

OFMAA Annual Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2006

Chemeketa Community College – Regional Training center (Brooks)

Call to Order: Vice-President Patterson called the meeting to order at 1:00pm

Member Introductions: Those present included:

Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District	Chief Darrell Patterson	Polk Co. FD#1
Denise Giard	Albany Fire Dept.	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
Keith Neff	Glide Rural Fire District	Gregg Lander	Chemeketa CC
Shawn Baird	Woodburn Ambulance	Daniel Woodson	Lebanon Fire Dist.
Jon Cloutier	Zoll Medical Corp.		

Guests Included:

Eric Schult	TVF&R	Holly VanDurLoo	REACH Air Medical
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Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the September 13, 2006 meeting at Eugene Fire Department (motion by Lander / second by Bauscher) were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kamppi provided the following Treasurer's report: Checking account balance \$19,585.47 and CD balance was \$3,392.22 for total assets of \$22,977.69. There were no outstanding bills.

President's Report

- OFCA: President Benson was not in attendance so no update was provided.
- OSAA: Vice-President Patterson provided an update from their October meeting in Brookings, stating they reviewed the proposed OAR changes and the results of a 6-member group that traveled to Washington DC in an effort to get a 5% increase in Medicare reimbursement (which is looking very positive). It was mentioned that while some OFMAA member agencies belong to OSAA, others do not and that when you are asked to send a letter of support for a funding increase, etc. that it is very important to do so. It goes a long way. They also discussed the State EMS Committee. There was some discussion regarding proposed legislation referred to as "Kyle's Law" dealing with requiring children to ride youth appropriate sized ATV's.
- Communications: None

Health Division Report:

- EMS Office: No representative from State EMS was in attendance, however the group did discuss that the Pre-Hospital Systems Manager position received 4 applications (1 in-house, 2-no shows and 1 with no experience). The opening was not filled and will be re-advertised.
- State EMS Medical Director Position: Based on information from DHS-EMS, it appears that filling this new position is moving forward without filling the Directors position first.

BME Report:

- BME Update: It appears that agency TB testing is no longer an issue as OR-OSHA confirmed it now recommends following the CDC immunization guidelines, which have changed to only providing TB testing upon hire (initial baseline) and upon reported exposure or based on level of risk within your given County. Their next meeting date is 12/8/06 at 9:00am in Portland.

DPSST Telecommunicator Policy Committee:

- Committee Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- OAR Revisions: The public hearing for OAR 250 and 255 is scheduled for 12/6/06 at 1:30pm at the State EMS office in Portland. Written comments will be accepted until 5pm on Friday, December 8, 2006. Giard reported that the version of OAR 255 posted on the DHS-EMS web site is not the most current work group document and does not reflect the most current changes, so review closely. *Note: At the public hearing on 12/6/06 it was determined that some of the differences between the two documents were due to changes made by the AG's office based on their review which followed the last working groups meeting. A small group of OFMAA and OSAA members who provided testimony on the proposed changes spent the afternoon reviewing and blending the two documents, which was then presented as written testimony.*
- Leadership Conference: Treasurer Kamppi reported total expenses of \$6,707.00 with income of \$9,120.00 for a profit of \$2,413.00. A review of attendee surveys indicated a positive response. No determination has yet been made about holding a conference next year with comments about what time of year would be most appropriate.
- First Responder Work Group Report: Nothing to report – Committee work on hold.

New Business:

- Legislative: The DHS-EMS legislative concept package was discussed as being something that could have a significant impact on first response agencies across the State and should be monitored closely. *Note: On 12/6/06 this document became available on the DHS-EMS website and should be reviewed.*
- EMT-I: Agencies were encouraged to contact the DHS-EMS Section staff directly with questions or for clarifications regarding this process and do not rely on information from other sources.

Vendor Report:

- Braun NW: Dave reported business is up and down depending on area and November election outcomes.
- Zoll: Jon reported that corporate earnings are up and they now have 38% market share. Several new products including the Auto-Pulse (CPR device). He has trade-in credit available for non-upgradeable LP-500's.
- REACH: Holly reported that in February they are moving into permanent quarters and that they have been meeting their initial activity goals for just starting up. She mentioned that they can have launch delays of 10-12 minutes due to ice or other weather related issues. Still no reciprocal billing or subscription membership agreement with Life Flight, as they are a privately held for-profit company. They are looking into establishing an auto-launch policy.

Round Table:

- Dallas: Nothing.
- Keizer: Will be establishing a new FF/Paramedic list, revising protocols and busy with lots of December activities (community and holiday related).
- Salem: Had to leave for staff meeting although did mention they are looking at the new King LT airway product and is looking for feedback from others who use it.
- Eugene: New Fire Chief is Randy Gross leaving 2 Deputy Chief positions open, looking at adding capacity (employees) to the 90 series operation, evaluating new defibrillators (all), reviewing new ambulance RFP's, and have a new physician supervisor.
- TVF&R: Starting new academy in March (8 EMT-B's), Bond for 77 million passed, tearing down 3 fire stations (didn't like the color☺), Using EZ-IO with 90% success rate, ITD (rescue pod), Implementing Q-CPR program, and developing in-house EMT-I upgrade course using DVD's being produced on-site with additional labs.
- Lebanon: Left to attend new fire station location meeting (their bond passed).
- Corvallis: Call volume up 28%, ASA Plan being updated, working on new physician supervisor contract (job description & chain of command), conducting EMT-I upgrade in-house via module based format, and looking at RMS and EMS charting options.
- Albany: Also will be hiring in the near future (no current list), revising protocols, call volume is up (recently 11 calls in one hour 12/1/06).
- Chemeketa: Recently selected spring term students (interviewed 50 for 24 spots); the fire program will be starting 60 students which will make the EMT-B class "interesting". He suggested folks interested in an on-line A/P class contact Central Oregon Community College. He also reviewed the recent CCC purchase of the MCFD #1 RTC and future plans which include eventually moving all fire, EMS and criminal justice programs to the new site in Brooks.
- Douglas Co FD #2: Bond measure passed, with 12-lead will now be going live with direct cath lab activation/admit.
- South Lane Rural: Discussed AMR letter to participate in FEMA Disaster response.
- Woodburn Ambulance: Nothing.
- Glide RFPD: Nothing.
- PCFD #1: Initiating new hiring list in January for 2 positions. Call volume is up 15%.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 1:00pm – Eugene Fire & EMS

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20pm

Submitted: Randy Jackson - OFMAA Secretary

NOTE: Several memberships are past-due. Your continued membership and support is needed and important to the continued success of this Association!