

# Oak Park Fire Department

## 2015 Ambulance Bid Evaluation

### ***Committee Recommendation:***

Alexis (American Emergency Vehicles-AEV)

- Meets all of our specs
- Onsite support for warranty service issues
- New rear end lowering system to facilitate safer/easier patient removal from ambulance.
  - The system currently in use on 613 is an air bag controlled.
  - The new system is a cam/piston set up. The advantage to this is that it gives us the ability to lower the rear step several inches more than with air bags. Lowering the rear step farther allows the paramedics to load and unload the cot with less risk of injury to themselves or the patient.

### ***Committee Not Recommending:***

Fire Service Inc. (Wheeled Coach)

- Quality of product construction does not meet the needs of the Oak Park Fire Department. This has been observed directly from the demonstration unit and a neighboring department's vehicles.

North Central (Osage Industries)

- Does not meet our current set of specs
- Extensive exceptions list

Foster Coach (Horton)

- Does not meet our current set of specs