

Davis County EMS Council

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Present:

Kevin Ward, Chair
Eric Froerer
Dave Olsen
Brett Larkin
Dr. Dennis Wyman
Dr. Mark Oraskovich
Dr. Scott Fredrickson
Dr. Bob Grow
Capt. Arnold Butcher

Visitors/Guests:

Dena Eckardt – Davis Hospital
Tami Goodin, BEMS
Zach Robinson, UofU Hospital
Austin Veresh – McKay Dee Hospital
Dane Stone – South Davis
Jason Cook - Layton
Scott Adams - Layton
Jesse Lang
KD Simpson - Lifeflight

County Staff Present:

Liz Carlisle, Administrative Asst
Ellis Bruch - DCSO
Cory Cox - DCSO

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Davis County EMS Council was held Thursday, November 5, 2015 at the Davis County Health Department, Board Room, 22 South State Street, Clearfield, Utah. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chief Kevin Ward.

Welcome

Chief Ward welcomed council members, staff and visitors to the meeting.

Minutes (Action)

The minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting were presented and reviewed.

Chief Larkin motioned to accept minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting minutes. Dr. Wyman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

EMS Conference Discussion (Information)

Ellis Bruch the feedback from the last EMS Conference was positive but attendance was low. Marketing will be increased for 2016 to increase awareness of the conference. This year the committee would like to include medical director's to help in planning for 2016. Any doctors that are interested in attending can contact the DCSO for more information.

Dr. Wyman commented that the timing of the conference last year presented conflicts to many attendees and that contributed to low attendance. He recommended communicating with area agencies before the final date is scheduled to increase attendance levels. Currently the conference is slated for September 2016.

Agency Protocol Discussion (Information)

At the last meeting the council voted to adopt the current EMS Protocols as umbrella guidelines and to allow individual agencies to modify their individual protocols as needed within those guidelines. Deputy Chief Stone reported his agency is still editing the protocols to remove items that are not applicable to their agency. Once the edits are complete they will provide a copy of the SDMF protocols to the council. Battalion Chief Cook recommended that each agency bring forward their edited protocols to the council to ensure as much uniformity and predictability within each agencies protocols to aid the hospitals and minimize confusion.

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BEMS Update (Information)

Each agency will receive \$1,500 for CME training this year. Agencies must apply and submit a roster to receive the funds. The division of funds between competitive grants and per capita will be 50/50 this year. Applications are due in January of 2016.

Local cost quality and access reports will be part of agency licensure requirements this year. The state will provide a template for agencies in March or April.

The replacement for Polaris is not complete and as more information becomes available it will be disseminated to other agencies.

Other Business

Helicopter Response Discussion

Chief Ward opened the discussion on how helicopter response is now being handled that a new agency is providing services in their city. Battalion Chief Cook referenced a previous Davis Hospital meeting where issues regarding helicopter responses in regard to rendezvousing or having them respond to the scene and how the hospitals are notified were discussed. One of the issues has been reliability of the availability of units. After long flights their status is not always updated in a timely manner. Capt. Butcher responded that the crews are working on a way to remediate that problem and streamline the process.

Dr. Fredricksen commented that if crews are held up on the pad they would prefer to have the patient brought into the ER for stabilization. Dr. Grow also commented that once the patient is brought into the ER they are required to contact the hospital the patient is being transported to and receive an accepting document before the hospital can allow the patient to be stabilized.

Whether the helicopter response is a rendezvous or scene response is subjective and depends on location. Some areas a scene response can be done others a rendezvous is the safest choice.

Zach from the University of Utah introduced new grand rounds training that will be streamed live and archived. The trainings will be held the second Tuesday of every other month at 2:00 pm. If crews are unable to attend they will still have access to the training through the archives and receive free CME training. You can access the trainings through the web and social media sites.

McKay Dee is two weeks into its electronic medical record transition. Staff is working to correct any issues. If agencies find any problems please notify hospital staff so it can be quickly addressed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: February 4, 2016
 10:00 a.m.**