

Few participate in Tri-Valley volunteer ambulance plan
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DENALI PARK - The annual ambulance plan for the Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Department is a better bargain than I thought.

I mistakenly reported last week that it costs \$100. In fact, the cost is only \$75. The funds are used for maintenance of fire and rescue equipment.

Surprisingly, participation in this program is very low — less than 20 percent of the population chooses to sign up.

Here's how it works: If you need an ambulance anytime during the coming year, and you are on this plan, you will not be charged. This includes emergency medical services for any family members who live in the household.

If you are uninsured, this cost is covered. If you are insured, your insurance company is billed and any outstanding balance is forgiven.

I also look at it as my annual donation to this important local organization.

I would suggest it is well worth supporting.

Even if you don't sign up, be sure to update the department on information about your residence, in case they are ever called in an emergency: your physical address, number of people living in your home and any special needs they may have. Email the information to tvvfd@mtaonline.net.