

Minutes of Municipal EMS Board Meeting held on November 22, 2005

The November 22, 2005, 2005, meeting of the Municipal EMS Board was called to order Dr. Levy at 7:05 a.m. in Room 155, at City Hall, 632 West 6th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. A quorum was present.

Present

Dr. Mike Levy (Acting Chair)
Mary Leemhuis, RN
Dr. Richard Navitsky
Dr. Frank Sacco
Dr. Tim Silbaugh
Dr. Jan Veasart
Peggy Jones, RN

Excused

Barb Simonsen, RN (Chair)
Dr. Richard Brodsky

Absent

Dr. Gil Dickie
Tim Garbe, FF/PM
Dr. Keith Winkle

AFD Staff

Soren Threadgill, Deputy Chief of Area-wide EMS
Doug Schrage, Deputy Chief of Fire Operations
Jim White, Deputy Chief of Training
Jim Foster, Chief Medical Officer
Mike Crotty, Chief Medical Officer
Steve Poggi, Chief Medical Officer

Chris Bushue, Chief Medical Officer
Pat Vincent, EMS Fire Training Specialist
Tom Kempton, Public Information Officer
Robin Brandt, Fire Office Associate
Wendy Kukowski, Fire Office Associate

Guests

Denis LeBlanc, City Manager
Kathy Griffin, CVFD
Samantha Jedlicki, TransCare

Bill Chadwick, Fire Chief of GVFD
Dr. Sami Ali

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:

Peggy Jones moved to approve the October 2005 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Mary Leemhuis. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Agenda Changes and Approval:

Paramedic Hire Process (Old Business #3) will be deferred due to DC White's medical condition.

OLD BUSINESS:

RMS Replacement Update – reported by DC Threadgill

- The evaluation team will be leaving for Tulsa and Las Vegas next week. This trip will include a visit with the vendors and ride alongs.
- The replacement is expected to happen by the end of next year.

Controlled Medication Security System (Trilogy) – reported by DC Threadgill

- Installed on all medic units.
- Select engine companies will coordinate installation with the Shop.

AQUA Program – reported by CMO Foster

- AQUA is up and running.
- 4 Dispatch Leads are reviewing 3% of the calls (15 calls per week). Reviews will be increased to 5% beginning in January 2006.

REPORTS:

Training – reported by Pat Vincent

Pat Vincent presented the 2006 EMS Training Plan to the Board:

- **Goals**
 - o Offer 60 Continuing Education hour Credit.
 - o Provide all AFD EMS personnel the required training to fulfill all State of Alaska and department requirements for maintaining their certification &/or license.
 - o Maintain a standard of proficiency

- **Courses offered in 2006 (Required training - On duty)**
 - 1st Trimester EMS 6 hours
Pediatrics, Emergency, Childbirth, I.O./I.V., 2 Pediatric Intubations
Mywebce online Pre-Course Pediatrics 2 hours
January 6th thru February 6th (21 classes)
 - 2nd Trimester EMS 6 hours
Trauma, Burns, Environmental Emergencies, 2 Adult Intubations.
Mywebce online Pre-Course Environmental Emergencies and Burns 2 hours
March 30th thru April 27th (21 classes)
 - 3rd Trimester EMS 6 hours
Medical Emergencies, Airway with 2 Adult Intubations.
Mywebce online Pre-Course Airway 2 hours
October 2nd thru October 31st (21 classes)
- **Courses offered in 2006 (Mandatory Overtime)**
 - Monthly Shift Meetings 18 hours
(9 Months at 2 Hours each)
 - January 17th & 18th 2 hours
 - February 13th & 14th 2 hours
 - March 13th & 14th 2 hours
 - April 17th & 18th 2 hours
 - May 15th & 16th 2 hours
 - September 25th & 26th 2 hours
 - October 16th & 17th 2 hours
 - November 21st & 22nd 2 hours
 - December 18th & 19th 2 hours
- **Courses offered in 2006 (On duty or *Overtime)**
 - 1st Trimester EMS 8 hours
 - 2nd Trimester EMS 8 hours
 - 3rd Trimester EMS 8 hours
 - *Monthly Shift Meetings 18 hours (8 Months at 2 Hours each)
 - Independent Learning (Max. 12) 6 hours
(Online training & video training)
 - In Station EMS Training (Max. 15) 12 hours
60 hours
- **Offerings (Off Duty)**
 - 🚑 P.H.T.L.S. (Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support) 8 hours
(June 28th or June 29th)
P.H.T.L.S. is a comprehensive program dedicated to educating prehospital personnel on trauma management. The P.H.T.L.S. program was developed with collaboration between the Physicians Committee on Trauma, American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians. The topics included in this course include: trauma pathophysiology, mechanism of injury, shock, pediatric and elderly trauma. The P.H.T.L.S. focuses on trauma management given by the Emergency Medical Services professional.
 - 🚑 P.E.P.P. (Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professional) 16 hours
(March 7th & 9th) or (March 8th & 10th)
The P.E.P.P. program was designed in collaboration between the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). This program is specifically designed for educating and training the prehospital provider in dealing with the pediatric population. The P.E.P.P. program focuses on challenges that prehospital personnel face when dealing with children. Topics within this program include: pediatric development, special needs, medicolegal considerations, and child maltreatment.

- Required training - On duty =	60 hours
P.H.T.L.S.	8 hours
P.E.P.P.	16 hours
Paramedic Refresher Course	48 hours
Advanced Airway	8 hours
EMS Symposium (multiple hours possible)	
November 9th, 10th, & 11th.	
	<u>80+ hours</u>
	140+ hours
Plus ACLS Renewal (for those who need their renewal)	<u>10 hours</u>
TOTAL	150+ hours

Medical Director's Report - reported by Dr. Mike Levy

- STEMI Program is moving forward and doing well.
- Shift meetings have been quite successful.
- Dr. Levy would like to form a group with law enforcement and medical professionals to develop protocol in how to treat possible SIDS or possible infant homicide scenes. Currently, the AFD is to treat all incidents involving a death of a young infant as a homicide.
- Training on the Revivants will begin November 28th (4th Quarter EMS Training). Placement of these units is to be determined.
- Dr. Levy reports that the code yellow/code red dispatch change has been controversial. AFD and Dr. Levy will be watching to see if this change will have a positive impact on the Department and maintain the integrity of patient care. At the last Board meeting, it was agreed upon that the Department would continue this change in Dispatch and collect data to determine its effectiveness. CMO Poggi added that scene times, arrival times, and patient outcome would be studied.
- Dr. Levy read the closing paragraph to PM Scott Pascall's internship summary (copy attached).
- Dr. Levy informed the Board that he would be distributing a test to ER physicians that includes 9 EKGs of actual STEMIs or non-STEMIs. He is trying to obtain a baseline from ER physicians. This test shall not include names of the test respondents.
- Dr. Levy asked for an update from Girdwood VFD, Chugiak VFD, TransCare, City Manager Denis LeBlanc:
 - o Girdwood:
 - Chief Chadwick reports that they have just graduated a large EMT class – 24 people tested and passed.
 - Plans to have an EMT III class in mid-January are underway.
 - With Chief Fullenwider and DC Goodrich, Chief Chadwick is working on plans to have a joint response area between Mile 100 and 110.
 - o Chugiak:
 - Dr. Levy introduced Dr. Sam Ali, who is now Chugiak VFD's medical director.
 - Kathy Griffin reports that an EMT III class is coming up in early 2006.
 - Kathy Griffin asked for the status on an ambulance for Chugiak. DC Threadgill responded that 3 are coming in, 2 are on the April bond – with 1 slated for Chugiak.
 - o TransCare:
 - Everything is going great.
 - o City Manager Denis LeBlanc:
 - The IRS conducted an audit and determined that Chugiak VFD's mechanic and administrative aide are considered to be employees of the City of Anchorage. He will be working with Debbie Ossiander to reach a positive resolution to the situation.
 - Expects the AFD budget to be approved at the next Assembly meeting.
 - There will be a \$10 million bond for radios (city-wide).
- DC Threadgill reported that training for the RAD-57s began last Friday and Saturday. Deployment of these devices will begin as soon as training is complete.
- DC Threadgill announced that the Department will be sending 2 randomly selected EMTs to the upcoming EMS Conference.
- DC Threadgill distributed cards with the AFD EMS website. This website has not been officially released. DC Threadgill invited Board members visit the website and e-mail comments to Robin Brandt.

AFD EMS QI/PI Report to MAB - reported by DC Threadgill

Copies of the monthly report were distributed to Board members.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Calls for the "good of the order":

- DC Threadgill welcomed Chief Goodrich as the incoming Fire Chief. Chief John Fullenwider will be retiring January 20, 2006.

Adjournment:

2005 November EMS Board meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Robin Brandt and Wendy Kukowski, EMS Ops Administration.