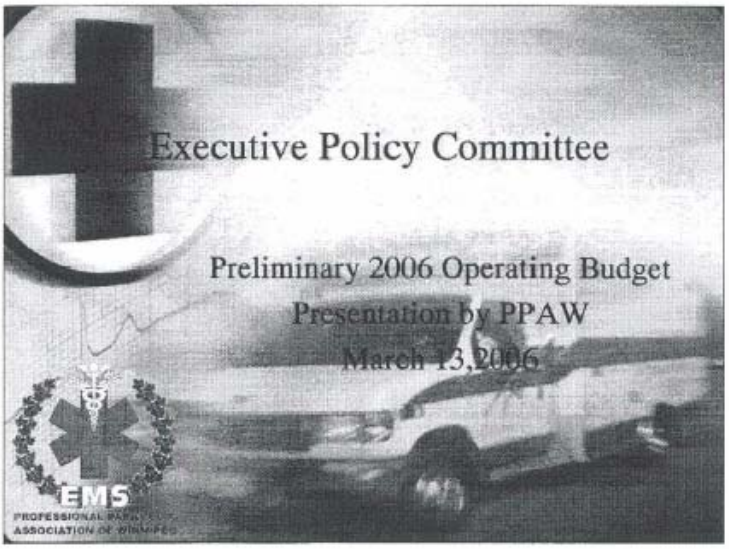
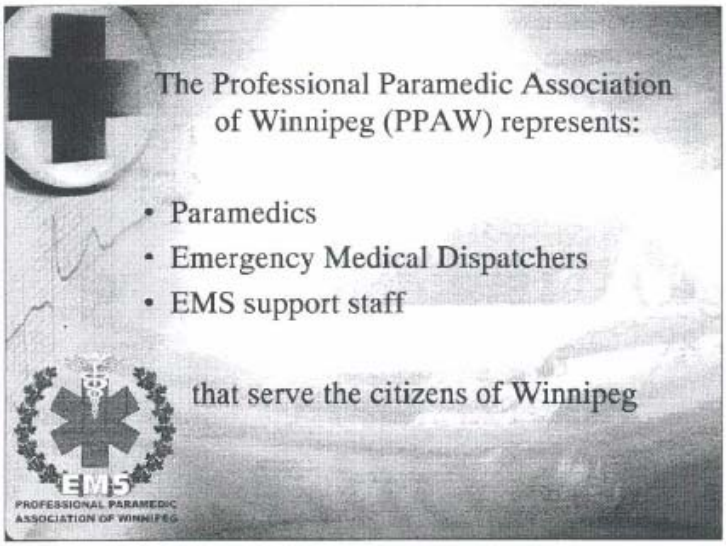
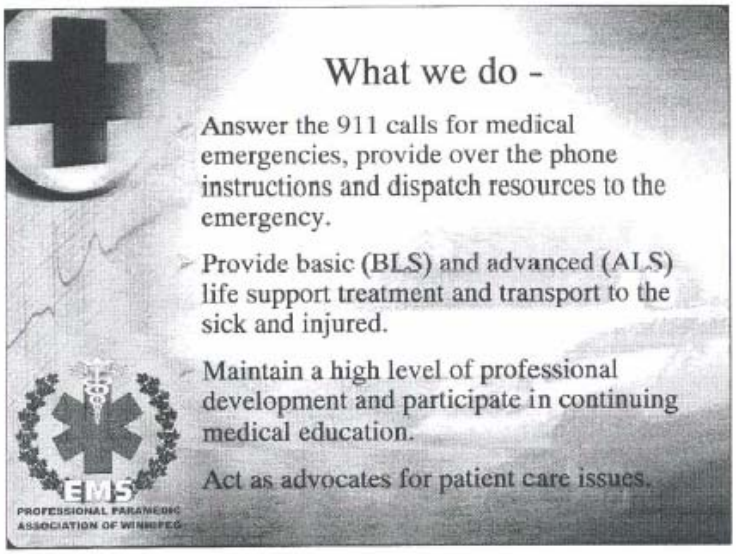
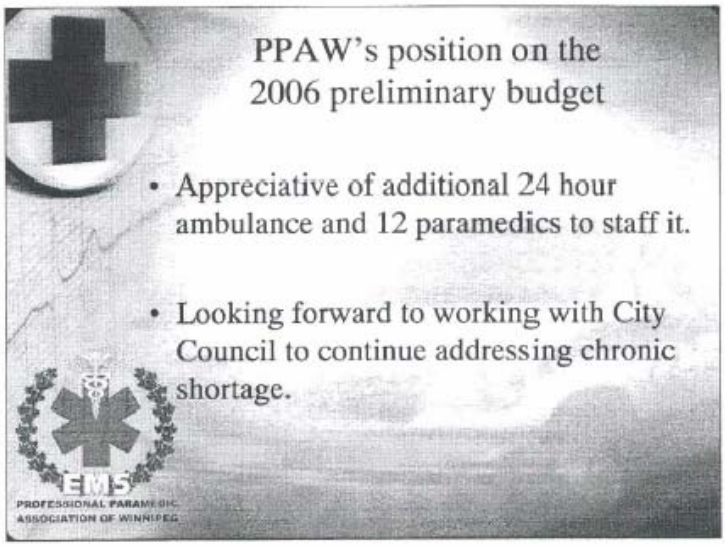
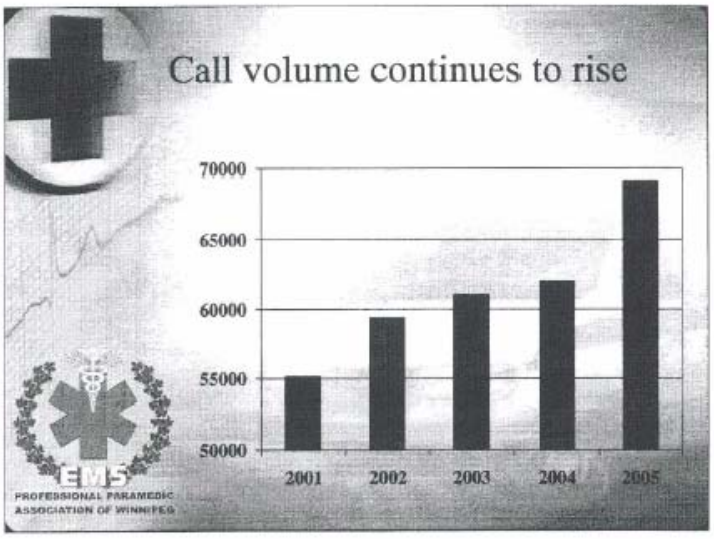
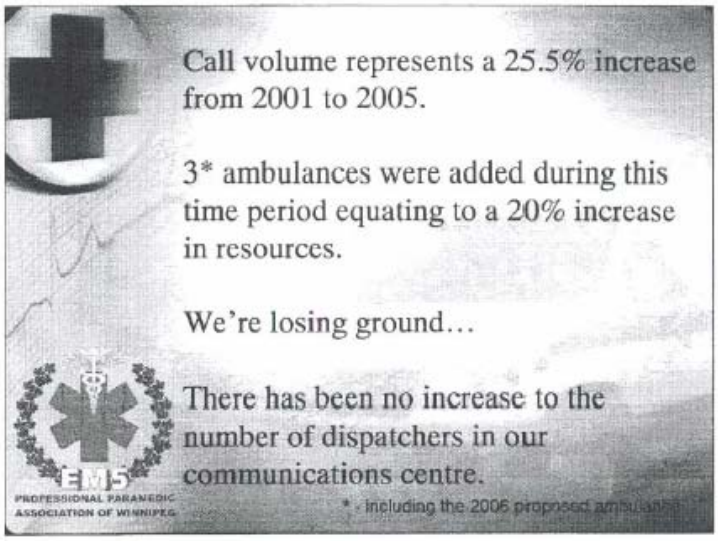

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Preliminary 2006 Operating Budget
Presentation by PPAW
March 13,2006
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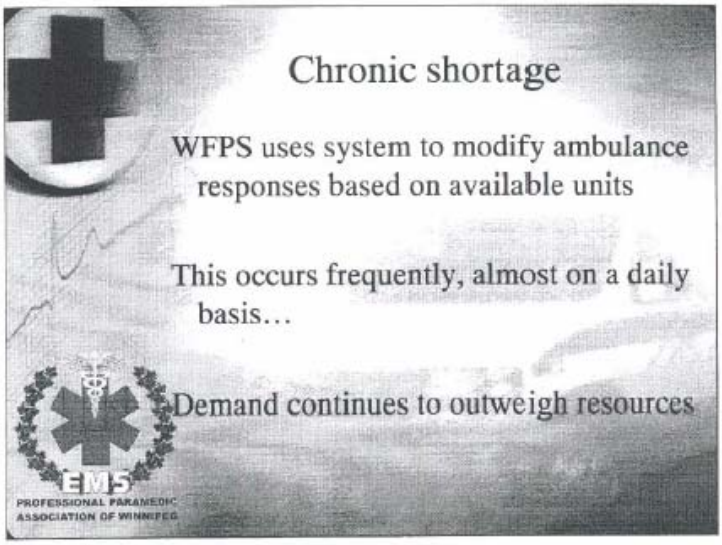

The Professional Paramedic Association of Winnipeg (PPAW) represents:
• Paramedics
• Emergency Medical Dispatchers
• EMS support staff
that serve the citizens of Winnipeg
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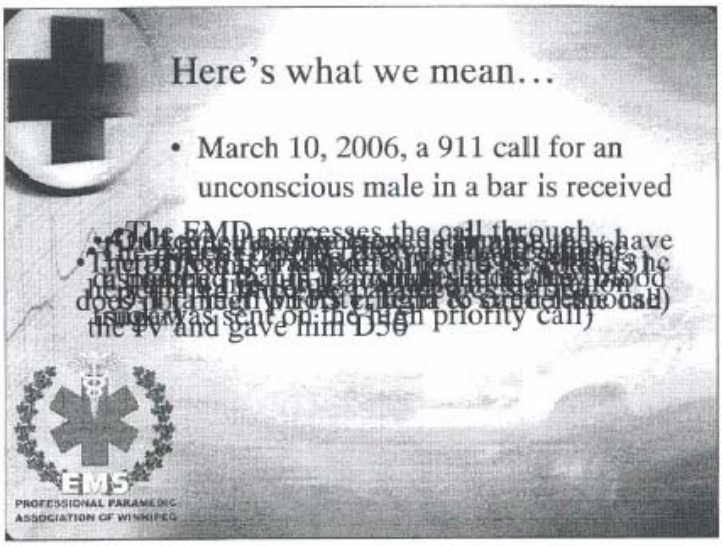

What we do -
Answer the 911 calls for medical emergencies, provide over the phone instructions and dispatch resources to the emergency.
Provide basic (BLS) and advanced (ALS) life support treatment and transport to the sick and injured.
Maintain a high level of professional development and participate in continuing medical education.
Act as advocates for patient care issues.
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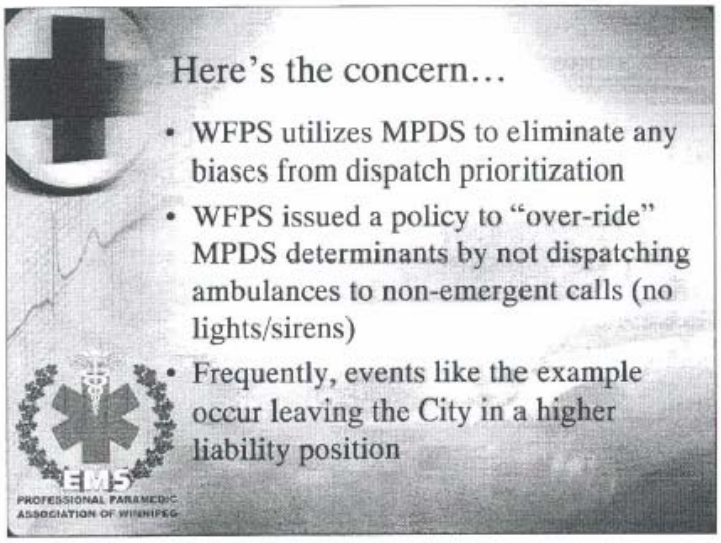

PPAW's position on the
2006 preliminary budget
• Appreciative of additional 24 hour ambulance and 12 paramedics to staff it.
• Looking forward to working with City Council to continue addressing chronic shortage.
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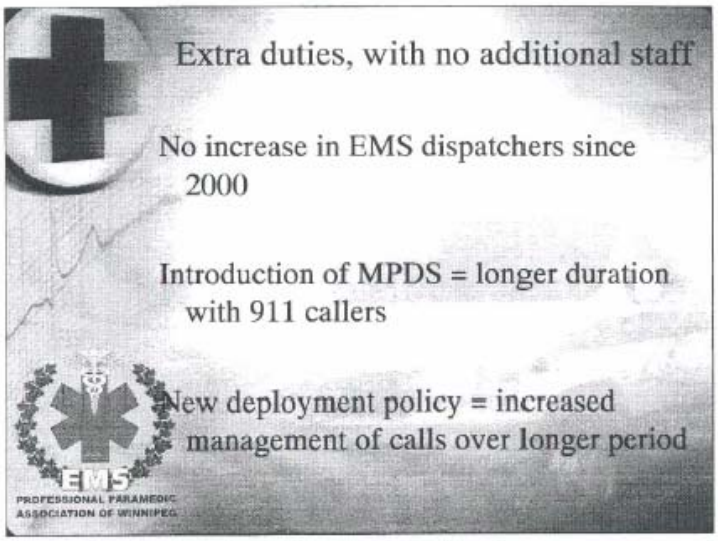

Call volume continues to rise
70000
65000
60000
55000
50000
2001
2002
2003
2004
2005
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Call volume represents a 25.5% increase from 2001 to 2005.
3* ambulances were added during this time period equating to a 20% increase in resources.
We're losing ground…
There has been no increase to the number of dispatchers in our communications centre.
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* - including the 2006 proposed ambulance


Chronic shortage
WFPS uses system to modify ambulance responses based on available units
This occurs frequently, almost on a daily basis…
Demand continues to outweigh resources
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Here's what we mean…
• March 10, 2006, a 911 call for an unconscious male in a bar is received
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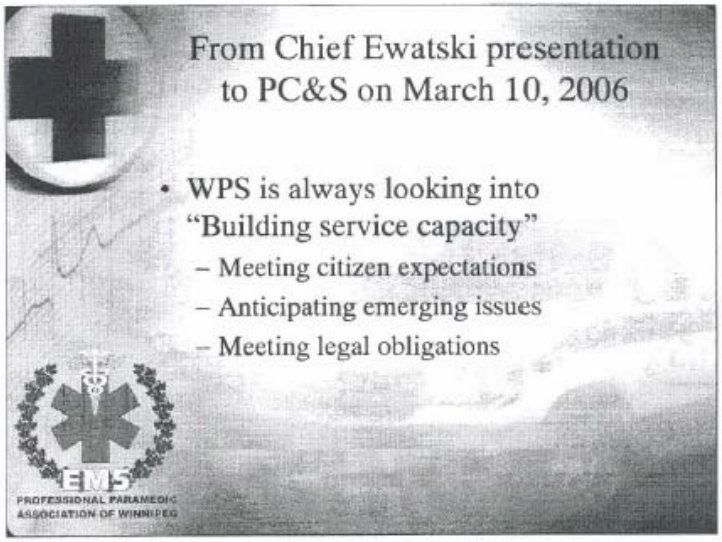

Here's the concern…
• WFPS utilizes MPDS to eliminate any biases from dispatch prioritization
• WFPS issued a policy to "over-ride" MPDS determinants by not dispatching ambulances to non-emergent calls (no lights/sirens)
• Frequently, events like the example occur leaving the City in a higher liability position
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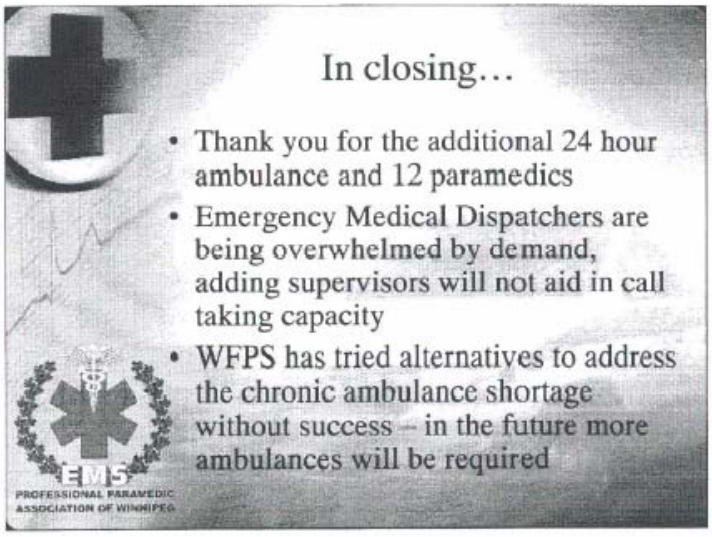

Extra duties, with no additional staff
No increase in EMS dispatchers since 2000
Introduction of MPDS = longer duration with 911 callers
New deployment policy = increased management of calls over longer period
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	Ottawa	Calgary	Edmonton	Winnipeg
Pop	1,063,664	951,395	937,845	671,274
Units	28	32	22	17*
Calls 2005	98,016	95,178	59,345	69,151
EMD	9	5.5	6	3

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* Includes additional 24hr ambulance in preliminary budget


From Chief Ewatski presentation to PC&S on March 10, 2006
• WPS is always looking into "Building service capacity"
– Meeting citizen expectations
– Anticipating emerging issues
– Meeting legal obligations
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In closing…
• Thank you for the additional 24 hour ambulance and 12 paramedics
• Emergency Medical Dispatchers are being overwhelmed by demand, adding supervisors will not aid in call taking capacity
• WFPS has tried alternatives to address the chronic ambulance shortage without success – in the future more ambulances will be required
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