

OFMAA Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2009 at 1:00pm
Central Coast Fire & Rescue - Waldport

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

Member Introductions: Those present included:

Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District	Will Bauscher	Corvallis Fire Dept.
Mark Stevens	TVF&R	John Phelps	Zoll Medical
Tom Wright	Bend Fire Dept.	Scott Shepherd	Jefferson Fire Dist.
Tim Frost	Lebanon Fire District	Chris Heppel	Lane Rural F&R
Dave Lapof	Braun NW	Joe Raade	South Lane F/R
Darrell Knott	Portland Fire	Holly Love	Life Flight
Derek Clawson	Central Coast F&R	JoAnna Kamppi	Eugene Fire & EMS

Guests Included:

Bob Leopold	OR-EMS/TS	Justin Hardwick	OR-EMS/TS
Peter Bentamrn	Seal Rock Fire Dist.	Frankie Petrick	Yachats RFPD
Sheila Covley	Yachats RFPD		

Approval of Minutes: It was noted that March 12, 2009 minutes have now been updated to include additional reports and round table items. They can be viewed on the web site. Minutes from the September 10, 2009 meeting in Eugene were not available for approving (President Shepherd doesn't have them done yet).

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Wright provided a written Treasurer's report which detailed account activity. Our accounts have the following ending balances: checking \$22,596.92 and CD \$3,692.17. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made and passed unanimously by those present.

- Additional discussion: due to the amount of cash in our checking account and the limited amount of interest, it was proposed that \$15,000 be invested into a CD or other longer term investment. Bauscher moved and Wright seconded a motion to make this happen. The motion passed unanimously by those present. State EMS patch sales were also discussed and Wright will provide a more detailed report at the next meeting. It was also agreed to have the OFMAA US Bank statements sent directly to him at Bend Fire rather than the OFCA office in Salem to help expedite the reconciliation process.

DHS / EMS Reports

- EMS Office: Director Leopold reported the EMS office received a grant to supply each licensed ambulance in the State with 2 (each) 3M-#5000 cartridge-type H1N1 respirators. Services should see them arriving soon. He also stated that the office (along with all other State agencies) had to submit a budget cut projection (#66 under DHS) which would eliminate the Trauma System, EMS-C and mobile training unit if implemented. OR-DHS will be splitting: Oregon Health Authority & Human Services.
- OAR 250 and 255 Proposed Rule Changes: Justin Hardwick reviewed some key points and questions relating to these rules and proposed changes primarily impacting EMT training and vehicle equipment requirements.
- OAR 265 Proposed Rule Changes: Director Leopold then reviewed multiple changes that include 102 amendments to EMT certification levels and titles and impacts of HB2059.

- Vision 2012: Director Leopold also provided an overview of the impacts and changes necessary to implement EMS for the Future items. Other than title and EMT level changes, it would also expand the States EMS authority and require all fire departments with either have EMT's and/or respond to EMS call to have an EMS Medical Director. These changes would require legislative action during the January 2011 session. The review of these items took over 1.5 hours to present and discuss. The EMS office is requesting comments back to their office by 12/31/09 so the proposed rules can be published in hopes of holding public hearings in late January 2010, so some of the new rules (mostly education standards) could be effective March 2010. Take the time to review the drafts and participate in the public hearings process. Your participation makes for a better overall finished product.

Committee/Activity Reports

- OFCA: Bauscher reported on legislative activity impacts and priorities of the OFCA.
- Emergency Health Care Task Force: Bauscher reported that he had been asked to represent Oregon fire-based EMS and pre-hospital EMS in general on the new group. He accepted the invitation with the support of the OFMAA Board. The group will focus on topics pointed out in the ACEP study, specifically; trauma, STEMI, and stroke
- OSAA: Next meeting is in January 2010, so no report was given at this meeting but it was noted that they are reviewing requirements for pediatric and bariatric transport.
- ECEMS: Wright reported they are working on local issues and protocol updates, implementing a helicopter run card and looking at State ambulance task force staffing limitations. Please check their web site and upload your agencies EMS protocols...
- EMSC: The 2009 EMS-C conference will be in Seaside on February 27 – March 1, 2009. They have again asked for help from OFMAA with Management / Leadership in EMS.
- DPSST Telecommunications Policy Committee: Raade reported on various OAR records retention policy updates, reviewed disciplinary actions, a new Telecommunicator certification matrix, approval of a new H1N1 EMD card, and 10% budget / staff reduction projections.
- Oregon Air Ambulance Network: Love stated the group had not met recently, but noted a name change to “NWAAR” Northwest Air Ambulance Responders and they hope to have a new web site up and running soon.
- STAB: Their last meeting was Nov. 6th with topics including spine board padding for transfers (not so much EMS), reviewed new trauma triage and looking for a replacement for Paul LeSage as he is retiring effective 1/31/2010. If OFMAA wants to submit a suggested replacement, that needs to happen ASAP. Needs to be a Paramedic, Kamppi and Raade expressed possible interest if their agency is supportive.
- OR-EMS Conference: Dates for next year are: October 7-9, 2010 at the Salem Convention Center.

OFMAA Subcommittee Reports

- EMS Leadership & Education: The group is focusing primarily on topics not readily locally or very often in a “Tool Box” format. Examples include; EMS budgeting, relationships and influence, laws and rules, change management, evidence-based EMS, etc. More to follow...
- Safety & Operational Best Practices: Heffner not present – no report.
- Protocol Development & Quality Improvement: Wright reported TVF&R is hosting the protocols from all state agencies, there are still several missing so if you know of an agency that is not participating, please encourage them to get their protocols to TVF&R to post. STEMI program; would be nice to get all the groups that have a program to meet (Washington County, Central Oregon and Jackson County, etc.). Would be nice to have

all these groups meet and develop a best practice protocol. Stroke Alert: would like to move forward with a protocol but this is probably a few years out.

- Position Development & Policy Review: No report – items being addressed by President Shepherd and Board as necessary. If someone wants to lead or help – just say so...

State Committee Reports

OMB EMT Advisory Committee: Dave Lapof reported on the following:

- There is a temporary rule to allow EMT-I and EMT-P to administer immunizations. This was basically supported with a sunset clause for June 30, 2010. Woodburn ambulance completed a survey regarding vaccinations in their area. Any agency that administered vaccinations are asked to contact Mark Stevens at TVF&R.
- Vision 2012 was presented - Advanced EMT Scope was discussed.
- Critical Care Scope of practice was discussed
- Next meeting May 28, 2009.

Old Business

- The membership invoices are coming.

New Business

- There will be voting for officers at the next meeting. Mike Heffner's (1-Year Director) position is open.

Vendor Reports

- Braun Northwest- Dave Lapof is phasing out of ambulance sales. The big news in this industry is chassis decisions are more difficult than ever.
- Zoll – lots on the horizon with resuscitation. Zoll is offering grant assistance. They are also doing some local preventative maintenance. John's position now covers only Oregon and Montana. At the AHA summit the new 2010 guidelines were revealed. Richmond Virginia is reporting an 18% survival from cardiac arrest with use of E-series monitors, the auto-pulse and hypothermia technology. NFPA 1901 all new fire apparatus must be sold with an AED. Zoll is still doing outreach education. CO monitoring is coming.

Round Table

Not done due to the time.

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- It was noted that the source testing provisions of the Ryan White Act were reinstated on Oct. 30, 2009.
- Keizer Fire District is advertising and recruiting for the position of Division Chief / Training, Health & Safety. Anyone interested is encouraged to check out the position requirements and details at www.keizerfire.com – closes 3/15/2010.

2010 Meeting Dates and Locations:

March 11th – Lebanon

June 10th – Bend

September 9th – Klamath Falls

December 9th – Eugene

Submitted: Randy Jackson - OFMAA Secretary