

## **Minutes of Municipal EMS Board Meeting held on October 24, 2006**

The October 24, 2006 meeting of the Municipal EMS Board was called to order by Dr. Michael Levy at 7:05am in Room 830, City Hall at 632 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Anchorage, Alaska.

### **Present**

Dr. Michael Levy, Chair  
Dr. Richard Brodsky  
Dr. Tim Silbaugh  
Dr. Keith Winkle  
Dr. Sami Ali  
Dr. Matthew Wolf

### **Excused**

Barbara Simonsen, RN  
Dr. Gilbert Dickie  
Dr. Frank Sacco  
Peggy Jones, RN  
Mary Leemhuis, RN  
Tim Garbe

### **AFD Staff**

Soren Threadgill, Deputy Chief, EMS	Casey Johnson, FF/PM
Doug Schrage, Deputy Chief, Fire Ops	Terry Kadel, Assistant Chief, Girdwood VFD
James White, Deputy Chief, Training	Bruce Bartley, Chief, Chugiak VFD
Michael Crotty, Chief Medical Officer	Kathy Griffin, Chugiak VFD
Frank Nolan, Chief Medical Officer	Molly Cullom, EMS Support Supv.
Steve Poggi, Chief Medical Officer	Jennifer Chaleunvon, EMS Data Associate
Erich Scheunemann, Chief Medical Officer	Rhodora Mallari, EMS Data Associate
Jim Foster, Chief Medical Officer	

### **Guest**

Denis C. LeBlanc, Municipal Manager

### **Approval of Minutes from Last Meetings**

There was a motion to approve the August 22, 2006 Board minutes, the motion passed.

### **Agenda Changes**

Dr. Sami Ali and Dr. Matthew Wolf are welcomed as new MAB Board members.

### **Old Business**

#### **RMS Replacement Update: Presented by Mike Crotty, Chief Medical Officer**

- Per Chief Threadgill, RFP that is going out this week will replace outdated RMS system.
- Per CMO Mike Crotty, the RMS replacement will put tablet PC's in ambulances.
- Per Dr. Levy, there will be more data and it will be more accurate data. The information will be part of patient records.
- Dr. Levy explained the CAD, RFP process, and the need for a new system that will work better. The new RMS system will replace the current one from Bio-key.

**AQUA: Presented by Jim Foster, Chief Medical Officer**

- Moving towards goal of Dispatch becoming a Center of Excellence.
- Compliance goal of 90% for all categories. Standards define certain criteria to be met.
- Communications Officer Al Tamagni is not present today, but is the person to answer more detailed questions. He plans to attend the next MAB meeting.
- Per Dr. Levy, the CAD still has human interface so is imperfect.

**Reports**

**Administration: Presented by Soren Threadgill, Deputy Chief of EMS**

- New ECG transmitting program called “Rosetta” is currently in the testing phase by CMO Crotty and ARH, and soon at Providence. Low cost, low tech.
- Per Dr. Levy, it’s a one push of the button operation, connects a modem attached to the handheld radios to the LP12s, and sends the 12-Lead ECG data to a printer at the hospital.
- It will be used for high priority chest pain patients. There are still issues to be addressed, but the system can be an added benefit.
- Per CMO Mike Crotty, total cost of the program should be under \$15,000.
- Per Dr. Silbaugh, it can help fine tune STEMI’s Alerts. He thinks it can be of value.
- Flu shots and flu POD drill will begin as of October 25, 2006. AFD will have over 700 vaccinations available to administer. Flu shots are not mandatory for AFD personnel but are strongly recommended.

**Community Service Patrol/ Transfer Station: Presented by Soren Threadgill, Deputy Chief of EMS**

- AFD has funded an additional/temporary medic at the Transfer Station (TS) during the AFN Convention.
- The TS is hitting high census counts. The October average is 54/day, but has reached as high as 79/day. Numbers are growing overall.
- CSP Contract Administrator Molly Cullom was introduced.
- CSP/TS contract will need funding established to get thru 2007.
- BRAC machines now being calibrated daily with .350 being the cut off point to be transported to hospital for medical clearance. Also a Glasgow score less than 8 requires medical clearance.
- With increasing census and daily calibrations, more people are transported to hospitals. With 85-90% of clients being Alaska Native/American Indian, most medical clearances go to ANMC.
- Seasonal differences are seen with higher numbers in cold temperatures and lower numbers in the summer.
- Dr. Silbaugh inquired about CSP/TS and how they are staffed. Dr. Levy responds there is a 1:10 worker/patient ratio. When people want to leave, they need to be BRAC’d again.

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

- PCR narratives - Medics should summarize their plan and what they did.
- Endotracheal tubes need reconfirmation after each patient movement.
- STEMI Alerts – Dr. Levy requesting medics now give the patient's weight during the prehospital radio report.
- Dr. Levy discussed spinal injuries and reviewed resuscitation guidelines.
- Code 99s:
  - Attempt endotracheal intubation once, then move on to Combitube.
  - Continue using the Revivant AutoPulse quickly with EMTs placing Combitubes if ALS not yet there.
- Carbon monoxide awareness was re-emphasized during EMS Shift Meetings in October.
- AFD has been selected as one of thirteen cities from around the U.S. to participate in a CDC/AHA/Emory University School of Medicine sudden cardiac death project called CARES.

### **Training: Presented by James White, Deputy Chief of Training**

- Recertification should be done by end of November 2006, not Dec 31.

### **AFD EMS QI/PI: Presented by Soren Threadgill, Deputy Chief of EMS**

- Chief Nolan pointed out the Metric 2, 3 and 4 are trending down.
- 6 minute response has dropped down a bit, not sure why:
  - Weather can play a role
  - Turnout time in stations
  - Per Dr. Silbaugh, 8 minutes is a more realistic goal which is staying at 90%.
- Code 99 care positively trending upward.
- Maps are consistent:
  - Each is broken down into what the first response times are in any given area within the municipality.
  - Numbers put in cumulative.
- Dr. Levy thanked Chief Nolan for the charts and information.
- 12-Lead interpretation Metrics is not up to date. Dr. Levy reviews a lot of those. He looks at all 12-Lead ECG for correct interpretation and CMO Nolan checks for paperwork compliance.
- Volunteer services - some changes to their Metrics. We will continue to work on this with Girdwood and Chugiak VFDs.

### **New Business**

None

### **Calls for the 'good of the order'**

Chief Threadgill presents plaques for Dr. Veasart and Dr. Navitsky for their MAB service. The plaques were given to Dr. Wolf and Dr. Ali to pass on to Dr. Veasart and Dr. Navitsky.

**Adjournment**

The October 2006 EMS Board meeting was adjourned at 8:18am.