

## EMS Section of Oregon Fire Chiefs Association - Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2011 at 1:00pm

Lane County Fire District #1

Call to Order: President Stevens called the meeting to order at 1:08pm.

Member Introductions: Those present included:

Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District	Will Bauscher	Corvallis Fire Dept.
Mark Stevens	TVF&R	Dave Lapof	Siletz Fire District
Todd Brumfield	City of Dallas, EMS	Monte Keady	Klamath Co. FD#1
Mike Mayfield	Polk Co. Fire Dist. #1	Frank Douglas	Newberg Fire Dept.
Mark Boren	Lane Co. FD#1	Jonathan Chin	Washington Co. EMS
Joe Raade	South Lane Co. F&R	Eric Franks	Hughes Fire Equip.
Bob Leopold	Oregon EMS & Trauma		

Guests Included:

Dee Dee Heinrich – Air Link CCT (Bend)

Michael Heffner – Salem Fire Dept.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Raade to approve the September 22, 2011 meeting minutes, seconded by Bauscher, which passed unanimously by all those present.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Wright was not present but faxed a copy of the treasurer's report. Our accounts have the following ending balances as of Dec. 7, 2011: US Bank checking \$2,281.93, 9-month CD @ US Bank of \$3,725.61 (matures 7/26/12) and the Home Federal Bank Money Market \$20,024.05. A question was asked if the EMS Section had yet paid for sponsoring the pre-conference workshop with David Givot? Lapof will verify and work with Wright on this. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Bauscher and seconded by Lapof, which passed unanimously by all those present. Jackson will meet with Wright to perform the required audit hopefully sometime the week of Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ex-Officio Member Reports**

- EMS Office: Director Leopold reported on the following items: A new State EMT patch for some levels will be required by 2015. There will also be specific topics required during the 2013-15 recertification cycle for EMT's and 2012-14 for Emergency Medical Responder (old First Responder) levels to meet national standards based on recent rule changes. Effective Jan. 1, 2012 no longer will be offering old certification level exams and effective Dec. 31, 2014 Oregon will no longer accept old level providers from other states. There are options for reverting down to lower levels. The planned fee increase will take effect for the 2013-15 cycle. The Mobile Training Unit is dealing with some staffing issues, but two positions are fully funded. The States trauma rules are currently under review. The EMS Office is now conducting random EMT recertification audits, with a goal of doing 30-50 per month for 1200 per cycle or 10% of providers at all levels.
- DPSST: No representative present.

### **Committee/Activity Reports**

- OFCA: Stevens reported that the recent corrections officer's murder (who was also a volunteer firefighter) plus the recent suicide of a young volunteer firefighter were weighing heavily on their minds. Stevens provided an overview of various EMS activities at the November OFCA/OFDDA conference in Seaside. The OFCA's membership has recently climbed from 400 to 600+ members.

Other topics included EMS grant opportunities, health & wellness, and the public's general distrust with government.

- OSAA: Lapof reported Shawn Baird and another Oregon provider are now serving in various elected capacities on the American Ambulance Association Board. The OSAA's focus remains on reimbursement issues from the last session. The importance of on-going relationship building between the EMS Section and OSAA was discussed.
- ECEMS: No report provided.
- Northwest Air Ambulance Medical Responders (NWAAMR) Network: It was noted that an out of state air provider had made stops in Oregon without being licensed in the State. This is being followed up on by the State EMS Office.
- Legislative Updates: Stevens shared a copy of the 333.265 rule change written testimony submitted by the EMS Section. He also has provided testimony to the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) about what EMS can bring to the table as well as copy of a Nebraska study. Copies of these documents are available on the EMS Section web site. Bauscher led a discussion on EMS governance and what was originally SB234, the majority of which involved various issues of communications and related issues (EMS Advocacy vs. Governance). He reviewed the history and potential future options via a PowerPoint presentation.
- NEMSAC (National EMS Advisory Council): No report provided.

### **State Committee Reports**

- OMB/EMT Advisory Committee: Stevens reported on the following committee actions: 1) TB testing via an agencies in-house occupational health program was approved. 2) A 1<sup>st</sup> reading for adding Albuterol to the EMT-B scope of practice, however with no one present from education the committee is looking for their input. 3) Language change agreed to by the "big board" was modified to state "whenever possible" compared to requiring the EMT who draws up a medication be the one who administers it.
- State EMS Committee: Director Leopold reported that Denise Giard was elected as the new Chair and the group is looking at various rules for which variances are regularly being requested.
- EMSC/Office of Rural Health: Director Leopold reported they are working on the next Federal grant application with more SIM training. Also looking at a 1-day recertification course in the Medford and Bend areas.
- STAB: Raade reported they now have a new administrator, other updates with focus on webinars plus updates to trauma criteria.
- DPSST Telecommunications Policy Committee: Raade reported on additional meetings focused on how to deal with hearing impaired dispatchers and meeting ADA requirements. Also noted that anyone in "public safety" can request a "public safety professional" card from DPSST upon retirement (no longer restricted to law enforcement).
- OR-EMS Conference: Lapof reported next year's conference will be Oct. 4-7 at the Riverhouse in bend. A post-conference BLS post-conference class was very popular and will likely be offered again.

### **EMS Section - Subcommittee Reports**

- EMS Leadership & Education: Bauscher noted they would be looking at more offering other morning sessions prior to regular quarterly EMS Section meetings.
- Safety & Operational Best Practices: There is an NFPA survey's available now regarding ambulance compartment construction.

- Protocol Development & Quality Improvement: Send your updated protocols (or a link) to Stevens and he will make sure they get on our web site so it stays current.
- Position Development & Policy Review: Nothing new reported.

### **Old Business**

- EMS Section Web Site Upgrades: A copy of the suggested EMS Section web site changes were sent out with the meeting agenda. Our thanks to Douglas and Keady for the review and to Corie at TVF&R for making it happen. They encouraged agencies to send scene or training photo's (HIPAA compliant) to Stevens for the web site.

### **New Business**

- 2012 EMS Section meeting dates: See below for 2012 dates and locations.
- EMS Section Dues: Once the application form is updated Jackson will soon be sending out an email requesting your 2011-12 dues be paid.

### **Vendor Reports**

- Hughes Fire Equipment: Franks had nothing earth shattering to report.

### **Round Table**

- Siletz/Lincoln Co.: Working on some EMT education issues (classes), efficiency study with ESCi, contracting for PSAP with Willamette Valley Communication Center in Salem being discussed, and continuing joint volunteer recruitment and retention grant.
- Air Link: Happy to be here...
- South Lane: Working with ESCi on study and hiring a new Fire Chief.
- PCFD#1: Nothing new.
- Dallas EMS: \$41,000 approved in 2011 Fire Act grant for electronic charting and looking at vehicle MDC's next year.
- Washington Co. EMS: SIM unit now here and on-line. Hosting international intern/scholar.
- LCFD#1: OSAA (Oregon Schools Athletic Association) is looking for data on sports related injuries, so a survey might be coming in the future.
- KCFD#1: Looking at future ambulance billing class?
- Keizer: Working on hiring process and looking at electronic charting.
- TVF&R: Implementing in-house occupational medicine contract with local MD to help speed up process and reduce costs.

**Good of the Order:** Our congratulations to President Mark Stevens on him receiving the EMS Medical Directors award at the State EMS Conference & awards banquet for his commitment to quality improvement and involvement with EMS related legislative issues.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

### **2012 Meeting Dates and Locations:**

- March 15, 2012 – Keizer Fire District
- June 14, 2012 – Klamath Co. Fire District #1
- October 4, 2012 – Bend (State EMS Conference)
- December 13, 2012 – Corvallis Fire Department

Submitted: Randy Jackson – EMS Section Secretary