



McLean County Area EMS System

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Affiliate Meeting Minutes Normal Fire Department Headquarters January 25, 2012

There were 14 people in attendance with five agencies represented.

Thank you to the Normal Fire Department for the use of their meeting room at their headquarters.

Bill Beetschen, Henry Schein EMS, was the sponsor for the evening and provided a meal from Famous Dave's Barbeque.

Old Business

- Code Red assistance: call 24/7 support at 1-800-683-9454.
- Greg Scott reported that the 17 Legislative EMS Task Force Hearings have been completed. A General Assembly Report was due back by January 1, 2012, but an April 1, 2012 extension has been granted since information is still being gathered by the Task Force. The EMS Task Force will meet February 3, 2012 to establish a legislative agenda for the Spring session.

New Business

- Steve Garner and Jim Kern from Garner Sales presented on their products and services.
- *EMS/Hospital Relations:* Jan Berlin reported that LifeNet is expected to be online in April 2012. There is no update on the medication shortage.
- Greg Scott provided the attendees with an overview and a handout on the Mobile Healthcare Services Demonstration Project.
- *IDPH Update:* Greg Scott reported that the scope of practice, education standards, and initial training hours are still being discussed. IDPH has announced their intent to adopt national education standards by January 1, 2013. The Illinois State Stroke Committee is currently working on their bylaws. The Yellow Dot Program (a yellow dot indication on the back window of a vehicle signifies that a medical information card is located in the glove box) is now in effect.
- *Advocates for EMS Update:* Greg Scott reported that a field EMS bill that will create an Office of Emergency Medical Services under the Department of Health and Human Services is being worked on with hopes of soon being introduced to the Senate. EMS on the Hill Day in Washington, D.C. is March 20-21, 2012.



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- *QA/QI Update:* Greg Scott reported that Becky Altic is still working at the MCAEMS Office and she continues to work on the new post-NEMESIS validation process with the State. A State Data Committee has been created that includes Bloomington Fire Department Chief Mike Kimmerling, Becky Altic, and Greg Scott.
- *Education Program Update:* Michael Crabtree reported that the 2012 Life Support Class schedule is available on the MCAEMS System website and provided a handout to attendees. The EMT-B to EMT-I course in Danvers has been announced and the MCAEMS Office is currently accepting applications. A Fall 2012 EMT-I to EMT-P class is tentatively scheduled as well as an EMT-B to EMT-P class in September 2012. More information to come.
- All Non-Transport vehicle inspections and inspection checklists are due to the MCAEMS System office by February 3, 2012.
- Greg Scott gave an overview of the Pandemic Response Plan.

MCAEMS Agency Updates

- LeRoy is exchanging an ambulance in their fleet in February.
- NFD is getting a new ambulance in Spring 2012.
- Helpful Autism awareness information for responders can be found on the IL Fire Institute website at www.fsi.illinois.edu.

Reminders

- None

Continuing Education/Course Announcements

- See *New Business: Education Program Update*

Handout summary

- See *New Business*

The next Affiliate Meeting will be held April 25, 2012. Location TBD.