QUESTION – Were there choices about the service?

ANSWER – No, this is a unique service offered to us.

QUESTION – Will they help you even if you don't need to go to hospital?

ANSWER – Yes! They will absolutely render aid if you need help. They don't require you to need to go to hospital. [Deb also stated they will check your blood pressure if you come ask them]

QUESTION – Will the service be subject to abuse? What if a person calls repeatedly? (This question was asked in various forms more than once).

ANSWER – I do not know. I can request an activity/service log.

COMMENT – Other ambulances have NO medicines on board, there are no life-savings medicine on other ambulances; or you must pay for medicines.

ANSWER – OMD service proposal includes costs of medicines dispensed.

QUESTION – How do we know that all the votes are accurate?

ANSWER – The ballots are one per family. One vote/one fee. Each ballot will have a unique number so we can ensure ballots are not photocopied, and there is only one vote per family.

QUESTION - Are there going to be representatives later to take questions about the service?

ANSWER – Send your questions to me info@petescamphomeowners.com . You may also talk to OMD/Diego.

QUESTION – How is the payment going to be made? Confirm who is going to collect the money, does it go through Rafael or the HOA Board?

ANSWER – Each family will pay with their lease from Pete’s Camp/Rafael. I understand that Rafael is not giving OMD a lump sum; that he will pay in increments. I expect that what we pay will be what goes to OMD.

QUESTION – Will there be proxy votes? What about un-owned lots in Camp? Do we have to wait until everyone votes?

ANSWER – There are no proxy [delegated] votes. All lots in Camp are owned. No we don’t have to wait for every family to vote; if a family chooses to not vote, that is ok and there is no impact because the result is based on the ballots received.

QUESTION – If they do not work at Pete’s Camp, where will they be?

ANSWER – OMD currently is a transport ambulance service; that is what they do. The paramedic service is offered to Pete’s Camp; this is an exclusive offer.

QUESTION – If El Dorado Ranch (EDR) calls, will they respond?

ANSWER – EDR residents call their security service in an emergency. EDR will not call Pete’s Camp OMD paramedic service. That being said, OMD paramedics are obligated as licensed professionals to render aid. So, for instance, if there is a car accident at the highway they will help. An OMD ambulance and paramedic and driver will always be available at Pete’s Camp. To clarify, EDR has nothing to do with this OMD proposal to Pete’s Camp.

QUESTION – Is there going to be a ballot box available?

ANSWER – Yes. Mark your ballot and put into envelope provided. And put that envelope in the [sealed] ballot box in the Pete’s Camp office.

QUESTION – Will ballots need to be signed?

ANSWER – No, we don’t have a master of everyone’s signatures. The code number will serve to prove the ballot is unique. We cannot control who in your family actually marks the ballot.

QUESTION – How was the cost determined? What is the gross amount?

ANSWER – [People commented on their observations and speculated amounts.] OMD/Diego calculated the cost of doing business. The gross amount will be the number of families times \$365. I do not have an exact family count yet.

QUESTION – Is Diego related to someone in Pete’s Camp? Was this created just to give someone a job?

ANSWER – No. To my knowledge there is no relation. This service was not made up to give someone a job.

QUESTION – Once (if) it passes, then what?

ANSWER – We want to wait for vote to determine when the service starts. And the contract has to happen first.

QUESTION – Was there any consideration to making this a subscription service for people who want it, vs. a forced fee? (Why is it all or nothing?)

ANSWER – The proposed service will not work unless it is for the entire Camp. Consider the water project, it was either all of Camp, or none of Camp. Rafael wants this to be voted on. It is Rafael’s camp.

COMMENT – We are focusing on the service offer – will we have a paramedic service in Pete’s Camp, yes or no. Everyone has an opportunity to get a ballot and vote. Then it is a simple majority.

QUESTION – How many time has an ambulance responded to Pete’s Camp in the past year.

ANSWER – People commented their observations and speculated on numbers.

QUESTION – What about homeowner’s policy providing helicopter rides to the border?

ANSWER – [People commented on their observations.] I have been told the San Felipe airport has no lights and planes/helicopters cannot land at night. SCORE Racing pays for their helicopters to be onsite during races. Regarding homeowner’s policies providing helicopters, I encouraged people to carefully read their policy and ask your agent.

QUESTION – What about a new hospital coming to San Felipe at a new municipality? Has that been considered?

ANSWER – I don’t know. We used to have a hospital here (St. James Infirmary).

QUESTION – What is the term of the contract? Will the contract be written before the vote?

ANSWER – We need a term, it will not be open-ended. [People commented on their thoughts about this.] We have not discussed the duration of the contract. I asked for a price cap and 2 year price cap was discussed. If the service is voted for, the contract will be written.

QUESTION – Without the contract how do we know what we are voting for?

ANSWER – We are voting for a 24/7 365 day per year onsite licensed paramedic service with fully stocked ambulance at Pete’s Camp for Pete’s Camp. We are voting first, then negotiating the details. I want, in the contract, the ability to reassess the service and ability to stop if the service is not being fulfilled (for instance, if an ambulance is not here).