

OFMAA Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2004

Albany Fire Station 13

Call to Order: President Giard called the meeting was called to order at 1:10pm

Introductions: Those present included:

Keith Hoehn	South Lane County F&R	Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District
Greg Hadley	Salem Fire Department	Denise Giard	Albany Fire Dept.
Scott Cooper	Marion County Fire District #1	Dave Lapof	OVFA / Braun NW
Chris Benson	Lane County Fire District #1	Scott Shepard	Sheridan Fire District
Dave Staab	Jefferson Fire District	John Herbold	Klamath Co. #1
Tina Greiner	OVFA / Jefferson Fire Dist.	Jessica Darling	Lane Rural F&R
Russ Walls	Fire-Med Northwest	Gregg Lander	Chemeketa

Approval of Minutes: The November 12, 2003 minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: The CD balance is \$3,259.92 and the checking balance is \$3,997.57 after initial conference expenses, patches and dues. Membership renewals are currently at 35.

President's Report

- OAR Review: The proposed changes have been submitted and are now pending DHS review and comment
- Providence/Kaiser Overpayment Update: President Giard met with Providence representative Eddie Bell to discuss agency options concerning this matter. They have initially offered to reduce the amount owed by 10% to cover administrative costs of reviewing their claims of overpayment. They are asking that agencies have repayment plans in place prior to June 30, 2004. This topic will be discussed at the upcoming OFMAA Leadership Conference with any new information that might be available after the AAA conference in late January. Providence also mentioned the concept of a test arbitration case if anyone was interested, however this would be binding to one side or the other and involve potentially significant legal fees. Our goal is that all agencies are treated fairly in the process, particularly due to budget impacts. More to follow...

Health Division Report: Director Chin was not present, so no report was provided.

Old Business:

- BME Update: LMA use in pre-hospital is now a dead issue☺
- Reminder that Combi-tube use by EMT-B's is now an agency option through DHS.
- Discussed future scope of practice changes, agenda items and membership process.
- The next BME meeting is March 12, 2004 at 9:00am in Portland.

New Business:

- OSAA: They are discussing the same basic issues as OFMAA, along with public agency membership (or lack of now that they changed their rules to allow it).
- Communications: President Giard sent letters to our members of Congress outlining the recent Medicare changes and the impact to EMS. She also sent a letter of thanks to Keizer Fire District for hosting the OFMAA holiday lunch on December 10, 2003 and to Griffin-Tabor for paying the bill.

- State EMS Committee: The group is currently reviewing the NHTSA Oregon EMS study. Members of the committee have been assigned sections and are delivering an overview of needed updates to the group. The next meeting is March 5, 2004.
- State EMS Conference: Dave Lapof reported that the conference is in Portland the next two years. Tom Dick will be the keynote speaker this year. Discussed various conference budget issues and questions – no answers.

OFMAA Leadership Conference:

- Update: More than 30 registrations so far and counting, 21 vendors and the speakers are confirmed. 500+ flyers were mailed out. It should be a great event - see you all there!

OFMAA Goal Setting:

- Update: Also included with these minutes is a draft copy of the OFMAA Goals for 2004/05. The e-board will be meeting to continue working on them.

Round Table:

- Braun NW & OVFA: Braun moved into a new and much larger facility, mentioned NW Management Seminar in March, provided information about OVFA scholarships, discussed surplus equipment and training fund, and OVFA annual conference this June will have four EMS offerings. Tina's first meeting.
- Keizer: Working on new engine purchase, lots of CAD/RMS issues and the impacts of community development (traffic calming) on response time requirements.
- Lane Co. FD #1: New controlled drug lock box with added accountability and keypad entry (RK-600). Check out: <http://www.securakey.com/docs/product1.html>
- MCFD #1: Working on air transportation drill in June, looking at sternum I/O's and nasal Narcan.
- South Lane: Nothing.
- Lane Rural: Nothing real positive... Although some things are going quite well...
- Fire-Med Northwest: Nothing.
- Salem: Ongoing problems with LP-12 battery capacity and replacement issues, had interesting call with AMR from Portland responding code 3 to a residence in Salem and asking for a police escort, RN staffing issues (lack of) at Salem Hospitals newly expanded ER and delayed patient care transfers.
- Albany: New paramedics doing well.
- Chemeketa: 19 new paramedic graduates, 22 EMT-B's and EMT-I's now in class, only 20 applied for spring term classes.
- Jefferson: Finished the year with higher call volume (mostly due to snow & ice), 30 in upcoming PHTLS class, and new administration building on hold.
- Sheridan: Moving forward with new engine bond.
- Klamath Co: Hiring new FF/EMT-P, looking at 12-lead and RSI study.

Next Meeting: No February meeting due to Leadership/Billing Conference (although we may meet informally at the conference). Mark your calendar for March 10, 2004 at 1:00pm Albany Fire Station #13.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm

Respectfully Submitted:
Randy Jackson