

# Davis County EMS Council

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## Present:

Eric Froerer, Chair  
Dane Stone  
Scott Adams  
Brett Larkin  
Dave Olsen  
Dr. Bob Grow  
Dr. Dennis Wyman  
Dr. Scott Fredricksen  
Dr. Matt Feil  
Dr. Oraskovich  
Dr. Bill Swiler  
Dr. Blake Yerman

## Visitors/Guests:

Dena Eckardt – Davis Hospital  
Tami Goodin, BEMS  
Bernadette Waldrop – Lakeview Hospital  
Austin Williams – McKay-Dee Hospital  
Deanna Wolfe – Ogden Regional Hospital  
Jason Cook  
KD Simpson - Lifeflight  
Justin Benavides - Clinton

## County Staff Present:

Liz Carlisle, Administrative Asst.  
Capt. Butcher, DCSO  
Cory Cox, DCSO

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Davis County EMS Council was held Thursday, February 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 November 7, 2013 meeting were presented and reviewed.

*Correction was recommended correcting the spelling of Mr. Simpson's name. Capt. Butcher motioned to accept minutes of the November 7, 2013 meeting minutes with corrections. Dr. Wyman seconded. The vote was unanimous.*

## State Protocol Adoption Discussion (Action)

Chief Froerer opened the discussion and recommended the state protocols be adopted into the EMS protocols. Dr. Oraskovich and Dr. Wyman recommended a task force be formed to compare the new state protocols with Davis County's current protocols to identify and substantial differences before the council adopts the new protocols. Capt. Butcher volunteered to act as the lead for the task force and will have a report by the Council's next meeting. Chief Olsen recommended the same task force also work on a standardized equipment list for the council. Capt. Butcher will be contacting each agency for a representative.

*Capt. Butcher motioned to form Protocol Review Task Force. Dr. Oraskovich seconded. The vote was unanimous.*

## RSI Update (Information)

Dr. Oraskovich reported he has presented to the State EMS Committee as a final presentation at the conclusion of the two year pilot program with Layton City and Davis County Sheriff's Office. Moving forward the State has closed the two year pilot program and directed the agencies to apply for a variance to continue with RSI. The State also recommended a new pilot program be applied for to study the use of two new medications Ketamine and Rocuronium and lowering the age group to 10-12. Dr. Oraskovich reported a proposal is being compiled that will be presented at the April Committee meeting to consider the new medications. Meetings with doctors from Primary Children's Hospital are being scheduled to gain their opinions on lowering the age in the protocol. The second pilot project will also run one to two years. A variance is in the process of being filed to allow Layton City and Davis County Sheriff's Office to continue with their RSI program.

Dr. Swiler was concerned that a pilot study looking at the age group of 10-12 may take many years to gain a large enough sample of adults. Mr. Cook reported State guidelines regarding a pilot program or study is limited to three years. However, with the age group moved down to 10-12 they do not anticipate having a large sample but will continue to collect data for a longer period of time.

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Chief Froerer asked what the Council needs to do moving forward, if the Pilot Program is complete will day-to-day functions change. Mr. Cook reported that currently there will be no changes in the working protocol. Davis County Sherriff's Office and Layton City will continue with RSI and other agencies will not be required to implement any programs.

Chief Froerer mentioned the concerns of council members regarding the new medication additions of Ketamine and Rocuronium. Dr. Yerman and Dr. Grow support using Succinylcholine rather than Rocuronium due to concerns regarding the length of paralysis time. Dr. Yerman commented on the time, training, and research that have gone into the project as an example of how a project should be done.

Dr. Grow reported that the State Committee was very supportive of the study and the use of Rocuronium in RSI. Dr. Oraskovich stated that they are not replacing Succinylcholine but adding Rocuronium as an alternative.

Dr. Swiler questioned why we were running another pilot study regarding the medications when larger agencies are already using Rocuronium and have documented their results. Dr. Oraskovich stated that the project is to provide data to the State so as other agencies request to proceed with an RSI program the State has record of medication performance, a precedence to refer to rather than just the literature.

Chief Olsen asked if outcomes of the patients were being tracked. He voiced concern over whether an RSI patient in his area was intubated appropriately. Dr. Oraskovich reported that the University of Utah and the Sate are collecting data and reviewing it. Capt. Butcher reported that they routinely review each RSI patient to ensure the process was done correctly to address any concerns and that Chief Olsen's crew should have been included in that discussion. Capt. Butcher proposed meeting to discuss the case. Mr. Cook reported that no cases should be done inappropriately to increase numbers for the study as it damages the program.

### **Medical Directors Update (Information)**

Dr. Feil recommended the Protocol Task force meet before the next meeting to review the new State Protocols.

*A protocol review meeting was scheduled for April 22 at 8:00 a.m.*

### **BEMS Update (Information)**

Ms. Goodin reminded the council that the deadline for spending out their grant money is June 30 and receipts into the Bureau by July 10. The grant information will be posted to the State website shortly. Grant applications are due to the Bureau by March 31. There is a Medical Directors course scheduled in Springville on March 17. EMS awards ceremony is scheduled for July 9.

### **Other Business**

The May meeting of the Council was re-scheduled to meet the new grant prioritization deadlines. The meeting will be held on April 22, at 10:00 am.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:       April 22, 2014  
                                  10:00 a.m.**