

EMS Operations Committee Minutes
February 9, 2016
DTCI- Large Conference Room
801 Sycolin Road
1900 Hours

Co. 4	Cheryl Aycock
Co. 6	Absent
Co. 9	Derrick Bennett/JJ Brown
Co. 12	Andrew O'Connell
Co. 13	Anthony Mino
Co. 14	Earl Hall
Co. 15	Byron Andrews
Co. 17	Rodney Krone
EMS Council	David Beatty
LCFR	AC Johnson, AC Tobia, DC Salazar, Bill Toon, Mary Maguire, Danielle Brosan, Christine Langley-Obaugh, Gary Myers (Chaplain Corps)
OMD	Dr. John Morgan
StoneSprings	Jaime Wolfin
Reston Hospital	Keith Morrison
Inova Loudoun	Jamie Stephens

1. Call to order

Chairman Andrews called the meeting to order at 1858 hours.

2. Roll Call

3. Approve January meeting minutes

A motion to approve the January 12, 2016 minutes was made by Chief Aycock. The motion was seconded. All are in favor with no opposition or abstentions. Motion carries.

4. Chairman's Report

Chairman Andrews advised that the Executive Committee packet from January was attached electronically for review by the EMSOC. Chairman Andrews will be including the EC packet in electronic form in subsequent months as well.

Chairman Andrews did want to acknowledge and thank everyone for their efforts during the snowstorm. Chair Andrews stated resources were made available to address the many calls and extended transport times.

5. OMD-Dr. John Morgan

Dr. Morgan stated that he received a memo today from the Virginia Department of Health on the Zika Virus. Dr. Morgan stated he has received a few questions regarding possible EMS related concerns. Dr. Morgan reported that there are not any concerns at this time. There has been one case identified in Virginia, a traveler from an endemic region. The virus is basically spread through mosquitos. There are a number of things in the media regarding other means of transmission, but for all intensive purposes, this is essentially a mosquito borne illness that are not effecting mosquitoes in our region even if they were around at this time. At this point, we are not rolling out any information or action as far as a protocol or a plan. Dr. Morgan emphasized that it is always good to get a travel history from patients that might present with infectious disease like symptoms. Dr. Morgan stated we do still have the potential for Ebola to rear its head. Dr. Morgan added that we are probably about to see the flu season pick up in the next two to four weeks. Please be careful with your isolation precautions. Be careful giving nebs to patients in the back of ambulances with respiratory illnesses.

6. LCFR- DC Jose Salazar

Chief Salazar reported that he will be dedicated to EMS officially on February 11th and Chief Shank will be overseeing training.

Chief Salazar stated that the Commissioner of Health reported last week that Ebola is no longer an issue in the United States.

Regarding Interstate Compact, the issue will be brought up again in legislation this year.

Chief Salazar advised that the DEA's regulations on medications were never meant for EMS. Standing orders or protocols may be changing. Controlled substances, schedule II-V are in question at this time. Changes could impact EMS and practices.

Chief Salazar also submitted that the EMS Officer class is back on track. A pilot could happen in the Spring with a proposed goal release date of November.

a. EMS Billing- Danielle Brosan

Danielle reported that a meeting was held with Chief Brower last week regarding distribution. An additional meeting with John Sandy and Finance is scheduled for tomorrow. Additional information will be forthcoming.

b. EMS Training-Bill Toon

Dr. Toon advised that his report, dated February 8, 2016 has been provided separately. Dr. Toon reported that in regard to the Fall EMT Class, 30 students began the class and 27 students completed. Twenty passed the practical on the first time. Of the remaining seven, only one person is going for their 4th attempt at the practical. Dr. Toon shared that 18 passed the National Registry Exam on their 1st attempt and 5 failed. The concern, therein, lies in the fact that the 5 have not rescheduled. Dr. Toon emphasized that this is a critical time, thus if we are not able to get them to reschedule, the likelihood of the loss of these five grows monthly.

The Spring EMT class will begin on March 20th and will end on June 22nd. As of February 4th, thirty completed applications have been received. It should be noted that it is a month prior to the closing date and this is the first time that this has ever happened. Two additional applications have been received and those two are on the wait list at this time. The wait list will go to a maximum of ten based on policy.

Reference the second EMT Class, 15 registered and 13 completed and all of them went for their practical exam. Seven passed their exam on the first attempt, three failed, and results remain pending on the other three students.

Lastly, Dr. Toon wanted to discuss with the EMSOC, the need for the ability to do field internships for those members who are coming from Fire Companies only. The need is present for students to ride and train in a station during the bulk of their course. Presently, Dr. Toon reported that we have six individuals who belong to Fire only Companies and the need exists for them to partner with their respective companies. The request would include ten patient contacts within the three months of the course. Additionally, a set of skills will also be outlined for their completion. The students will be asked to familiarize themselves with equipment that is typically on ambulances that they do not have access to. Dr. Toon relayed that this proposed experience is far better than having the students go to the Emergency Department. Dr. Toon asserted that if the students obtain ten patient contacts, then they will ride on the ambulance and they will go to the Emergency Department and they will witness ED care which is the most significant. Discussion ensued. Dr. Toon advised that he can submit a proposal to all EMSOC committee members. Chief Andrews asked that feedback be sought. To clarify, Dr. Toon stated that the proposal would include the removal of the ER rotation completely. Dr. Toon informed the EMSOC that if the ED is kept, blood work has to be drawn and the students need to be processed. To remove the screening process for the ED may be helpful in the long run and save on administrative costs and paperwork. In addition, it is important to note that the students need to prepare to be on the ambulances. Finally, the curriculum will also be provided so all are able to view the program. Dr. Toon submitted that a student orientation night may also be helpful whereby the

students can receive their manuals and first homework assignment approximately one week to ten days before their first night of class. Shared responsibility will be stressed according to Dr. Toon. Lastly, the long term goal will be to hold 3 EMT classes per year, each running three months in duration. Dr. Toon stated by doing so, we would be able to increase the total number of providers in the system. Dr. Toon agreed with comments made that additional sites to increase patient contacts will need to be considered.

7. Committee Reports

a. Communications Committee (Chief Bennett)

Chief Bennett announced that this past Friday and Saturday, Thomas Kane and Chief Parker held a CAD introduction (just the MDC portion). The sessions allowed people to familiarize themselves with the new CAD system. Chief Bennett stated that there was a consensus regarding having the training videotaped so that the same consistent message is relayed. Chief Bennett stated there were two critical items identified that need to be remedied and vendors have been contacted. Chief Bennett shared there are going to be a number of things that we will not have to generate incidents numbers for anymore, however, the system will still be able to record those incidents. Chief Bennett relayed that this one piece will not replace everything and that members should realize there are multiple pieces. Chief Bennett mentioned that every station had a representative there. Chief Andrews stated he was unaware of the training. Chief Bennett shared that the training was done in conjunction with Motorola and he understood the sessions were limited to fifteen people.

Chief Andrews asked for the record to reflect that many agencies did not have any representation at this meeting.

Chief Bennett informed the EMSOC that the radio button topic discussed last month was discussed at the communications committee and it was accepted.

Chief Bennett also advised that investigation of PulsePoint integration was requested. The issue was flagged as a priority once the rollout has been completed.

b. Training Committee (Chief Aycock/Chief Mino)

No report. The meeting was cancelled.

It was reported that there were some concerns about the Training Enrollment and Wait Lists SWP, so additional changes may be occurring.

c. SWP Committee (Chief Krone)

No report.

8. EMS Council

JJ Brown stated that everyone should have received a copy of the controlled substance registration. In addition, JJ reported for the previous cycle of Four for Life, that money was expended and the documentation has been forwarded to the County.

9. Old Business

a. Physio Lease Option

Chief Salazar reported there is no update at this time.

b. Ambulance Standards Committee

Chief Andrews stated that there will be something in place by the March meeting.

c. Medication Security

Nothing to report.

d. Drug Bag Policy

Chief Salazar informed the EMSOC that responses were received, however, questions have arisen. For example, 6 is requesting two, but all of their bags may not be compliant. Another example would be 17 as they are requesting 3, but Chief Salazar was told their bags are compliant. Chief Salazar will work on verifying the replacement of existing bags, specifically, non-compliant bags on existing vehicles.

e. Autism Risk and Safety Management

Chief Andrews requested that the information he received regarding Autism Risk and Safety Management be distributed to all members of the EMSOC.

10. New Business

a. Rules of Order

Chief Andrews advised that at the last EC meeting, the Rules of Order were voted on and approved. Chief Andrews suggested that the EMSOC may wish to make some

changes. Chief Bennett suggested making changes in section I such as meeting night and meeting location. Chief Andrews suggested that we review the Rules in March with a final vote in April. Earl Hall will take the lead on the Rules of Order. Requested feedback or comments will be emailed to Earl for incorporation into the EMSOC Rules of Order.

b. Chaplain By-Laws, procedural Manual and SWP

Gary Myers stated that an FRG was in place previously, however, it needed to be expanded upon. The Chaplaincy Program is growing and consistency with other committees was desired. Gary indicated that he would like to create a more in depth, a more comprehensive training program as well.

Cheryl Aycock asked Gary about transporting, specifically which Chief would approve of the transport. Gary Myers indicated that some Presidents or Chiefs prefer for the Chaplain not to transport, while others approve. Gary stated, in all honesty, that the Chaplains try and get a neighbor to drive the family to the hospital, so they are not in the Chaplains' vehicles. Chief Andrews stated that the host company for the Chaplain should establish those guidelines. "Sponsoring department leadership" was the term that was suggested to replace the word "Chief" on page 10.

Regarding response conditions, beginning on page 12, the question was posed whether or not the Chaplains coordinated with law enforcement or other organizations to ensure they are okay with parameters listed in the documents. Gary Myers responded affirmatively stating they had been contacted and have approved.

A motion to approve the By-Laws, Procedural Manual and SWP was made by Chief Bennett. The motion was seconded. The motion carries with no abstentions.

c. Heavy Rescue Service Delivery Workgroup

Chair Andrews relayed that the EMSOC needs to appoint two personnel to the committee which will also have two from FOC and two from LCFR to establish the policies and procedures associated with the Heavy Rescue Operations in the County. Chief Andrews suggested that since 15 and 17 are the only two companies with heavy rescues that are operating at this time that he be allowed to contact Chief Krone for an appointment. The remaining representative would be Chief Andrews.

d. Deener-Carr Banquet

Chair Andrews stated he received an email from Karen McQuaid regarding the planning aspect of the Deener-Carr Banquet. Chief Andrews asked if anyone had any suggestions and put forward Deb St. Clair.

e. Dispatch Algorithm Committee

Chair Andrews informed the EMSOC that a representative needs to be selected to sit on this committee. Chief Salazar volunteered to do so. Chief Tobia will be the Chair of this committee. Chairman Andrews offered that it is important to consider volunteer representation as well. Several Rescue Chiefs would like an opportunity to ask someone. The Dispatch Algorithm Committee action item will be sent out to all EMSOC members and Chair Andrews will make a selection. Please submit your names by Friday to Christine.

11. Committee Member Comments

None noted.

12. Announcements

Dr. Toon announced that there will be a Target Solutions demonstration on 2/16/16 beginning at 6:30 at the Training Academy.

Two CE events: March 2, 2016 Toxicology lecture for BLS and ALS Personnel; March 7, 2016 Burn Lecture from the Burn Program from MedStar.

Adjourn: With no other business to discuss, the meeting is adjourned at 2014.

Respectfully submitted:
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Executive Liaison