

OFMAA Annual Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2006
Eugene Fire Department

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

Member Introductions: Those present included:

Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District	Chief Darrell Patterson	Polk Co. FD#1
Chris Benson	Lane County FD #1	Denise Giard	Albany Fire Dept.
Scott Shepherd	Jefferson Fire District	Joe Raade	South Lane Rural
JoAnna Kamppi	Eugene Fire Department	Will Bauscher	Corvallis Fire Dept.
Dave Lapof	Braun NW	Greg Marlar	Douglas Co. FD #2
Michael Heffner	Salem Fire Department	Todd Brumfield	Dallas Fire & EMS

Guests Included:

Eric Schult	TVF&R	Susan Wernar	DHS – EMS & TS
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Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June 14, 2006 meeting at Jefferson Fire District (motion by Giard / second by Shepherd) were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kamppi provided the following Treasurer's report: Checking account balance \$16,869.21 and CD balance was \$3,392.22 for total assets of \$20,261.43. There were no outstanding bills. Jackson reported we only have 32 paid members for the 2006/07 year at this point.

President's Report

- OFCA: President Benson reported that he updated the OFCA Board about EMS OAR revision process at their meeting on September 9, 2006. He stated that OFCA President John Fowler and Paul LeSage are planning to attend a future OFMAA meeting.
- OSAA: Patterson provided an update from their last meeting on July 21st in Newport, stating they are working on much the same topics as OFMAA, that being; State EMS issues (NHTSA report, AOR review, State EMS Committee representation, EMT-P reciprocity, BME issues, and State diesel fuel tax). They sent representatives to Washington DC to meet with Senator Smith and Representative Hooley's staff to discuss Medicare reimbursement, zip code determination. Their major concern is with State EMS and the process for granting EMT-P reciprocity.
- Communications: None

Health Division Report:

- EMS Office: Susan Wernar indicated that drafts of both OAR 250 and 255 are finished and will be filed by November 15th with a public hearing to follow within 45 days as they will not make the October filing deadline as the State EMS Committee wanted to review the final document at their meeting later this week. DHS is developing a list for feedback on the draft rules. OAR 265 may also happen at the same time, but is not known for sure at this time as additional work is still needed. She also noted that recruitment for the pre-hospital systems manager position closed September 12th with all applications still in HR at this time, so the number of applicants is not yet known. The Director position has not yet been posted as they are working to complete the Advisory Team Report to the NHTSA Reassessment so the job description reflects what is needed like the position title and who they report too. DHS-EMS is looking to soon begin make disciplinary actions

taken against EMT's public information via the web like other DHS disciplines. Look for a DHS-EMS newsletter in October. Working on statutory changes for disaster preparedness and altered level of care issues. First Responder program grants are available to support agency training for emergency preparedness.

BME Report:

- BME Update: Jackson attended the September 8th meeting and reviewed agenda items covered that included: the second reading allowing EMT-P's to perform surgical cricothyrotomy and the first reading of language that would allow EMT-I's and P's to administer immunizations under vary specific scenarios (epidemic, agency staff, that are part of a written plan and approved by the agency supervising physician). Note that TB testing was specifically removed from the current draft language. Dr. Grant Higginson provided an overview of the Advisory Teams work on responding to the NHTSA reassessment of DHS-EMS. Their next meeting date is 12/8/06 at 9:00am.

DPSST Telecommunicator Policy Committee:

- Committee Report: Jackson reported that the group is working on a strategic planning process and recently adopted a minimum hearing and vision standard for Telecommunicator' (call-takers and dispatchers). No general medical standards have yet been considered.

Old Business:

- OAR Revisions: Giard reported that OAR 250 and 255 are now in final draft form and should be available soon via the DHS-EMS web site. OAR 265 is still being worked on with another meeting scheduled for 9/15/06. The current proposal has EMT-Basic recertification the same at 24 hours bi-annually, EMT-I at 42 and EMT-P at 50 hours. State EMS will send a notice out that there is no EMT-P recertification exam for the upcoming cycle. Discussion followed about recertification for those personnel that run a high volume of calls compared to those that don't, like MD's and RN's. Instructor credit for delivery and skills verification was also discussed as was moving to a 3-year cycle.
- Leadership Conference: Final conference planning has been completed, marketing is underway with 445 brochures mailed out and speakers have been confirmed. The conference will be on October 25 & 26 at Valley River Inn in Eugene. Speakers and topics include: IAFC-EMS Section Chair Chief John Sinclair on Excellence in EMS, Oregon Research Institute with a FF/EMT Ergonomics program overview, DHS-EMS update and review of NHTSA report status, Six Sigma Quality Improvement Program, BME-EMT Advisory Committee update, HRSA update and grant opportunities, and Fire Med Program round table. It is very important that we have good attendance at the conference to cover our costs.
- E-Board Elections: There being no additional nominations for Board positions, the slated ballot of candidates for 2006/07 was approved as posted at the June meeting as follows:
President – Chris Benson Vice-President – Darrell Patterson
Treasurer – JoAnna Kamppi Secretary – Randy Jackson
1-Year Director – Scott Shepherd 2-Year Director – Gregg Lander
3 – Year Director – Joe Raade
- First Responder Work Group Report: Tom O'Connor was not able to attend but had emailed that no work had been done on this topic since the last meeting and will likely not be done until new leadership is on board with DHS-EMS.

- Legislative: Shepherd reported that one meeting with Dave Meier from West Valley FD and Law Enforcement had occurred to discuss EMS issues regarding current limitations with Police Officer holds and they agreed this was something that probably needed to be pursued through a legislative change process.
- EMS-C: Shepherd stated the EMS-C conference is October 6, 7 & 8 and a pediatric transfer guideline has been developed and is currently under review by STAB. Work is also being done with pediatric poisoning education within the Hispanic community.

New Business:

- DPSST Telecommunicator Policy Committee Report: Jackson reported that the group is working on a strategic planning process and recently adopted a minimum hearing and vision standard for Telecommunicator' (call-takers and dispatchers). No general medical standards have yet been considered.
- NHTSA Reassessment of OR-EMS – Advisory Team Report: The draft report and summary is now available on the DHS-EMS web site.
- State EMS Conference Committee: They are looking for new conference committee members (generally a two year commitment).

Vendor Report:

- None

Round Table: (of those present and willing to share or maybe it was just getting late in the day☺)

- Jefferson: Moved into new dispatch center (Santiam 9-1-1 in Stayton) and looking forward to updated EMD system.
- Eugene: Activated the REACH helicopter for a firefighter injured during water rescue training and later received a very expensive \$10,600 bill for the ride.
- Albany: Noticing a steady increase in call volume that is impacting training as the crews are always on calls and not available for training.
- TVF&R: Looking at the Knox Box product for securing drugs with an audit trail. Also discussed electronic charting project (SunPro.com), medical re-supply issues with private providers, and MDC mapping / GPS issues.
- Corvallis: Will believes he now has an OMAP approved signature form. They are now billing non-residences for MVA responses and also noticing an increase in call volume. Have now had 7 calls with REACH helicopter now and have noticed an increase in scene times that are under review.
- Dallas: Having an increase in overtime due to staff injuries (playing off-duty). Looking for sample C-PAP protocols.
- Salem: Mike Heffner replaced Greg Hadley and has been in the position since July. Mentioned Salem area AMI Task Force project now underway and the implementation of 12-lead.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 1:00pm – Location TBA

There will be an E-Board meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 10:00am – Location TBA

The E-Board is also discussing how to best represent the needs of Fire Service EMS throughout the State based on the limited amount of membership and participation at our quarterly meetings, more to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm

Submitted: Randy Jackson - OFMAA Secretary