

# 2020 RFP Physical Ambulance Language

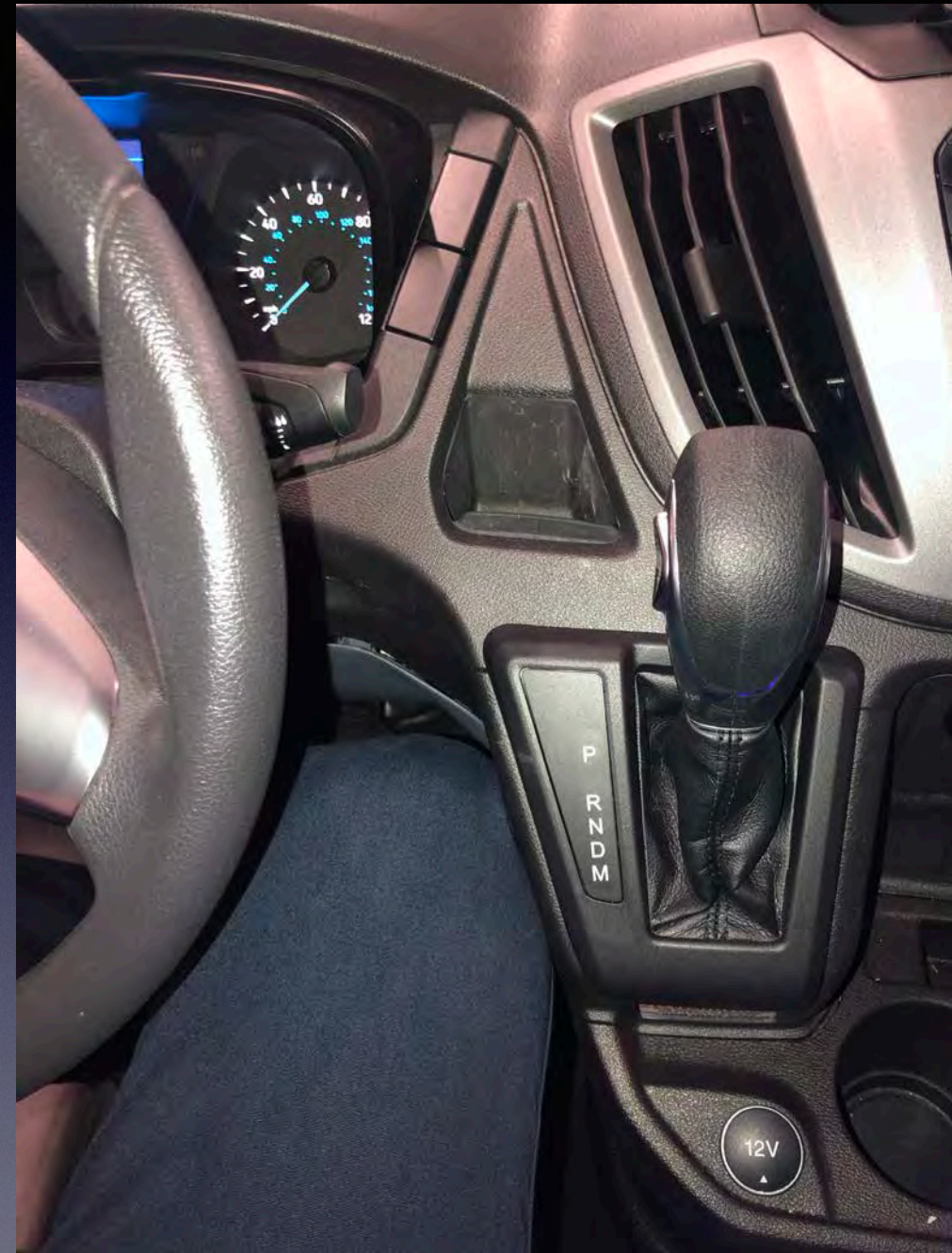
Proposed by UEMSW Sonoma EMTs and Paramedics

# Some background...

- AMR is mandating the workforce into a Ford Transit van for cost reasons nation wide.
- We, the field crews, feel they are highly unsafe in multiple ways, for both patient and caregiver.
- We have reached an impasse with AMR stating the only way Sonoma Operations will be placed in another ambulance type is if a contract requires it.
- 8.1 of the CBA between AMR and UEMSW.

# Our Concerns

- Seat distance to dash board
- Visibility out the windshield
- Head visor
- Very little space in front to place food and belongings
- Side step
- Seat Comfort
- Gear shift housing injuring knees
- Decreased room in patient care areas - side and airway
- Collision avoidance









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# Sprinter for Comparison







# EVOOC

- SRJC's EVOOC course (a premier course in the Nation) feels that the Ford is not as safe in collision avoidance as the Sprinter when speeds approach 32 mph or greater.
- EVOOC has decreased the safe top speed, even with the most accomplished drivers, to accommodate the Transit due to its limitations in comparison to the Sprinter.

# We are asking the county for help...

- We are most concerned with not using the Ford Transit.
- We feel the best approach is to follow suit of several other RFPs (most notably Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Orange Counties) by having the RFP state a specific make and model of chassis for ambulance operations.
- We would ask for the Mercedes Sprinter 140" high top (what we have been using since 2008) to be the RFPs required vehicle.
- We would also suggest language for a future selection committee for proposed new ambulance selection made up of CVEMSA, the provider, members of the workforce, and Fire.