



Executive Order No.: 2009-01

As Mayor of Franklin, and with approval from our legal counsel, I hereby issue an executive order to immediately replace our city ambulance service with service from a private company until further notice.

It came to my attention on the afternoon of December 8th that the City of Franklin currently has 2 civilian medics out of service. Two full-time firemen are out of service, with a third civilian medic going out of service in January. The goal of the civilian medic hiring in the fall of 2008 was to give the fire department enough staff to run two full-time life support ambulances. With two of the three out of service it leaves us too short, and with cost spent on overtime that would be unacceptable to our taxpayers.

The City currently has back up service from a private company. I met with three private providers today and reviewed options with each of them. Until further notice all service will be provided by Seals Ambulance Inc. Starting tomorrow morning, Seals Ambulance will place a full time ambulance in our Main Street fire station. This ambulance will serve as our first out ambulance.

During this time the City of Franklin will concentrate on being the best first responders possible. This will mean that we will continue to respond to all ambulance first aid calls, deliver needed aid and assist the private carrier in reading for transport.

Further, the responders will assist and accompany the private carrier to the hospital if deemed necessary. The only difference the citizens will see is that the bill will come from and be payable to the private carrier as opposed to the City.

As mayor, I feel the safety of our citizens is a top priority. I have arrived at this decision with their best interest at heart.

Signed,

Mayor Fred L. Paris

December 9, 2009