

OFMAA Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2008 at 1:00pm

South Lane Fire & Rescue

Call to Order: President Shepherd called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and thanked Joe Raade and the crew at South Lane Fire & Rescue for a great BBQ lunch. President Shepherd also thanked members of the OFMAA Board for their help and support over the past year.

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
Scott Shepherd	Jefferson Fire District	Anne Slaughter	Bend Fire Dept.
Tom Wright	Bend Fire Dept.	Holly Love	Air Life
Mark Stevens	TVF&R	Denise Giard	Eugene Fire & EMS
Damon Schulze	McMinnville Fire	Michael Heffner	Salem Fire Dept.
Bill Alguire	Sheridan Fire District	Dave Lapof	Braun Northwest
Neal Olson	Polk Co. FD #1	Joe Raade	South Lane F&R
Jonathan Chin	Washington Co. EMS	Justin Dillingham	Life Flight

Guests Included:

Bob Leopold	Oregon EMS & Trauma	Dr. Ritu Sahni	Oregon EMS
Chris Heppel	Lane Rural Fire Rescue	Ross Rutschman	Priority Dispatch
Mark Bambach	Albany Fire Dept.		

Approval of Minutes: A motion by Wright and second by Chin to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2008 meeting at Keizer Fire was made and approved unanimously by those present with the following corrections noted: The company OR-EMS is working with on electronic patient data is called ImageTrend (not ImageTrent), the correct acronym for the East Cascade EMS is ECEMS (not ECOMS), Eugene raised its ambulance rates from \$900 to \$1,150 (not \$1,150 to \$1,500), and Salem wanted to clarify they are not a new location for Life Flight.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Wright provided and reviewed a written Treasurer's report which detailed account activity. Our accounts have the following ending balances: checking \$22,297.96 and CD \$3,568.57. The only outstanding bill was \$89.46 for meeting lunch supplies. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was passed unanimously by those present.

Committee/Activity Reports

- OFCA: Vice-President Stevens reported on various correspondence and OAR 265 updates. He also noted activities of the Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators group (OFSOA).
- OSAA: Tom Wright was not able to attend the last meeting but from minutes reported activities that included a review of their dues structure and benefit to fire-based EMS agencies (Medicare relief and state-wide MCI Planning), they are also working on a draft ambulance staging policy for unsafe EMS scenes when law enforcement will be delayed or is not available.
- ECEMS: Anne Slaughter reported on project that included C-spine clearing in the field, EMS support/stand-by at events with traveling rodeos teams, etc. (group discussion about various events and experiences followed), and their ATAB is looking at using hospital Landing Zones without having them evaluate the patient. It was clarified by Dr. Sahni

that as long as this is protocol-based and the patient (or their agent) has not requested treatment at the facility, this would not be an EMTALA violation.

- EMSC: President Shepherd reported work is being done for grant funding to purchase pediatric manikins for rural areas. OR-EMS Director Leopold added they are trying to get \$35K in funding for two (2) high-definition pediatric manikins, with the eventual goal of having an adult and pediatric manikin in each ATAB in the next 3 years. The EMSC conference is slated for February 2009 and they are looking for topic suggestions.
- DPSST Telecommunications Policy Committee: Chris Benson reported the group is continuing to update applicable OAR's and reviewing the recertification process for Telecommunicator. The next meeting is 8/7/08.
- Communications: There were no communication items.
- State EMS MCI Plan: Denise Giard provided updates are being made to the plan after the state-wide stakeholder meetings and the document will likely be re-titled "EMS and Ambulance Deployment Plan" to better reflect it's purpose, however there is currently no funding stream available to implement. She thanked all those who participated. OR-EMS Director Leopold noted that he will be meeting with the OSFM office on 6/13/08 to discuss funding options and possible integration into the State Mobilization Plan (Conflagration Act). He also noted they are looking to have four tabletop exercises with the draft plan over the next year.
- Oregon Air Ambulance Network: Holly Love reported that a statewide LZ training course is still being developed and will be ready for the State EMS Conference. The statewide Air to Ground VHF radio frequency was approved and should be released soon. The group is also working on an air ambulance utilization training program.
- Oregon EMS Conference: Dave Lapof/Anne Slaughter reported the topic schedule is being finalized and should be published soon. The Infection Control Certification pre-conference track has been confirmed with a registration cost of \$249.00 with paid OFMAA members (renewals paid by September 1, 2008) to receive a \$50.00 discount for this program in return for co-sponsoring the presentation. To clarify, a motion was made by Will Bauscher to have OFMAA co-sponsor the Infection Control Program in the amount of \$2,500.00, seconded by Chris Benson and passed unanimously by all those present. Lapof also noted there would be a vendor night open to paid OFMAA members as co-sponsors of the conference that would provide excellent one-on-one time with vendors.
- Joint Fire Services Legislative Committee: Dave Lapof reported on a recent meeting that included as many as 25 individuals representing 15 agencies who gathered to discuss upcoming legislative concepts and topics, some of which included novelty lighters, cancer presumption for firefighters and Oregon Tort limits. More to follow...

At this point in the meeting I needed to leave due to another commitment and the remainder of the minutes were recorded by Todd Brumfield - Thank you Todd!

DHS / EMS Reports

- EMS Office: EMS & Trauma Systems Director Bob Leopold was in attendance and provided an update on the following:
 - DHS/EMS has received 128 ambulance license re-certifications to date. They are dealing with computer issues and expect renewal certifications to go out Monday or Tuesday of next week.

- They anticipate OAR 265 to be released next week. Director Leopold handed out copies of the final text.
 - DHS/EMS is going through the process of rule changes for First Responder recertification. It will be moved to August/September of this year.
 - Director Leopold and Dr. Sahni will be meeting with EMS staff to review all internal policies and procedures. They expect to redo many policies.
 - They will also be reviewing any new issues that come up after the final version of OAR 265 are in effect.
 - DHS/EMS is entering into a pilot program for electronic data collection. It will be a patient encounter database. They are establishing a list of barriers and costs for each provider to participate in such a program. Director Leopold asked OFMAA if it would support DHS/EMS in this database, as it would likely cost as much as \$250,000.00 annually for data collection and administration.
- State Medical Director: Dr. Ritu Sahni was present and provided an update on the following:
- Discussed the medical director workshop held at Eugene Fire. The medical director overview course was well attended and included a member of the NAEMSP. At the bi-annual forum they discussed compiling a CQI toolkit and an anonymous error reporting system.
 - Discussed a stroke/STEMI workshop he attended. It was multidisciplinary with members of public health, AHA, hospital administration, STEMI RNs, Stroke RNs, and medical directors.

State Committee Reports

- OMB/EMT Advisory Committee: Vice-President Stevens reported on the following activities from the groups May 9, 2008 meeting:
- The committee addressed a question of Lidocaine use for EMT Intermediates in respect to initiation of IO access and it was agreed that EMT-I's should be allowed to infuse Lidocaine after initiation of an IO device. It will go through another meeting and then onto the OMB.
 - There was discussion of the proposed national scope of practice changes.
 - Toni Grimes, with support from OFMAA and OSAA, was re-elected to another term on the committee.
 - A scope of practice question regarding the use of hemostatic agents was discussed and felt that if the agent was a prepackaged, all-in-one bandage device, it would fall into the First Responder scope. If the agent needed to be poured on, shaken on, injected, or came as a solution, it would fall into the advanced life support scope.
 - Their next meeting is August 15, 2008 at 9:00am in Portland.
- State EMS Committee: The June meeting was canceled.

Old Business

- FireMed Reciprocal Agreements: There was a meeting for FireMed issues prior to the general OFMAA meeting today. Chief Dennis Murphy and Bart Noll from Springfield Fire attended and covered concerns with the new reciprocal agreement. They brought a revised version of the agreement with apologies for the breakdown in communications

that occurred with legal that made the agreement too complex. Chief Murphy asked the group to review the current version and submit any issues to him or Bart. At the end of 90 days we will review and hopefully have a consensus on a version to be signed by all participants, if they choose. Springfield is trying to reach the younger population with FireMed via “Job Care”, a corporate program aimed at providing membership to companies and their employees.

- Election of Officers / OFMAA Board: There were no additional nominations for any positions up for election. All incumbents agreed to stay in their positions if so voted. A motion for a “slate” vote was made and seconded, passing unanimously by all present:
 - President: Scott Shepherd
 - Vice President: Mark Stevens
 - Secretary: Randy Jackson
 - Treasurer: Tom Wright
 - 1 Year Director: Joe Raade
 - 2 Year Director: Michael Heffner
 - 3 Year Director: Will Bauscher
- OFMAA Membership Surveys: No report.
- OFMAA Web Page: Mark Stevens passed around revised pages for the webpage. It has needed much attention and Mark will be talking to Keith Hoehn about implementing the new pages. The group liked the format Mark had supplied.

New Business

- Repeal and Reauthorization of the Ryan Whit Act: The IAFC and other national organizations are organizing a push to correct this issue. Mark Stevens asked the group to keep tabs on this and work through the various organizations to promote a solution to this problem. The group decided that a formal letter of concern and support for solutions come from OFMAA to involved organizations and legislators. President Shepherd made note of this.

Vendor Report

- Ross Rutschman was present as a vendor at today’s meeting. No prepared report given.

Round Table

- President Shepherd asked to table this portion of the meeting due to the late hour.

Next Meeting Date and Location

- Thursday, October 9, 2008 – Most likely the Riverhouse, potentially at 1700 hrs.
- Thursday, December 4, 2008

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

Submitted: Randy Jackson - OFMAA Secretary with assistance from Todd Brumfield (AIC)