

OFMAA Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2008 at 1:00pm
Keizer Fire District

Call to Order: President Shepherd called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

Member Introductions: Those present included:

Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District	Will Bauscher	Corvallis Fire Dept.
Chris Benson	Lane Co. Fire Dist. #1	Todd Brumfield	City of Dallas
Darrell Knott	Portland Fire & Rescue	Scott Shepherd	Jefferson Fire District
Tom Wright	Bend Fire Dept.	Holly Love	Air Life
Mark Stevens	TVF&R	JoAnna Kamppi	Eugene Fire & EMS
Fred Lundgren	Springfield F&LS	Damon Schulze	McMinnville Fire
Kevin Henson	Marion Co. FD#1	Michael Heffner	Salem Fire Dept.
Bill Alguire	Sheridan Fire District	Dave Lapof	Braun Northwest

Guests Included:

Bob Leopold	Oregon EMS & Trauma	Dr. Ritu Sahni	Oregon EMS
Greg Keller	OFCA	Steve DeHart	Lake Oswego Fire
Corie Depuy	TVF&R	Justin Hardwick	Washington Co. EMS

Approval of Minutes: A motion by Bauscher and second by Stevens to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2007 meeting at TVF&R was approved unanimously by those present.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Wright reported provided and reviewed a written Treasurer's report which in summary showed a checking account balance of \$22,539.76 and a CD balance of \$3,483.57 with Albany Fire having been billed \$100.00 for EMT patches. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was passed unanimously by those present.

Committee/Activity Reports

- OFCA: President Shepherd reported that recent OFCA Board meetings have focused on outreach, updating by-laws and inter/intra-state mutual aid topics.
- OSAA: Tom Wright reported that current focus is on National EMT recruitment, Medicare reimbursement (looking to partner with other states), and extended staging times particularly in the southern Oregon coast areas due to law enforcement budget and staffing cuts. Their next meeting will be in April 11 in Bend.
- ECOMS: Tom Wright reported on the activities of the East Cascade EMS Council which is made up of all EMS providers within ATAB 7. Topics included EKG transmission problems, ECOMS on-line for ATAB 7 protocols, looking to request patella reduction in non-wilderness EMS setting, National failure rate of 12-lead is 5-10%.
- DPSST Telecommunications Policy Committee: Chris Benson reported that this group is updating applicable OAR changes, legibility issues with transcripts and that currently 100% of telcom recert is given for teaching and they are looking at other models.
- Communications: There were no communication items.
- State EMS MCI Plan: Will Bauscher reported on a brainstorming meeting held in January 10th in Newport to gather feedback on draft plan. Unknown how training for overhead teams might be conducted, discussions of State vs. local resources. The goal is to have "final draft" plan completed by June 2008, then look to additional grants to refine plan. Will likely require legislative action to implement.

- Oregon EMS Conference: President Shepherd presented the concept of OFMAA co-sponsoring an Infection Control Officer Certification pre-conference program being planned for presentation by Cathy West. Members present approved President Shepherd moving forward with this concept and paying up to 50% of the program expenses.
- Oregon Air Ambulance Network: Holly Love reported that they are developing an LZ PowerPoint training program which they hope to have completed by Oct. 2008 and available at the State EMS Conference (check out: www.oregonlz.com). They have also received approval for an air to ground VHF radio frequency from the State of Oregon and are looking an 800 MHz frequency for the Metro area. She also noted that Bend Fire has developed an air ambulance resource sequence that works well.
- Legislation: Chris Benson reported that changes will need to be made to allow for Inter / Intra State Mutual Aid

Health Division Report:

- EMS Office: EMS & Trauma Systems Director Bob Leopold was in attendance and provided an update on the following: the final proposed OAR changes reflected 12/24/36/and 48 hour recertification requirements and included 50% video based and 25% free choice of topics and all levels (FR-EMT-P). EMT-P education would require 75% of the necessary calls be conducted on a transporting ambulance. Recert fees are increasing due primarily to the required background check. Discussed passive vs. active recert and reciprocity (expects to get better). Other activities include MCI Plan, EMS data base, Rural EMS patient care reporting, College of Emergency Medicine data section (reporting of all EMS care in May 2008 to State EMS), OHSU Policy Office will help evaluate data. Will be helpful when reporting to the legislature in the future. Working with a vendor (Image Trent) on EMS data collection (also used by WA and Idaho). Not planning to re-introduce SB 162. Also discussed State EMS Conference; value? Looking for new certifying officer's and test evaluators for EMT practical exams.
- National Scope of Practice Overview: Dr. Ritu Sahni presented an overview of the proposed National Scope of Practice and discussed implementation timelines and the possible impacts to the current Oregon EMT scope and certification system.

BME Report:

- BME Update: Randy Jackson reported on the following items discussed at their 2/1/08 meeting: Final review of administration of analgesics for acute pain by EMT-I's (passed), EMT-I curriculum update, National Scope of Practice presentation by Dr. Ritu Sahni, Add administration of Lidocaine by EMT-I's for I/O's (first reading approved), clarified that acquiring and transmitting 12-lead EKG's in non-invasive and can be done by any level EMT or FR if so trained, and discussed a standardized approach to approving scope of practice changes. Their next meetings will be May 9, 2008 and August 15, 2008 at 9:00am in Portland.
- BME Advisory Committee EMT-P Position: The 3-year term currently held by Toni Grimes will expire in June 2008. It was the consensus of the group that President Shepherd sends a letter of support for re-appointment of Toni to another 3-year term.
- BME Name Change: The Board of Medical Examiner's has changed their name to the Oregon Medical Board (OMB).

State EMS Committee Report:

- Report previously covered by Director Leopold.

Old Business:

- OAR Revisions: Implementation of the proposed OAR 265 rules are on hold pending Hearing's Officer and State requirements. The new rules, when implemented will not become effective until the July 1, 2009 recertification period. Watch for official notification and monitor the DHS-EMS web site for details.
- OFMAA Membership Surveys: President Shepherd stated he had not had time to review and summarize the membership surveys, but planned to do so in the near future.

New Business:

- OHSU Lawsuit: Mark Stevens reviewed the recent ruling and the potential impacts to government agencies currently under the State Tort Liability Limits for wrongful death and negligence claims and the personal ramifications of the ruling. Look for House and Senate reform during the next regular legislative session.
- Fire Med Reciprocal Agreements with Private Ambulance: Will Bauscher discussed what he knew about the history of the proposed changes to this program and explained his frustration with its implementation which was apparently initiated by Springfield Fire & Life Safety and being coordinated by Bart Noll. It appears that many cities have required contract/agreement language that is not covered which may prevent some from participating. Fred Lundgren knew little about the proposed changes. It might be helpful to have a presentation of the proposed program changes at our next meeting to address these questions?
- 2008/09 OFMAA Board Position Nominations: President Shepherd called for nominations for the various Board positions. Those currently in a Board position agreed to continue for another term and Will Bauscher volunteered to fill the 3-year Director Position currently held by Gregg Lander with expires June 30, 2008. The other two Directors will move forward one Director Position. The Board elections will be held at the June 12, 2008 meeting in Cottage Grove following another opportunity for nominations.
- OFMAA Newsletter / Web Site: Mark Stevens introduced Corie Depuy from the TVF&R EMS Office and discussed to possibility of having her help produce an association newsletter. Following the discussion it was agreed that developing a newsletter is time consuming and once published, much of the information is outdated. It was felt that maybe a better option might be to have her help maintain the OFMAA web site. Mark and Corie will follow up on this with Keith Hoehn.

Vendor Report:

- Don't forget about the Fire & Rescue Expo May 16 & 17, 2008 - Portland Expo Center.

Round Table:

- Springfield: Going through an organizational change (no more EMS Division), more hiring and transition, and mold found in fire stations.
- Braun NW / Lapof: Covered State EMS Conference Committee activities, scholarships and course offerings.
- TVF&R: Spending bond dollars on fire station construction and upgrading, updating Washington County EMS Plan and purchasing two medic units.
- Corvallis: Shared results of supervising physician survey info, purchasing new medic units and monitors, updating EMS Ordinances, ASA Plan and Franchise Agreements.
- McMinnville: Lots of new personnel and new medic units, call volume is up.

- Dallas: New medic units and bond, purchased 3 new Zoll monitors, budget issues, and discussed the repeal of the Ryan White Act which allowed for source testing of blood exposures (see 3/08 JEMS).
- OFCA: Pleased with direction of DHS-EMS and will be looking more to OFMAA on EMS issues.
- Salem: Life Flight adding locations, new priority dispatching system (APCO) has allowed for modified unit responses.
- Bend: Same story as last time except \$324K budget cut is now \$1.9M over 2 years. Closing one rural station and hoping to avoid lay-offs. Took delivery of 6 new Braun medic units and 7 Zoll monitors (funded by an outside source) and spending 100% of contingency.
- Portland: Closing Station #1 for seismic upgrades and relocating EMS Office. Adding 2 new ALS rescues and dealing with reciprocity issues for new hires.
- Keizer: Working on budget issues and the impacts of urban renewal plus expiration of special operating levy June 30, 2008 which will make for a very lean year with volume up 10%. New Fire Chief (Jeff Cowan) starts March 17th, from Mason Co. FD#5 in WA. New medic unit on order.
- Air Life: Looking to change name.
- Lane Co. FD#1: Establishing criteria based auto launch of air medical upon dispatch.
- Eugene: Delivery of 5 new medic units and experiencing several chassis and fuel issues, 30 new Zoll monitors, implementing auto-pulse, hospital move RFP and IAP for 10-days US Olympic Trials during June 2008. Over 50K visitors per day with all hotels at 100% capacity and a Red Cross Shelter will be set up June 26-July 6. Discussed organophosphate poisoning call (1 case) and the lack of antidote, county-wide Champak protocols, looking at sub-contracting for non-emergency transport and increasing ambulance rates from \$1,150 to \$1,550.
- Jefferson: Expecting new ambulance in June 2008.

Good of the Order: Randy Jackson mentioned that rather than OFMAA expending the time and energy to put on our own EMS Leadership Conference that we encourage members to participate in two very good Leadership training opportunities, namely the NW Leadership Seminar and the IAFC Fire-Rescue Med conference. Both provide excellent education and training that would be difficult to duplicate.

Next Meetings: **Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 1:00pm – South Lane Rural in Cottage Grove with a hosted BBQ lunch at 12pm and meeting to follow at 1:00pm**
 Thursday, October 9, 2008 – Bend (time & location TBA)
 Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 1:00pm – Keizer

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm

Submitted: Randy Jackson - OFMAA Secretary