

## OFMAA Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2005

Keizer Fire District

Call to Order: Following the holiday lunch prepared by Randy Jackson and paid for by Dave Lapof (Thank you Dave!), President Benson called the meeting to order at 1:05pm

Member Introductions: Those present included:

Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District	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 CC
Eric Schult	TVF&R	JoAnna Kamppi	Eugene Fire & EMS
Jennifer Stanislaw	West Valley FD	Joe Raade	South Lane Co. FD
Denise Giard	Albany Fire Dept.	Scott Shepherd	Jefferson Fire District
Kevin Henson	Turner Fire District		

Guests Included:

Kevin Donegan	Clackamas Co. FD#1	Dave Meier	West Valley FD
Jeanne Arana	OR-DHS/EMS	Tim Hennigan	OR-DHS/EMS
Joy Weyer	OR-DHS/Public Health Preparedness		

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the October 12, 2005 meeting at TVF&R (motion by Shepherd / second by Lander) were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kamppi reported that our checking account balance was \$15,923.63 and CD balance was \$3,332.62 for total assets of \$19,256.25. There were no outstanding bills. She also reported that our web-site account with Yahoo had been straightened out and we were now back up and running. She also discussed the possibility of pursuing other banking options (money market or CD) for surplus funds that would gain interest. After some group discussion, JoAnna "volunteered" to investigate available options and report back at a future date.

President's Report

- OFCA: President Benson was not able to attend – no report.
- OSAA: No Report.
- Communications: President Benson reported that he had sent letters to members of congress asking for support of Medicare relief funding for ambulance services.

Health Division Report:

- EMS Office: State EMS Director Jeanne Arana reported she had now been in the position for 9 months. She provided an overview of the ORS/OAR review process and that the group's last meeting is scheduled for 12/16/05. Her staff will then draft proposed language changes and send them out for comments and feedback before moving forward with the public hearings process. The EMS Office is also looking at any proposed legislative concepts for the 2007 session, commenting that ORS 682 needs some housekeeping. They are looking to help improve consistency in the rules. She also reported that NHTSA will be conducting an assessment and update of Oregon's now 12

year old EMS system evaluation. This is scheduled for the week of March 13, 2006 and includes the review of 7-10 policy areas covering various topics and issues.

Tim Hennigan reported that they are still working on the electronic database reporting system (working on bugs in the ambulance service provider's module before moving to the certificate holder module), no deadline on this project. There will be six sites in Oregon for the computer based EMT-B and Paramedic testing that will start January 1, 2007. Ambulance inspections are ongoing and have covered a large portion of the state (if you haven't seen them - you will). The focus is on getting agencies up to speed and scheduling inspections in advance so deficiencies are corrected before they arrive. They will be publishing their 2006 inspection schedule soon, check their web site in the near future for current information.

- EMT-I Upgrade: Bridge courses in a train-the-trainer format are now underway with several planned through 2006 being presented by the mobile training unit. This bridge course will cover all recertification requirements for an EMT-I through June 2007 (it can be taught in-house). After much discussion about concerns with the limited amount of time this process would leave EMT-I's to obtain the needed 40+ hours of new training and the financial impact to agencies, EMS Director Jeanne Arana stated she would take this concern back and her staff and work to develop a compromise or possible alternatives. More information to follow on this topic.

#### BME Report:

- BME Update: Randy Jackson attended the meeting on 12/9/05 and reviewed items from their agenda that were discussed. These included: 1) Receiving an update on the new EMT-I curriculum 2) Interviewing candidates for the vacant EMT Committee position 3) Status report on the ORS/OAR review 4) Discussed various statutory changes that were presented by John Stouffer 5) Discussed asking the BME (full-Board) to provide a liaison to the EMT Advisory Committee 6) Discussed clarification language for airway devices at the EMT-B level 7) Discussed "providing care for soft tissue injuries" at the First Responder level to include reducing dislocated joints 8) Discussed EMT's providing immunizations during a disaster, and 9) Discussed EMT's working in the hospital setting.

#### Old Business:

- 2005-06 OFMAA Goals / Assignments: Due to other lengthy discussions, President Benson tabled this item
- OAR Revisions: The majority of this update was previously provided by the EMS Director Arana, however Denise Giard asked for suggestions regarding EMT recertification requirements at the various levels. After a lengthy discussion and no consensus, it was determined that the State EMS Office will most likely form a sub-committee to develop a proposal to address this issue.
- 1-Year Director Position: President Benson asked for interested members in filling the position. Joe Raade expressed an interest but stated he would have to obtain a letter of agency support from his Chief. It was felt that a vote could be taken contingent upon this being provided (and no one else stepped forward). Jennifer Stanislaw moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for Joe Raade based on him providing the needed document. Motion seconded by Denise Giard with all those voting members present voting in favor. Congratulations Joe!

- BME Vacancy: President Benson reported that he sent a letter of recommendation for Rose Howe with the support of the OFMAA E-Board from discussion at our October meeting. Rose Howe and Kara Kohfield, both EMT-I's from eastern Oregon were the only two applicants for the position. Both appeared to be very well qualified and the EMS Advisory Committee members voted to recommend to the BME (full Board) that Rose Howe be appointed to complete the term of John Herbold.
- 2006 OFMAA Conference: President Benson reported that the conference will be March 10 & 11, 2006 at the valley River Inn in Eugene (new date). Topics include: DHS Update, Q/A Programs, Effective EMS Charting, Electronic Patient Reporting Systems, Ambulance Reimbursement, EMS Grants, Dealing with Difficult People & Effective Communications. A pre-conference day may include Firefighter & EMS Ergonomics and Injury Prevention.
- Future Legislative Goals: Discussion occurred concerning police officer holds and that they are currently limited to mentally ill patients. EMS Director Arana stated she would be willing to discuss this concern with the lobbyists from other affected groups. Other possible topics included requiring more information on prescription drug labels to help EMS. Other discussion involved patient refusals, liability and dealing with minors.

#### New Business:

- Bioterrorism and Communicable Disease Training: Joy Weyer from DHS presented an overview of her office (Public Health Preparedness) and invited those present to help themselves to a selection of handouts and materials she had on display at the meeting.
- Ergonomic Survey: JoAnna Kamppi asked that members who received a resent survey being conducted by the University of Oregon to please complete and submit them. She briefly described the research project conducted on their department and how this could benefit others. This ergonomic study is specific to fire & EMS and will help to build an ergonomic improvement system. This information was discussed as a possible pre-conference topic.
- DPSST Telecommunications Policy Committee Representative: President Benson informed the group that Randy Jackson is currently our representative and his term will soon be expiring. OFMAA has a position on this Committee along with many other organizations. Randy expressed that he would be willing to serve another term. Gregg Lander moved that Randy Jackson serve another term, seconded by JoAnna Kamppi with all those voting members present voting in favor.

#### Vendor Report:

- No report given.

#### Round Table:

- Keizer: Thanks for attending and don't forget there's still dessert!
- Eugene: 4 new medic units in the works, posting for EMT-I's or P's in January, Starting new recruit academy.
- West Valley: DHS ambulance inspection in November – went well and learned a lot. Dave Meier was elected to serve on the National Native American EMS board.
- South Lane: Upcoming PHTLS and PEPP courses.

- TVF&R: Recent 12-lead results show 40-minute field to balloon time (20-minutes better than non-EMS discovery). Implementing Quality CPR product (being installed in their monitors), and researching HEMCON blood clotting product.
- Albany: Closest upcoming Page/Wolfberg billing conference is in CA in early March.
- DHS: EMS Office will be open the week of Christmas. Jeanne stated that she likes to know what's going on, if you have information or concerns please call her.
- Chemeketa: Offering a 1-Term EMT-I class this winter. New medical director and accreditation process has caused several changes (which can force improvements for the better). Currently have 22 Paramedic students (good group).

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be in conjunction with our March conference in Eugene and depending on a pre-conference offering may be at 1:00pm on Thursday, March 9, 2006. More details to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm

Submitted:  
Randy Jackson  
OFMAA Secretary