

OFMAA Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2005
TVF&R – Regional Training Center

Call to Order: President Benson thanked TVF&R for hosting and called the meeting to order at 1:30pm

Member Introductions: Those present included:

Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District	Mark Stevens	TVF&R
Chief Darrell Patterson	Polk Co. FD#1	Todd Brumfield	Dallas Ambulance
Dave Lapof	OVFA & Braun NW	Chris Benson	Lane County FD #1
Gregg Lander	Chemeketa Comm. Col.	Monte Keady	Klamath Co. FD #1
Gary McLean	Sandy Fire District	Tom O'Connor	Canby Fire District
Eric Schult	TVF&R		
Guests: Jane McLaughlin	Chiloquin Amb.	Joe Worlry	TVF&R

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June 8, 2005 meeting at Lane County Fire District #1 (motion by Patterson / second by Stevens) were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kamppi was unable to attend, however Secretary Jackson stated that he had deposited \$1,640.00 in membership dues and the Association currently has 55 paid members. He also commented about an ongoing issue with our Yahoo website account that surfaced when the Treasurer position changed. Kamppi and Hoehn are working to resolve the issue and get our website back up and running.

President's Report

- OFCA: Discussing the EMS First Responder program at the State level with member O'Connor reported that he is representing the OFCA on a work group that was formed. Issues include course consistency, DHS program oversight, community college requirements, course accessibility, and background checks. He reported that it was unlikely that this program would be moved away from local agencies to the community colleges. More to follow.
- OSAA: Last meeting was in July 2005 and focused on legislation and final bills. Funding of local (Oregon & Washington) Medicare study is being considered. Note that an OMAP funding increase was approved.
- Communications: No report.

Health Division Report:

- No one from DHS attended, however the lack of coordinated communications was discussed as a concern. Some attributed this to the learning curve and the limited time of the new director in that position.
- EMT-I Upgrade: Member Gregg Lander reported that the first "train-the-trainer" course is being taught in Bend over two weekends (10/29,30 & 11/5,6) with mostly community college personnel attending.

BME Report:

- BME Update: Dave Lapof reported that OFMAA member John Herbold announced his retirement from Klamath Co. FD #1 effective November 1, 2005 and will be resigning from the BME EMT Advisory Committee and that Toni Grimes from Woodburn Ambulance was appointed as a new member (replacing Jon Tardiff).

Paul Rostykus M.D. was elected as Chair for the upcoming year. The next BME EMT Advisory meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2005 at 9:00am in Portland.

Old Business:

- 2005-06 OFMAA Goals / Assignments: President Benson distributed a list of committees and asked that members present consider signing up to help on at least one of them. Expanding the topics listed and getting more folks to help out was also discussed. They are as follows:
 - < Membership / Recruitment / Retention: *Keith Hoehn & Randy Jackson
 - < Communications: *Randy Jackson, Todd Brumfield, & Joe Radde
 - < Training: *Mark Stevens, Tom Wright, & Tom O'Connor
 - < Resources / Resource Manual: *Chris Benson & Ross Rutchman
 - < Annual Conference: *Gregg Landers, Jessica Darling, Dave Lapof, Ross Rutchman, & Joe Radde
 - < Reimbursement: *Darrell Patterson & Shawn Baird (OSAA)?

* Denotes interim Chair who President Benson would like to have be responsible for setting up an initial committee meeting and providing a first report at our next Association meeting on December 14, 2005.

Also discussed completing an EMS component for the OFCA Chief's Toolbox.
- OAR Revisions: With a new DHS EMS Section Director now on-board, the process of reviewing the OAR's relating to EMS is now underway. This process involves a large number of players and group representatives. Some items discussed to date include: EMT-P recertification exam and changes to required recertification hours at various levels. The material previously submitted by OFMAA will be used to guide much of this process. See attachment provided by Giard with her notes from the 10/7/05 meeting. Contact OFMAA President Benson or Past-President Giard for more info.

New Business:

- OFMAA Board Vacancy: With the retirement of John Herbold, his 1-year Director position on the Board will be vacant. OFMAA members interested in filling this position (runs through June 2006) are encourage to submit a letter of agency support to President Benson prior to the December meeting at which time a vote to fill the position will occur.
- BME Vacancy: With the retirement of John Herbold and his resignation from the BME EMT Advisory Committee, OSPA President Gary McLean submitted a letter requesting the support of OFMAA for member Terry Ney to fill this vacancy on the BME (vacancy runs through June 2006). Discussed the requirement that at least two BME positions must represent "Rural" Oregon agencies or locations. Member's present expressed a desire to maintain the current EMT-B, EMT-I & EMT-P committee mix if at all possible. Options for supporting candidates for the upcoming positions were discussed at length. **O'Connor moved and Broomfield seconded a motion that - OFMAA members ensure that communications about the BME opening and process has reached the "eastside" rather than convincing or recruiting someone to apply. If multiple qualified individuals apply, the OFMAA E-Board is to vote on which candidate to support. If there doesn't appear to be a suitable candidate to support, OFMAA will strongly recommend that the BME select a rural EMT-I from East of the Cascades in order to maintain a broad geographic and EMT certification level representation.** Voting Members in Favor: 9 of 10 Members opposed: 1 of 10 **Motion passed**
- 2006 OFMAA Conference: A group met earlier today and discussed topic and date options for the annual conference. One date option is February 24 & 25 either in the Eugene area or Canby Grove Conference Center. Topics being investigated include:

- EMT-I Upgrade Process, CQI, Best Practices for Chart Writing, Grants & Funding Options, DHS / OAR Update, The Changing Landscape of Ambulance Reimbursement, and a Key Note Speaker on Leadership. Additional topic ideas and or help in the planning process would be welcomed, contact President Benson.
- Future Legislative Goals: President Benson asked members to be thinking about EMS legislative concepts or items they would like to see pursued during the next legislative session, as now is not too soon to begin working on them. Patterson suggested reimbursement and Stevens suggested a “Hot Topic” issues, explaining that TVF&R is currently working on a policy to put career or volunteer staff that are off-duty and stop to render aid (say at an MVA while on a hunting trip in eastern Oregon), that at the moment they stop, they would be considered officially on-duty and therefore qualify for workers-comp, should they become injured. Treatment protocols would also follow them to the extent of basic equipment available to them without carrying elaborate kits. This is in response to a group of individuals who were all off-duty (an EMT, nurse and police officer) and then struck by a car injuring them all. Because they were off-duty, they were left with no disability or workers-comp coverage.

Committee Reports:

- No reports given.

Vendor Report:

- No report given.

Round Table:

- Keizer: Hosted a Fire Prevention Week Open House on 10/10 that had over 1,300 citizens attend and working of supervising physician fees and contract issues.
- Chiloquin: EMT retention a huge issue, especially for rural agencies on the east side.
- Chemeketa: Hired new medical director for EMT program (Linda Johnson) and new clinical program coordinator (Rhonda Wood). Going through National accreditation review. New EMT-P class has 22 students, starting new EMT-I class in Winter 2006 as a 1-term course.
- OVFA: 2006 conference will be in Baker City and he (Dave Lapof) will be going to D.C. in late October to be a grant peer reviewer.
- TVF&R: Completed IAFC peer review process last week and passed. 12-lead training being used more with benchmarking. Washington Co. looking at a top-to-bottom EMS system – involves lots of politics.
- Polk: Received FEMA grant to purchase turnouts, SCBA’s, fill-station, and portable radios. This allowed for general fund money to purchase 3 new LP-12’s and their ambulance levy passed, bridging the Medicare reimbursement gap.
- Dallas: Received FEMA grant to purchase new ambulance.
- Klamath: Received HRSA funding to purchase new equipment. Completed DHS ambulance inspection, regionalizing standing orders and implementing RSI. Will be taking delivery of 2 new ambulances soon. Looking at ways to fund the operation of a day car through a nursing home subscription program.
- Sandy: Received FEMA grant for new SCBA’s. Purchasing a brush rig & 2 engines. OSPA now posting scene photos to their web site.
- Canby: Playing EMS Chief catch-up... all units now have 12-lead, and developing non-suppression (EMS) volunteer program.
- Lane: non-refrigerated sux can now be kept in-service for up to 3 months. Contact Chris if you need more details / letter from manufacturer.

Next Meeting: Annual Holiday lunch and meeting at Keizer on **December 14, 2005 at 12:00pm**.
An RSVP will be needed to purchase an appropriate amount of food – more to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm

Submitted:
Randy Jackson
OFMAA Secretary

- OAR review meeting notes from 10/7/05 are attachment Below

Synopsis Report of Oregon Administrative Rule Review

Friday, October 7, 2005

(Provided by Denise Giard)

333-250-0000 to 333-250-0048

Ambulance Service Licensing

- Add “Business Day” to definitions.
- References made to time frames are consistent, i.e. 10 business days.
- 333-250-0041 (5) eliminate specific procedure language and reference NHTSA 2.2 data points
- 333-250-0043 (1) (a) added training file and/or medical file; eliminate “at the ambulance service’s business office”
- (G) Eliminate “done through... DMV..program.
- (H) eliminate performance of one and two person.....make reference to Healthcare Provider or equivalent.
- Eliminate (O) & (P)
- (4) reference to E-4 form
- 33-25-0044 (1) (b) – (d) suggestion to eliminate language. Susan Werner and Jeanne Arana to review and clarify language for PCR for medical care and report needs for QI and data collection.
- 333-250-0046 (d) changed seven to ten digit telephone number
- 333-250-0047 any reference to “medical director” to be changed to “supervising physician” to be consistent with BME
- **NEED FEEDBACK ON FOLLOWING:** 333-250-0048 (2) END OF PARAGRAPH – possible language change from: *This rule shall not preclude the licensee from dispatching employees or volunteers on emergency calls or from taking reasonable and necessary actions to assure continuity of service in the event of extraordinary events including but not limited to disaster, mass casualty incident, atypical weather, and similar events.*
Issue with this language and operating when a person is tired and possible unsafe.
- Eliminate (3) (a) – (c)

Resume on 10/21/05 with 333-250-0049

333-265-0000 – 333-265-0025

- **In the future notification will be provided to EMTs when an incomplete application for recertification has been received at the DHHS office.** (Problems for about seven individuals who were never recertified in 2003, thus were not eligible for recertification in 2005.)
- Also discussed an “appeals process” to be in place for like issues in the future
- (15) Endorsement with an “E” not an “I”
- 333-265-0010 language to be reviewed by educational consortium
- References made to edition years to be changed to “current edition”

Resume on 10/21/05

847-035-0001

Extensive discussion about:

1. All EMS being under one roof (DHHS or BME),
2. County-wide supervising physicians
3. State Medical Director