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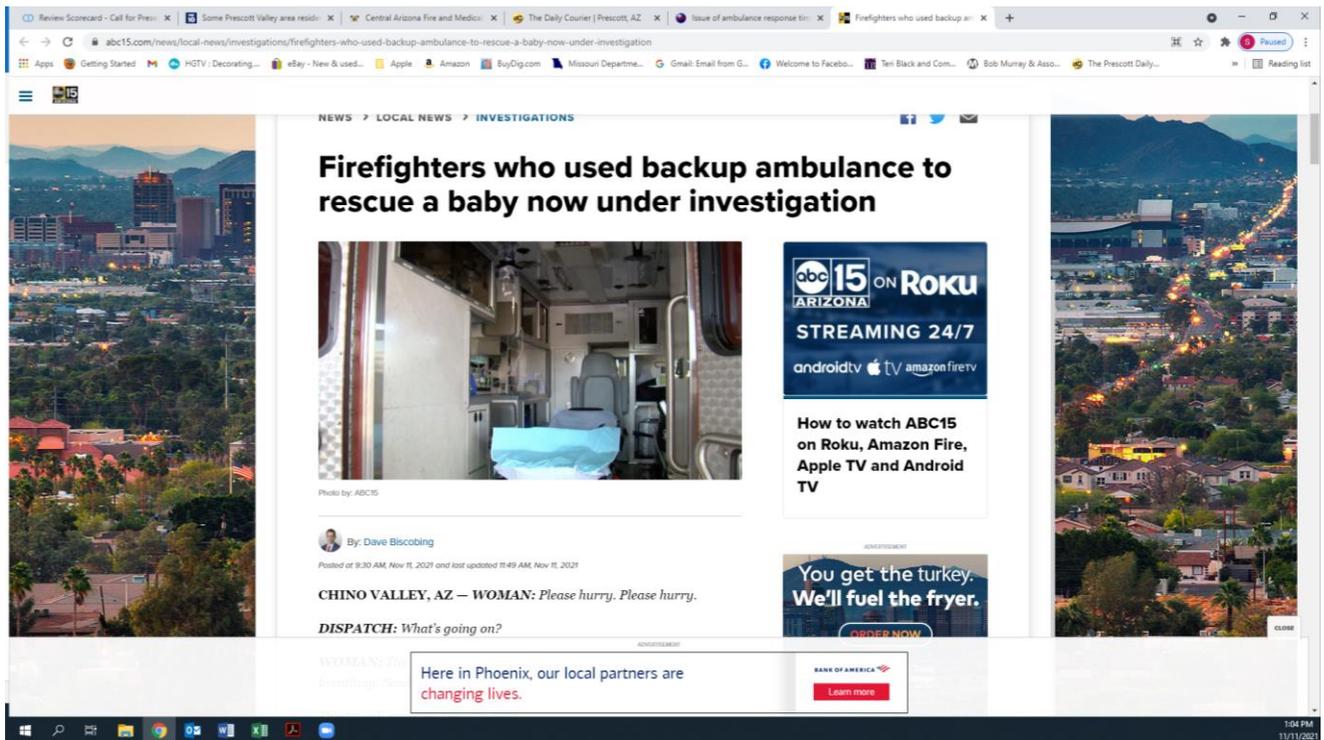
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"He who dares not offend cannot be honest"

- Thomas Paine



<https://www.abc15.com/news/local-news/investigations/firefighters-who-used-backup-ambulance-to-rescue-a-baby-now-under-investigation>

The State does not seem to understand – We will not stop until our citizens are protected! What kind of standards allow patients to be left lying on the scene for over an hour awaiting care? Answer: Standards set by those in charge of the AZ Bureau of EMS.... The level of incompetence allowed to reign within that agency is astounding!

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## The Chief's Desk

Well, it's been 13 days of this crap. I have finally been fever free for four days, and symptom free – whatever that means. I still have a lingering cough, and am easily fatigued, but that is just a normal part of recovery at this point. Jen is lagging a few days behind, but I'm hopeful she'll be over the hump in the next 24 hours. I did force myself to take a mile and a half walk. I'm not going to lie – it sucked.

It is amazing to me how many wonderful people we have in our lives. Many have reached out to offer support, and check on our overall wellbeing. We greatly appreciate all the well wishes. This can certainly be a nasty little bug, especially for those with underlying health issues.

I feel comfortable stating that I have now been naturally vaccinated. Do I get a shirt, or a card or something for this? Or, since I'm not jabbed do I still need to wear some sort of identifying symbol showing I'm a lesser person? According to at least one Israeli study, natural immunity is 13 times stronger than anything provided by the shot, and it lasts longer. These are facts currently ignored by the American Government who seem hell bent on pushing their shot.

Many are likely wondering where we stand since the feds moved to force shots on the masses via OSHA. As I've said all along, I am anti any type of mandate. It's your body, you decide what is best. The topic has been added to the Nov 18 board meeting agenda for open and executive session.

Personally, I am heartened that the federal courts have issued a stay sighting grave concerns with statutory and constitutional issues. Additionally, the Industrial Commission of Arizona has issued a statement reminding everyone that they are the state's occupational health agency, not OSHA. To that end, they advised that they had not been given opportunity to review OSHA's "emergency" guidance nor have they issued an opinion.

Between those two things, we can breathe easy. Not that we were getting ready to implement their mandates, to the contrary. However, this gives us time to get our legal ducks in a row. I plan to ask the board and our attorney about filing an amicus brief in support of those states currently suing the federal government.

Regarding the State of Arizona's suit, it seems once again our AG is focused on arguing politics in an effort to progress his political career as opposed to arguing legal substance. I'm no attorney, but I'm confident I could argue circles around these folks.

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### **Upcoming Events:**

Nov 15: Warehouse Tech Interviews, Lunch Meeting  
Nov 16: Lunch Meeting  
Nov 17: PVEDF Board Meeting  
Nov 18: Department Head Meeting PV, Board Meeting, Recruit Graduation  
Nov 19: AFCA Site meeting Hassayampa

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### **Board Meetings:**

November 18 Administration  
CAFMA – 1700-1830

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## **Issue of ambulance response times in Williams sheds light on demands of first responders**

By: Wendy Howell

When there is a medical incident, people are told to call 911 and wait for an ambulance. But how long is too long to wait for an ambulance?

10 minutes? 30 minutes? An hour?

For a high school football player with a broken leg or a young horse rider suffering a head injury, it can't be fast enough.

And according to Police Chief Herman Nixon, response times in Williams have become way too long which is why he recently filed a complaint about Life Line Ambulance with the Arizona Department of Health Services, who regulates ambulance companies in Arizona.

Life Line Ambulance is the only certified ground medical transport in Williams.

"This isn't a new problem for us, this has been going on a couple of years," Nixon said. "But we had a lot of dialog with their supervisors (Life Line Ambulance) and things got better, but then in the last four or five months, things have gotten worse than they've ever been."

Nixon said it has become common for patients to wait 60-90 minutes for an ambulance to respond to a call in the Williams area.

"I don't like to file complaints, I would rather work things out with their supervision," Nixon said. "But I reached the point that I was fed up, and they didn't fulfill what they told us they would do."

Nixon said he is proud of his two officers who were recently recognized for their life-saving efforts on a man in cardiac arrest, but he said providing medical care is not a primary duty for the department.

[williamsnews.com](http://williamsnews.com)

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## **Firefighters who used backup ambulance to rescue a baby now under investigation**

By: David Biscobing

**CHINO VALLEY, AZ — WOMAN:** *Please hurry. Please hurry.*

**DISPATCH:** *What's going on?*

**WOMAN:** *The baby fell into the bathtub. She drowned. She's not breathing. Send help right away.*

The 911 call came on Aug. 20, 2021.

While en route, Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority firefighters made two calls.

The first was a radio call to the responding ambulance.

*“How far are you guys out?”*

The answer: *“We’re about 12 minutes out.”*

That’s when the firefighters made their second call — a judgment call. They decided to use the unofficial ambulance they brought as a backup.

The crew got the baby to a nearby helicopter, which flew the 8-month-old girl to Phoenix Children’s hospital.

The baby survived and was released days later.

“We really didn’t think much about it, other than we transported with (our own rescue vehicle) and this was a good thing. We saved somebody in the community,” said Scott Freitag, chief of the Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, or CAFMA. “That is until we got the notice of investigation from (the Arizona Department of Health Services).”

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## **Chief’s Desk Continued**

I do not want to belabor the arguments I made last week regarding the shot itself. That is fairly self-explanatory i.e. they don’t work the way they’ve been sold. Let’s instead quickly discuss the idea of weekly testing. I just saw that Live Nation, same folks that just recently brought you the trampling of concert goers in Texas, issued an edict that you have to show proof of vaccination, or a negative test within 72 hours of attending a concert. OSHA’s misguided guidance requires those who refuse the vaccine to be tested weekly, at their own expense.

I’ll use myself as the example. I was tested on a Friday for a medical procedure scheduled the following Monday. As of noon on that Friday, I was negative with no symptoms. On Sunday morning, I woke up with a fever and COVID symptoms. So, a person can be tested one day and within 24-48 hours end up sick. Explain to me again how this weekly testing idea works, given it doesn’t. And, they want the employee to bear the burden for the cost??

There is no way in good conscious that I would pass that financial burden on to employees. If the feds want the testing done, they can pay for it. That said, I am not inclined to force folks to go through a useless testing process. If you’re sick and need tested, we will test you. If not, we’re not going to require you to get tested. Its completely asinine.

I will not comply with tracking your vaccination status. This is not the dark ages where people are forced to wear a scarlet letter.

So, what will CAFMA do? First and foremost, we will continue to support each of you. If you are sick with COVID, we will continue to use the Sick Leave COVID (SLC) code to ensure you are not charged sick time. We want you to remain out as long as you need to ensure you come back healthy and ready to work.

The last thing we want is someone pushing themselves back to work when they are either still contagious, or in a weakened state that could further jeopardize their health. It is amazing to me how many employers will threaten employees regarding the vaccine and loss of job, and at the same time will dock them for their time when sick. These are not employers with whom I would want to work or do business.

We will continue to offer testing as needed, and will provide information regarding when and where you can obtain the shot should you choose. Additionally, while we do not require masks, we will continue to make masks available to anyone who would like to wear one.

CAFMA has an infectious disease protocol in place that encompasses response for COVID. At this point, you all know what it is, and all appropriate PPE has been provided for your use – to include properly fitted N95 masks and eye protection. This is a nasty little bug, so if you run a known or suspected COVID call, please ensure you are following our protocols.

We have suffered loss within our extended CAFMA family over the last month as a result of COVID. Our thoughts and prayers remain with each of you and your families during this very difficult time.

Our position regarding COVID has remain unchanged throughout the pandemic i.e. we understand the dangers and concerns regarding the virus, however we disagree with the approach taken regarding the virus by the federal government, incompetent clinicians, and some in the science community.

If you have not had COVID, it can seriously kick your back side – and the damn thing lingers. Hydrate, take vitamins, consider some of the alternative treatments available, and try to avoid the hospital – seems clear they don't have a clue what they're doing. This has been the worst forced two-week vacation I've ever had!

It's funny to me that there is now panic because parents are catching COVID from their kids. When I was a medic on the ambulance, I never got sick. That is, except for when my little grotesque children would bring home whatever mad brew them and their little friends concocted. That's right, kids bring viruses and bacterial infections home – it's been that way since, well, since there have been little kids. Don't feign shock and dismay for the purposes of pushing a political agenda – it's disingenuous. For their part, kids with COVID seem to fair very well as they do with most viruses. Stop pushing to use them as Guinea pigs for a federal science experiment.

And this is why I cannot run for political office.....

Don't forget the Change.org initiative that was started by a member of our community, <https://chng.it/x8MXMXfbmr>. Our webpage regarding ambulance issues continues to grow and evolve. Don't forget to share the information with anyone who will listen.

<https://www.cazfire.org/rescue-response/>

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