

Davis County EMS Council

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Present:

Eric Froerer, Chair
Brett Larkin
Kevin Ward
Jeff Bassett
Dr. Dennis Wyman
Dr. Scott Fredricksen
Dr. Bill Swiler
Dr. Blake Yerman

Visitors/Guests:

Dena Eckardt – Davis Hospital
Tami Goodin, BEMS
Austin Williams – Mckay-Dee Hospital
KD Simpson - Lifelight
Dane Stone – South Davis
Scott Maughan - Layton
Justin Benavides - Clinton
Aaron Byington - Layton

County Staff Present:

Lewis Garrett, Director of Health
Wendy Garcia, CD/EPI Division Director
Liz Carlisle, Administrative Asst.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Davis County EMS Council was held Thursday, November 6, 2014 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 Eric Froerer.

Welcome

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

Minutes (Action)

The minutes of the April 22, 2014 meeting were presented and reviewed.

Chief Ward motioned to accept minutes of the April 22, 2014 meeting minutes. Chief Bassett seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Nomination/Election of EMS Chair (Action)

Chief Froerer called for nominations for the 2015 to 2016 EMS Chair.

Chief Bassett nominated Chief Ward as the 2015 – 2016 EMS Chair. Dr. Yerman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Protocol Review (Information)

Chief Froerer reported that the 2014 EMS Protocols have been updated to include information from the new state protocols. In addition to the new 2014 reference protocols a new working protocol has been created that includes only the protocols themselves to increase usability in the field. Both documents are available for download on the county website.

Dr. Fredricksen asked if agencies are required to carry every medication listed in the new protocols. Ms. Goodin responded that if the list contains two options agencies need only carry one option, a variance is not necessary as long as one of the approved medications is utilized. Ms. Goodin agreed to distribute a full list of the state approved medications.

A discrepancy regarding the pediatric dosage levels of versed within the seizure protocol was identified and will be corrected.

Ebola Update (Information)

Lewis Garrett and Wendy Garcia updated the council on response and protection procedures regarding Ebola and provided informational packets that included critical contact numbers. Local dispatchers have been given a list of questions to identify risk levels that will aid in providing first responders with information, allowing them to don the appropriate PPE. If a risk of Ebola is identified State EMS and the local Health Officer must be contacted.

Dr. Yerman and Dr. Swiler questioned who should be carrying the PPE and if everyone should don the PPE during a response or send in one responder with protective gear. Mr. Garrett recommended that

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PPE be carried on each ambulance or emergency response vehicle and that a minimal number of responders come in close contact with the patient to stabilize them.

Chief Larkin asked if Davis County EMS should transport patients. Ms. Garcia responded that only unstable patients should be transported. All stable patients will be transported by Gold Cross ambulance services. The Health Department is responsible for contacting Gold Cross as well as the designated Salt Lake hospital to notify them of the incoming patient.

Chief Ward asked what the Health Departments response time would be. Ms. Garcia stated that the numbers provided in the information packet are manned 24/7 and will be responded to immediately by a Health Department nurse.

Ms. Garcia emphasized the need for proper training and practice on donning and doffing the PPE gear. Mr. Garrett invited agencies that have any further questions regarding PPE or response procedures to contact Ms. Garcia.

BEMS Update (Information)

Ms. Goodin reported that the Bureau of EMS is currently undergoing a reorganization that will be completed in the next few months.

Other Business

Chief Ward presented Chief Froerer with a plaque and thanked him for his service as the EMS Chair for 2013-2014.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: February 5, 2015
 10:00 a.m.**