

Affiliate Meeting Minutes May 26, 2010

There were 21 people in attendance with 13 agencies represented.

Thank you to Downs Community Fire Department for hosting the meeting. Avanti's was kind enough to donate dinner for EMS week for our meeting.

Old Business:

H1N1 - the conference calls that Greg has with the CDC have been postponed until the fall. Make sure to report any trends in patients that you pick up with any signs and symptoms. The Pandemic Plan is still pending review with the state.

Code Red - Jim Holley and Chuck Marsonette were present to answer any questions.

New Business:

Advocates for EMS - if you are interested in joining the group please do so. We need to have all the voices we can on Capitol Hill.

McLean County Disaster Exercise (Sept. 25,2010) - contact Greg if you are interested in participating.

BFD auto response - Dave Talley and Jesse Munk explained how the mutual aid would work. It would be an Echo level response. Agencies can put it on their run card and have METCOM automatically have BFD respond. Each agency can disregard BFD once they see what the incident is.

IDPH:

New ambulance inspection criteria (ambulance markings). Do not need to make any changes to your current vehicles at this time. You may need a waiver but EMS department will help you fill these out. Contact the EMS department if your organization is ordering a new ambulance.

Bill 5183 - Fees paid to IDPH are proposed to increase. This legislation will affect critical care ambulances, all levels of licensed EMS providers and reserve ambulances. The maximum ambulance inspection fees will remain at \$25/vehicle but the maximum number of ambulances is proposed to increase to 100 ambulances. EMS provider license fees for new and renewals will be increased also.

IDPH is proposing no EMT licenses for individuals with felony convictions; IDPH is working on administrative codes for stretcher vans.

Stroke care centers law was passed. The advisory councils are looking at setting up rules for these centers.

Chief Humer shared an article with Greg that could greatly impact transfers of patients. EVAC Ambulance was called to transfer an emergency OB patient from one hospital to another. Patient delivered on the way to the hospital. Baby was premature and outcome not good. Hospitals settled out of court but EVAC Ambulance in Florida was successfully sued for \$10 million. They were told the EMT's should have questioned the Dr.'s decision about transferring the patient. EVAC is appealing the court's decision.

QA/QI:

The reports all look good for the EZ-IO's that have been done in the system. Approximately 80% of initial attempts have been successful.

Early Hospital Notification became a required field on FireHouse as of May 1, 2010. Trauma, CVA/Stroke, and STEMI are the three options. If CVA/Stroke is chosen, then you must also complete whether or not a FAST screen was completed.

Code Red is in the process of coming up with an Asthma protocol. This will flag any Asthma cases that fall outside of the parameters of our protocol and help us identify any trends that are occurring.

Please try to attend the Case Reviews put on by the EMS office. The next one will be June 16th.

Committee Reports:

- Communications - nothing new - handout provided
- Strategic Plan – this has been approved by IDPH. Some of the elements are agency specific and others are EMS System specific.
- Education - Life support classes will be held sometime this fall. Make sure to contact the EMS office if there are some classes you would like us to hold. Greg and Mike attended a conference regarding accreditation. As of 2013 the National Registry of EMT standards will state that you must graduate from an accredited course to get your National license.
- Hospital relations - NFD reported that they are having parking problems by the Medical Office building.
- Equipment - no equipment is being evaluated at this time.
- Hospital Preparedness - working in collaboration with MABAS for a new alternative treatment sites during a MCI.

Agency Updates:

Danvers Ambulance and Danvers Fire Department merged.

Granville has joined our system as a FRD transport agency working with PCEMS