

# **AFFILIATE MEETING MINUTES**

## **JULY 22, 2009**

**(4<sup>TH</sup> WED. OF THE MONTH)**

There were 12 people in attendance.

Jim Kern from FAST (Fire Apparatus & Supply Team) was the guest speaker and sponsor for the July Affiliate meeting.

Jim presented a power point presentation on how the ambulances were custom crafted and had a couple here so that everyone go through them.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Greg reminded everyone that Code Red issues should be reported to them immediately, if you are not getting a phone call back or the issues aren't getting addressed please notify the EMS office. A projected timeline of the middle of August is what Code Red is looking at. They are anticipating that the massive update will take care of the majority of the problems. The group stated that Jim Holley has been very helpful and always calls them back.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **EMS Update**

- The Affordable Health Choices Act will impact EMS.
- Congress is looking at HR 3173 to improve the Emergency Care and Response Act.
  - Proposing a pilot program to regionalize emergency care
- Homeland Security Committee directed FEMA to do assessment of current status of EMS readiness.
- SB 1353 Dale Long EMS Provider Protection Act
  - Would extend federal death benefits to volunteer organizations

#### **H1N1 Update**

- Anticipating we will get hit hard during influenza season. Make sure to order N95's and make sure everyone on your squad has been fit tested.

### **IDPH UPDATE**

#### **State EMS Forum**

- New data collection system is being worked on they will soon be looking at who is compliant and who is not.
- Looking at a new pin pad system for inspections by Regional EMS Coordinators+, information could be remotely done for quicker turn around.
- Education committee is looking to implement the new levels of licensure by Jan. 2013
- State Bill 1254 deals with men or women that are honorably discharged from the military who are medical trained becoming an EMT. They will be required to take the state written test based on military medial training.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Strategic Planning – next meeting will be 7/23/09 the committee is making good progress

Education – all classes are posted on the website

- Preceptor class –
- ECRN class –
- PEPP, iTLS courses –
- EMT-B to EMT-P course –

EMT-i to EMT-P course -

Basic 12-lead ECG inservice

Communication - nothing to report

EMS/Hospital Relations - one of the bay doors is not working. Jan stated that she has had them come and look at it several times. Mark Doty explained what the problem was and Jan said she would have them come back to look at it again. Jan Berlin would like to know when you have a problem with getting equipment returned and cleaned. Jan did ask that each agency write or type the name of the patient on the EKG strips so they won't get lost in the shuffle.

Data Collection - Code Red already discussed

Protocol/Policy/Procedures - looking at updating a few of the protocols

Equipment Evaluation - looking at EZ i0 to replace the Bone Injection Gun

Quality Council/Qi Program Update - Becky Altic was introduced as new EMS QA Coordinator

Hospital Preparedness - disaster drill set for Sept. 18 & 19

Next meeting will be Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1830

Meeting adjourned at 8:30