

OFMAA Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2007 at 6:00pm
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue - RTC

Call to Order: President Shepherd called the meeting to order at 6:13pm and thanked TVF&R for providing an exceptional meal.

Member Introductions: Those present included:

Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District	Jonathan Chin	Washington Co. EMS
Will Bauscher	Corvallis Fire Dept.	Chris Benson	Lane Co. Fire Dist. #1
Darrell Knott	Portland Fire & Rescue	Gary McLean	Sandy Fire District
Scott Shepherd	Jefferson Fire District	Anne Slaughter	Bend Fire Dept.
Gregg Lander	Chemeketa Comm. Col.	Dave Lapof	Braun NW
Scott Sullivan	TVF&R	Mark Stevens	TVF&R
Tom Wright	Bend Fire via teleconf.	Joe Raade	South Lane F & R
Dave Lapof	Braun Northwest		

Guests Included:

John Phelps	Zoll Medical	Tom Sutton	Zoll Medical
Bob Leopold	Oregon EMS & Trauma	Bill Alguire	Sheridan Fire District
Mark Prince	Hillsboro Fire / OFCA		

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the September 20, 2007 meeting at OR-EMS Conference - Bend (motion by Bauscher / second by Stevens) were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Wright reported that he had met with former Treasurer Kampfi and reviewed / transferred the associations banking and account information. He noted that JoAnna had done an outstanding job in maintaining the books during her tenure. The current account information as follows was distributed to all current/paid members electronically. Income (dues and patches) = \$1,605.00, Expenses (web-site hosting and patches) = \$730.98, for a total checking account balance of \$19,652.14 and a CD balance of \$3,483.57 (maturity date is 1/26/08). Motion to accept the Treasurers report (moved by Jackson / second by Bauscher) was passed unanimously by those present.

Committee/Activity Reports

- OFCA: Representative Prince informed the association of various transitions in the OFCA leadership due to Chief LeSage taking a position on the IAFC Board. Other items underway included reviewing charter, updating strategic plan, preparing for the special legislative session in February and the upcoming spring conference at Eagle Crest.
- OSAA: Tom Wright provided an update from their October 12th meeting in Eugene which included the proposed OAR 265 rules and the impact the lack of law enforcement staffing was having on rural EMS responses (waiting an hour or more for PD to respond to violent calls to secure the scene), and Dennis Murphy from Springfield Fire made a presentation about joining public and private Fire Med programs (which was generally accepted). Their next meeting will be in January in Lincoln City.
- ECOMS: Tom Wright reported on the activities of the East Cascade EMS Council which is made up of all EMS providers within ATAB 7. They meet monthly and share area-wide protocols and recently received a \$17K grant from St. Charles Medical Center to upgrade their ZOLL M series heart monitors and will be approaching the BME-EMT

- Advisory Committee to request extending the ability to reduce patella dislocations in the field. Other topics involved by-passing small rural hospitals with trauma system patients.
- DPSST Telecommunications Policy Committee: Randy Jackson provided an overview of the groups activities and their November meeting agenda.
 - Communications: There were no communication items.

Health Division Report:

- EMS Office: EMS & Trauma Systems Director Bob Leopold was in attendance and provided an update of three major activities the office is working on: OAR 265 rules review, drafting an EMS Preparedness Plan (grant funded), and Data (NHTSA funded project). In April/May 2008 they will be collecting 1 month of EMS run data from rural providers and then working with vendors to develop a system that would work state-wide. Also working on developing an air-ambulance radio frequency and STEMI divert program.

BME Report:

- BME Update: The following items were discussed at their 11/4/07 meeting: A proposal to add capillary blood glucose testing by First Responders was discussed and rejected as it is not within the national scope, reviewed the OAR 265 proposal, 2nd reading to add Fentanyl by EMT-I's passed, clarified that First Responders may acquire and transmit a 12-lead ECG if trained to do so by their agency, heard an update from OR-EMS that of the 1,180 currently certified EMT-I's only 480 have not yet completed the required upgrade course, discussed a proposed process to follow when making suggested changes to the scope of practice (at any level) and discussed procedures for addressing the concern of IV infections. Dr. Rostykus also thanked Denise Giard and Shawn Baird for their presentation at the EMS Physicians Forum (Thank you Denise!). The next meeting will be February 8, 2008 at 9:00am.

Old Business:

- OAR Revisions: President Shepherd started by stating that based on feedback and input to both OFMAA and the OFCA, the only remaining concerns with the OAR 265 rules were limited to three areas as follows: 1) The effective date for the new recertification hours, 2) AA vs. AAS degree, and 3) the 25% video limitation. Director Leopold confirmed and stated that clarifying language would be added to it was clear that the new recertification hours / requirements for EMT's would not start until the July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 recertification period. He stated that it would be a goal of the EMS office to certify the First Responders from January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008 so they would be on a different cycle, but also noted that this may not be possible to implement in such short notice. Gregg Lander provided an overview of the requirement differences between the AA (Associate in Arts) and the AAS (Applied science) degrees. Examples were the AA degree requires 9 credit hours of writing while the AAS only requires 3 credit hours. Mr. Leopold confirmed that it was the intent of the rule changes to recognize Paramedics with an AAS degree (being the easier one to get) and more inclusive of general education rather than specific to EMS. Discussion took place regarding the proposed 20% limitation on recertification hours and this in general only seems to be an issue for some agencies. Mr. Leopold stated they were looking to have the emphasis of recertification hours be toward hands-on training and not video-based, but that he understood the limitations and expenses on agencies. The topic was concluded with OFMAA and Mr. Leopold encouraging agencies to participate in the public hearings process by making DHHS-EMS aware of your concerns.

New Business:

- OFMAA Representative on the DPSST Telecommunications Policy Committee: President Shepherd explained that Randy Jackson has reached his term limit and needs to be replaced. Jackson described that the committee typically meets quarterly and generally via teleconference. Chris Benson volunteers to submit an application to become the new OFMAA representative. Jackson moved a motion to support Benson's application / seconded by Lander. Motion passed unanimously.
- OFMAA Membership Surveys: President Shepherd noted that he would be reviewing the membership surveys and the setting up a meeting with the Board to develop upcoming goals for the Association. He also noted that all members not paid by 1/1/08 would no longer receive copies of the meeting minutes in order to preserve the value to those paid.

Vendor Report:

- Zoll Medical: Jon Cloutier is now the new national trainer for Zoll and has been replaced by John Phelps. He and Tom Sutton from Zoll noted their interest in establishing regional training and education relationships. They are looking to develop a list of qualified instructors and facilities. They are also working on distribution of the AHA CPR guidelines, technology and looking at establishing a STEMI manager position along with data collection, Rescue Net code review and a new website resuscitationcentral.com and circtrial.com (for the auto pulse).
- Braun NW: Their plant was OK after the wind and floods. Completing 4 vehicles per week. Dave is also chairing the OR-EMS Conference which will be October 9, 10, and 11, 2008 in Bend. They are looking to bring in Cathy West to present a 16-hour infection control certification program with details still being worked out. Hoping to again host that quarterly OFMAA meeting at the conference site.

Round Table:

- Bend: The building boom is over! They have experienced a significant decrease in building permits that they have been asked to cut \$320K from their budget. Looking forward to the delivery of 6 new ambulances in January 2008 and 2 interface engines. 9 new employees starting. Hosting experienced ACLS provider course 2/29/08.
- TVF&R: Established 4 county cardiac arrest database registry. Showing lots of positive effects of the new AHA guidelines.
- Chemeketa: 18 students just finishing up with presentations yesterday and today. Current class has 22 EMT-P and 100 EMT-basic students. Looking at future programs for RTC. They will be hosting an EMT-B class on weekends at West Valley FD.
- South Lane: Transition to new Fire Chief, specing 2 new ambulances, and looking at future hiring needs.
- Sandy: 8 new firefighters in joint class with Boring, 1 new FTE and 2 new engines going on-line soon.
- Portland: They will be seeing a big surge in hiring over the next few months/year (100+), adding 2 new rescues to help address growing EMS call volume.
- Washington Co. EMS: Hiring new Q/I Coordinator position, working on a complete rebuilding of the EMS system and 4 County protocols.
- Keizer: ASA franchise renewal completed, hiring new Fire Chief, funding an on-going issue. Woodburn Ambulance will be hosting an EMT-I upgrade course in January 08.
- Corvallis: Hiring 6 new FTE this year, working on data collection projects, seeing an increase in utilization resulting in using agencies further out. Working on joint fire/EMS policies and procedures with neighboring agencies.

- Lane Co. FD#1: Provided story of a shooting victim who required the use of a King LT airway that was inserted by an EMT-B (there's always more to the story...).
- Sheridan: Terry Ney now Fire Chief, new using Emergency Reporting System for data collection, Braun remount, recent flooding came within 1' of fire station bays.
- Jefferson: Looking for EMT's from outside the area to help with ambulance staffing.

Next Meetings: Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 1:00pm – CCC – RTC (Brooks)
 Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 1:00pm – South Lane Rural (BBQ at 12pm)
 Thursday, October 9, 2008 – Bend (time & location TBA)
 Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 1:00pm – Keizer

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Submitted: Randy Jackson - OFMAA Secretary