

Minutes of Municipal EMS Board Meeting held on June 26, 2007

The June 26, 2007 meeting of the Municipal EMS Board was called to order by Dr. Michael Levy at 7:02am in Room 830, City Hall at 632 West 6th Avenue in Anchorage, Alaska. A quorum was present.

Present

Dr. Michael Levy, Chair
Dr. Tim Silbaugh
Dr. Richard Brodsky
Dr. Keith Winkle

Dr. Gilbert Dickie
Tim Garbe, FF/PM
Mary Leemhuis, RN
Debbie Garipey, RN
Sandy Coons, RN

Excused

Dr. Frank Sacco
Dr. Matthew Wolf (deployed)

Absent

Dr. Sami Ali

AFD Staff

Craig Goodrich, Fire Chief
Doug Schrage, Deputy Chief (Ops)
Erich Scheunemann, Assistant Chief (Ops)
Wade Strahan, Assistant Chief (Ops)
Brian Keene, Assistant Chief (Ops)

Chris Bushue, Battalion Chief
Michael Crotty, Chief Medical Officer
Molly Cullom, Contract Administrator
Rhodora Mallari, Office Associate

Guests

Denis C. LeBlanc, Municipal Manager
Terry Kadel, Assistant Chief, GirdwoodVFD

Bruce Bartley, Fire Chief, Chugiak VFD
Beth Nelson, CVFD

Approval of Minutes from Last Meetings

There was a motion to approve the May 22, 2007 Board minutes; the motion passed.

Agenda Changes: Training was not discussed.

Old Business

- CMO Crotty reports the RMS replacement is moving along well, focusing on spending the 2005 MMRS grant money. Contract with ROAM has been signed and sent to MOA Legal Department for review. A four month implementation schedule is incorporated into the contract (July 15th to November 15th), and we could anticipate a new system up and running by January 1, 2008.
- Dr. Levy inquires on the status of the State EMS Data Project. Per CMO Crotty, the State is not done with the RFP.
- Assembly Ordinance 44: No updated information since last month; no application has been received from Guardian for a Type 1 ambulance license.

Reports

Administration: Presented by Erich Scheunemann, Assistant Chief (Ops)

- Chugiak has 2 new Stryker PowerPro gurneys coming mid-July.
- Still having a few issues with radios for the new ambulances; should be in any day.
- The 2007 Resuscitation Conference was a success. Next year's conference is scheduled for June 6-8, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel; a nursing CME track will be added.
- AutoPulse devices are being reprogrammed to meet AHA guidelines – possibly up to a 6 month project.
- CMO's are wrapping up Currency Program audit.

- FF/EMT Ryan Staten is in Tacoma for his paramedic school internship with the Tacoma Fire Department; should be back by August.
- CSP: Per Molly Cullom, numbers have been in the 40's, vans are pulled occasionally and Purcell is having some staffing challenges.
- Per Chief Goodrich, AFD Restructuring is going very well. Also comments on success of Resuscitation Conference and gave thanks to those involved.
- Per Chief Scheunemann, Nadine Levick's lecture on ambulance safety and patient care in the back of the ambulance has AFD focusing more on ambulance safety for both providers and patients.
 - Order for gurney harnesses has arrived and will be out on the ambulances shortly, including Chugiak and Girdwood.
 - Looking at how to secure loose items in back of ambulance.
 - Long term issues will be improved design of entire modules on ambulances in regards to safety.
- Safety issues discussed. Per CMO Garbe, focus will be on on-scene care while still maintaining a short on-scene time. CMO Crotty has rewritten one of the protocols and AFD will visit all of the other protocols for changes.

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

- Safety issue is very important; by third quarter of the year training will be focused more on provider and patient safety. The medication error mentioned last month was a wake up call, and we need to revitalize medication and safety initiatives.
- Resuscitation Conference: Dr. Levy noted he would have liked to see more local physicians attend the Conference as there were several highly noted speakers in their fields. Dr. Levy comments he was amazed and humbled at how many complimented the AFD system – no one else has data that we have, and many wanted to interface with us to see if this data could be brought forward to improve what they're doing in their systems. Dr. Levy felt this leveraged AFD into relationships with others. This shows that AFD is doing something significant.
- Still working through data issues. There is some raw data such as our medic's IV's used in hospitals, intubations, diversion stats, but still need to bring these together for a better report. Still looking at our resources and trying to present our EMS stats in timely fashion with the drill downs. Chief Goodrich has been extremely supportive.

Chugiak: Bruce Bartley, Fire Chief, Chugiak VFD

- New ambulance is stocked and ready to go. No radio installed but has been used on a run; using cell phones to communicate.

New Business

None

Calls for the 'good of the order'

None

Adjournment

The June 26, 2007 MAB meeting was adjourned at 7:20 am.