



## Community Notification

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### City to Switch to Fire Based EMS

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The City of Wheat Ridge has used the services of a private ambulance company since 1988. Most recently that company has been American Medical Response. On January 4, 2016, the Wheat Ridge and West Metro Fire Protection Districts presented their plans to consolidate to City Council. A component of that consolidation was the need to provide emergency medical services (EMS) in order to make the merger feasible. Arvada Fire also presented to the Council that they could provide EMS within their portion of the city as well. That would leave only the small area serviced by the Fairmont Fire Protection District left to be serviced by a private ambulance company. The Council expressed their support of the Wheat Ridge/West Metro merger and a switch to fire based EMS. The Wheat Ridge/West Metro merger was effective April 1, 2016.

At midnight on July 30<sup>th</sup>, the city will switch from private ambulance services provided by American Medical Response to services provided by West Metro and Arvada Fire Protection Districts. Each of these Fire Protection Districts will handle their respective area of Wheat Ridge. Arvada Fire covers the area north of Clear Creek while West Metro Fire covers the area South of Clear Creek. West Metro Fire and Arvada Fire have a long standing and close relationship. They routinely work together on emergency scenes, training exercises and planning objectives. Both agencies are committed to a seamless transition with no interruption in ambulance services to the citizens of Wheat Ridge.

The City of Wheat Ridge would like to express its heartfelt thanks to the members of American Medical Response for their exemplary service.

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