

OFMAA Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2003

Albany Fire Station 13

Call to Order: President Giard called the meeting was called to order at 1:05pm

Introductions: Those present included:

Keith Hoehn	South Lane County Fire & Rescue
Greg Hadley	Salem Fire Department
Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District
Denise Giard	Albany Fire Department
Scott Cooper	Marion County Fire District #1
Chris Benson	Lane County Fire District #1
Jonathan Chin	DHS – EMS
Fred Lundgren	Springfield Fire & Life Safety
Dave Lapof	OVFA / Braun NW

Approval of Minutes: The October 8, 2003 minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Included patch bills of \$1,432.34 and patch revenue of \$1,979.00. The CD has a balance of approx. \$3,800.00 and the checking account balance is \$4,001.15. Membership renewals are out.

President's Report

- OAR Review: The review and development of proposed changes has been completed. A joint meeting with OFMAA, OSAA and OVFA will be scheduled to present them to J. Chin at DHS – EMS office in the near future. J. Chin mentioned that if we had any proposed statute changes we would like his office to move forward with during the next session, that he needed those by the end of December. The jointly proposed changes will be posted to the OFMAA, OFCA and OVFA web sites once presented to DHS-EMS.
- Providence/Kaiser Overpayment Update: President Giard and OSAA President Shawn Baird have a meeting scheduled for November 19, 2003 with Providence representative Eddie Bell to discuss agency options concerning this matter. If your agency has received a request from these organizations requesting repayment of past Medicare transports can contact Denise after the 19th for an update and be sure to verify the patients they are claiming to have made overpayment, as some may not even be Medicare patients.
- OFCA Board meeting: President Giard reported she provided the OFCA and OFDDA with information that included: Providence/Kaiser overpayment claims, OFMAA Leadership Conference, Proposed OAR changes, and upcoming First Responder certification issues at their joint meeting/conference in Seaside last week.

Health Division Report: Director Chin provided several updates on current issues involving his office.

- First Responder: DHS-EMS is required to perform a criminal background check on all certified health care providers, so his office is looking at option on how to deal with this issue for First Responders. This could lead to testing and recertification fees in the future to recover their costs. A handout was provided.

- House Bill 2148: Contains a clause that would allow for funds to be taken from the EMS office and moved to the general fund. A copy of the bill was provided.
- Combi-Tube: Agency information and forms to allow EMT-B's to use the combi-tube are now available. Check the DHS-EMS web site for more information.
- Association of State EMS Director's: Informational handout provided.
- New EMT-I Survey: Rural EMT-I agencies will be asked to complete a new survey to collect patient treatment information for the BME to use in future scope of practice discussions. A sample survey was provided.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Code 3 Transport Policy: OFMAA Member Brian Burrigh had requested information from other members that might have a policy in place addressing Code 3 transports. No members present have such a policy. If you do, please contact Brian at Columbia Fire & Rescue (formerly St. Helens) if you have such a policy. It was suggested that he might contact AMR.
- LMA Usage: OFMAA representative to the BME John Herbold requested if any member agencies are using the LMA in a pre-hospital setting to please contact him before December 12th (the next BME meeting).
- Public Access Defibrillation (PAD): Scott Cooper provided a summary of a recent (life changing) conference that he attended in Washington D.C. and how he was working with his agency to create a PAD program. For more information contact Scott or see the group's web site at: early-defib.org.

OFMAA Leadership Conference:

- Update: The conference has had so much interest that an additional 35 rooms have been blocked out. It has been split to create both an ambulance billing and leadership conference and promises to be a great event. Make your reservations early for February 12 & 13 at the Hood River Inn. They have given us a room rate of \$69.00 with options to extend your stay and provide \$25.00 lift tickets. A conference flyer is available at ofmaa.org

Round Table:

- Braun NW & OVFA: Moving into a new facility, building two new units for Woodburn Ambulance and OCFA conference in June in Redmond. Dave is now on the State EMS Conference Committee so if you have any needs/wants, please let him know.
- Keizer: Two new FF/Paramedics started Nov. 1st and new medic unit now in-service.
- Lane Co. FD #1: Looking at AED grants.
- MCFD #1: Has been reassigned from 40 to 45 hours work week and put on engine, plus his EMS duties. Still hopes to stay involved in OFMAA.
- South Lane: Nothing.
- Springfield: Looking at moving to a Fire District, now using Pinpoint software for billing and EMS RMS.
- Salem: Nothing.
- Albany: Discussed new hires, Medicare payer mix and revenue shortfall.

Next Meeting: December 10, 2003 at Noon – “Holiday Celebration” @ Keizer Fire
Lunch will run \$5-\$6. This is an event not to be missed. Consider bringing a
neighboring agency EMS representative. Please RSVP to Randy Jackson at (503) 463-
7790 or rjackson@keizerfire.com by Monday, December 8th.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm

Respectfully Submitted:
Randy Jackson