



# McLean County Area EMS System

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## **Affiliate Meeting Minutes Normal Fire Department Station #1 July 27, 2011**

There were 15 people in attendance with five agencies represented.

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

Neal Zeid, from EA Medical Corporation, was the sponsor for the evening and provided a meal from Famous Dave's Barbeque. Kevin Eddington, from EA Medical, and Vic Frigo, from Michigan Instruments, demonstrated the Life-Stat Hands-Free CPR System and left brochures.

### **Old Business:**

For Code Red assistance, call Jim Holley. The 24-hour support line phone number is 800-683-9454.

### **QA/QI:**

- The new SQL Server has been installed. Normal's NEMESIS and Bloomington & Normal's Pre-NEMIS are up and running.
- Code Red – We are currently trying to submit data in report form to the State. Code Red agencies may be contacted regarding changes due to this format.
- QA will send NEMESIS data for each individual agency to the State.
- Quality Council meeting was postponed to a later date.
- Upload of data from 12-lead into Code Red is currently being reviewed.

### **Committee Reports:**

- *Communications* – Reminder to make sure your radios are Narrow Banding compatible.
- *Strategic Planning* – Information dealing with education and preparedness is available on the MCAEMS website. There will be numerous changes over the next 18 months.
- *Education* – Please register early for upcoming courses. The next PEPP course is Nov. 6; ITLS is November 12. The process for system entry is currently being revamped. The biggest change will be the written test portion. If an applicant fails the exam on their first attempt, they will have to wait two weeks and complete a remediation plan before they can take the exam again. If the applicant fails the exam on their second attempt, they will have to wait three weeks and complete a



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remediation plan before they can take the exam again. If the applicant fails the exam on their third attempt, the Medical Director must approve the fourth attempt. After the second attempt for ILS and ALS Practical exams, the MCAEMS will begin charging a \$75 fee. After the third attempt and each subsequent attempt for ILS and ALS Practical exams, Medical Director approval will be required and a \$100 fee assessed. Jim Davis and Michael Crabtree went over the *Implementation of the New Education Standards: Key Points* document. All documents are located on the [ems.gov](http://ems.gov) website. More updates to come.

- *EMS/Hospital Relations* – Jan Berlin reported that on August 9, 2011, Advocate BroMenn Medical Center (ABMC) is having a new radio system installed in their Emergency Room Department (ER). All Medical Control communications will go through OSF St. Joseph Medical Center. There are several new physicians in the ER at ABMC. ABMC has received the following awards: Gold Get with the Guidelines for STEMI; Silver award for stroke care. The ER has been recertified as an Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP). ABMC has announced a 2011 CPR Instructor Course. Information can be found on the MCAEMS website.
- *Protocols/Policies & Procedures* – The Medical Director and the alternate Medical Director have approved our Policies & Procedures. We are awaiting approval from the State. Once we have that approval, all updates will be shared with agency members. The information will also be available on our website. Becky Altic will be sending out a notice for openings on the System Review Board at a later date. Two people are needed in each category. We are currently working on finalizing the Education Manual. There are no updates to our protocols due to regional protocol State mandates. Cardiac protocols and trauma protocols are done at the State level. They will be rolled out once they are approved.
- *Equipment Evaluation* – Please notify the office via email if you are switching out vehicles for repairs/maintenance.
- *Hospital Preparedness* – The Hospital Emergency Preparedness Committee has been working on budget proposals for grants. Some items purchased with preparedness grants in the past include an emergency surge trailer the OSF SJMC & ABMC working with the Red Cross on having equipment available at Bloomington Fire Department Station #6. Mass casualty trailers and supplies are available.

## **New Business:**

- Advocates for EMS update: There will be a stakeholder summit on Tuesday, August 2 in Washington, D.C. regarding the Field EMS Quality, Innovation and Cost-Effectiveness Improvement Act. Conference call capabilities will be available for those who cannot attend.



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- IDPH updates: More to come regarding fee structures for validation of electronic collection vendors.
- License standards, guidelines, and fees (e.g., fee for each license held, increase in license lapse late fee, ambulance licensure fee) are changing.
- House Resolution Bill 230: There will be a hearing hosted in the Bloomington/Normal area in early November 2011. We are looking for individuals to testify in front of the 24-member taskforce. The hearing will focus on EMS topics such as training, funding, personnel, and legal issues. A recommendation will be due to the General Assembly on January 1, 2012.

## **MCAEMS Agency Updates**

- Eastern McLean County Ambulance Association has affiliated as an ALS Transport provider.

## **Reminders**

- None.

## **Continuing Education/Course Announcements**

- See *Committee Reports: Education*.

## **Handout summary**

- Greg Scott provided a summary of the handouts that were provided.

The next Affiliate Meeting will be held October 26, 2011 at the Downs Community FPD Ambulance.