

Minutes of Municipal EMS Board Meeting held on May 22, 2007

The May 22, 2007 meeting of the Municipal EMS Board was called to order by Dr. Michael Levy at 7:10am in Room 830, City Hall at 632 West 6th Avenue in Anchorage, Alaska. A quorum was not present.

Present

Dr. Michael Levy, Chair
Dr. Tim Silbaugh
Dr. Richard Brodsky
Dr. Sami Ali
Tim Garbe, FF/PM
Sandy Coons, RN

Excused

Dr. Frank Sacco
Mary Leemhuis, RN
Debbie Gariepy, RN
(Dr. Matthew Wolf, deployed)

Absent

Dr. Gilbert Dickie
Dr. Keith Winkle

AFD Staff

Craig Goodrich, Fire Chief	Soren Threadgill, Assistant Chief (Liaison)
Doug Schrage, Deputy Chief (Ops)	Pat Vincent, EMS Training Specialist
Erich Scheunemann, Assistant Chief (Ops)	Molly Cullom, Contract Administrator
John Kiewik, Assistant Chief (Training)	Rhodora Mallari, Data Associate

Guests

Denis C. LeBlanc, Municipal Manager	Bruce Bartley, Fire Chief, Chugiak VFD
Terry Kadel, Assistant Chief, GirdwoodVFD	Samantha Jedlicki, Transcare

Approval of Minutes from Last Meetings

Approval of the April 24, 2007 Board minutes was postponed by Dr. Levy due to lack of quorum.

Agenda Changes: No changes to Agenda.

Old Business

RMS Replacement Update: Presented by Erich Scheunemann, Assistant Chief (Ops)

- Chief Crotty had positive overall impression after meeting with Las Vegas FD technical staff and ROAM project manager last week. They're set up with Tri-Tech CAD and FireRMS, so their technology is very similar to AFD. As of yesterday we're at draft #5 with the contract. We received a response from ROAM last Friday on previous version and an updated version was sent to them yesterday. Most issues have been worked out and close to signing. When agreements have been made, it will be sent to State, Department Health, and MMRS grant for pre-approval; expecting 1 day or less turn around there. MOA purchasing will then review final version and indicate willingness to sign. After contract signing, there will be a kick-off meeting – approximately 2 weeks after the signing of the contract. 24 business days from there to implementation point. Chief Garbe points out that most of the bugs that Vegas had dealt with have been worked out, so AFD won't have to encounter those.
- Dr. Levy suggests rolling the AFD Restructuring update into Administration or a separate monthly report each month for the next few months to track progress, updates and success. Chief Scheunemann agrees it should be rolled into Administration with either Chief Schrage or Chief Goodrich. This was agreeable to all.

- Assembly Ordinance 44: Guardian announced they did not want to go forward with type III license. They want to pursue type I license. This will mean Guardian will be in dispatch queue, and taking patients as assigned. LeBlanc adds that the Assembly will review again in September at which time Guardian will announce whether they intend to apply for type I license or not. Dr. Levy comments that a standing order request was sent to him. With all this going on, he suggests going back and reviewing the archaeology of 16.95-16.100. He proposes that a workgroup be formed to start working through some of the issues involved in 16.95-16.100 and gain some input from people.

Reports

Administration: Presented by Erich Scheunemann, Assistant Chief

- Anne Sigsworth, FF/PM, has been promoted to CMO, and will start within the next week.
- FF/PM Darcie Sorensen resigned a couple weeks ago and is entering PA school at the University of Utah.
- This week is National EMS week. ARH is doing a BBQ for us May 23rd – 24th from 11:00am – 4:00pm.
- Reminder to get registrations in for the Resuscitation Conference on June 1st and 2nd. Will have a catered lunch so try to get registrations in by May 28th. Chief Garbe reaffirms the Conference has been approved for CME's for physicians, RN's as well as CMT's. Board invited to the reception on Thursday night May 31st at Sheraton Hotel. Dr. Levy hopes all encourage their colleagues to attend.
- CSP: Per Molly Cullom, numbers have been going down with an average of 38 last two weeks. There will be a public inebriate table at the Conference. Purcell will assign one of their EMT's to staff the table. Thoughts and ideas on it are encouraged.
- Dr. Ali inquires on status of the new rigs. Chief Goodrich comments still waiting on the radios to be put in. There was also a delay in getting the titles – Chief Weston is working on that but is out of the State until next month so Chief Scheunemann will follow up to get a firmer date on when it's ready.
- Chief Goodrich comments last month was busy for AFD; people trying on new clothing, new jobs, and new responsibilities. AFD has managed to continue conducting business in a professional way and not drop any ball. Will begin to develop some good statistics, practices and procedures, and expand roles as we proceed through the summer.

Medical Director's Report: Presented by Dr. Levy, AFD Medical Director

- We had a sentinel event – had potassium chloride containing IV solutions on our ambulance administered to a patient. No adverse consequence. This is being thoroughly reviewed. Per Garbe, there is a draft report that can be forwarded to Dr. Levy for review. Dr. Levy adds it is important we find out why, what break down we had in our system and how we can apply it and not let it happen again. Number of years ago, the Patient Safety Program (identifying medication and repeating back the medication) was started within AFD. Had this been done, the problem may have been identified; eye opening information. We need to be sure we're meeting the requirement. Should have a full report given on this by next month.
- Congratulations to Tim Garbe as a new BC-CMO. Garbe adds that he will be resigning from his seat on the Board shortly.
- HemCon pledget was used on a case this month, worked like a champ.
- Dr. Levy and Baumeister are developing new statistics and revising the metrics. They're looking at the skill based activities such as ET tubes, IV tubes success/tries, ET tubes when people were not intubated but did fine, number of RSI's, and diversions.

- 55 adult IO's were done in 2006 with 98% success rate; about 50% with peds. Dr. Levy comments with the IO's, you do not aspirate, just push. Pulling back to see if it's in place is also being discouraged for regular IO's, so it's something we should look into.
- Dr. Levy has been invited by Chief Schrage to attend all the meetings so he's involved with the restructuring process as things move along.

Training: Presented by Pat Vincent, EMS Training Specialist

Discussion what has been done and what will be done for the year 2007. Broken down into hours, an individual paramedic who attends all that is listed comes to a total of 87.5 hours for the year. Kevin Baker is teaching a 12-Lead class that started yesterday. We're currently renewing CPR for everyone on the department. All PM's are currently licensed for 2 more years. All EMT's certifications are complete except for 1 – should be done this week. 3 ACLS classes are being offered this year. One has already been done under the new guidelines. Next one will be this Thursday and another in September. She is presently working on the 2008 training which will be our renewal year, so there are specific topics that we'll need to be covered.

Transcare

Transcare has been purchased by Samantha Jedlicki from Darrell. Minor changes and re-organizing will be done. Next month, TC will work with a paramedic school and hope to open in conjunction with UAA in the spring for a new program; looking to hospitals and MAB as an organization for assistance and some ideas. They're expanding the training center and hope to bring in more training classes over the next 6 months.

AFD EMS QI/PI Report to MAB: (Not discussed)

New Business

- Denis LeBlanc states city is about to kick off the bi-annual budget process for 2008-09.
- Fire Training Center is almost fully funded; still working with the Community Councils, Planning and Zoning Commission, UDC, and concern citizens about the appropriateness of relocating maintenance shop and the training facility adjacent to the APD on Tudor. Mr. LeBlanc thinks we'll be able to overcome those concerns and hopefully be able to go forward very soon.
- Air quality due to dust on roads may be bad this summer. Anchorage has done the street sweeping for the State under TORA (Transfer of Responsibility's agreement) for number of years. However, City discovered State is paying 50% less of what it actually cost and unable to pay anymore, so Anchorage will no longer subsidize the State; a contract sweeper will be doing 50% of the roads in Anchorage that are State owned.

Calls for the 'good of the order'

FF/EMT Ryan Staten is coming up on his completion to where he's met his internship, so looks like we'll have another paramedic by the end of the year. Staten had prior experience at UAF, and is a pretty motivated young man so AFD is pretty excited about getting him into the system.

Adjournment

The May 22, 2007 MAB meeting was informally adjourned at 7:47 am.