

Davis County EMS Council

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Present:

Eric Froerer, Chair
Dave Olsen
Scott Adams
Jeff Bassett
Bret Larkin
Roger Bodily
Guido Smith
Dr. Dennis Wyman
Dr. Mark Oraskovich
Dr. Blake Yerman
Dr. Bill Swiler

Visitors/Guests:

Dena Eckardt – Davis Hospital
Tami Goodin, BEMS
M. Becraft – North Davis
Justin Benavides - Clinton
KD Simpson – LifeFlight
Jason Cook

County Staff Present:

Liz Carlisle, Administrative Asst.
Cory Cox - DCSO

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Davis County EMS Council was held Thursday, February 7, 2013 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 1, 2012 meeting were presented and reviewed.

Capt. Butcher motioned to accept minutes of the November 1, 2012 EMS Council meeting. Dep. Chief Bassett seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Grant Prioritization (Action)

CME priority listings are as follows: 1) Sunset, 2) Farmington, 3) Clinton, 4) North Davis, 5) Layton

Defib's priority listings are as follows: 1) Davis County Sheriff's Office

Vehicle priority listings are as follows: 1) North Davis, 2) Clinton, 3) Davis County Sheriff's Office

Communication priority listings are as follows: 1) Farmington, 2) Sunset

Equipment priority listings are as follows: 1) Layton, 2) Syracuse

Training Equipment priority listings are as follows: 1) South Davis Metro

Electronics priority listings are as follows: 1) Syracuse

Chief Bodily motioned to accept grant priority listings as denoted above. Dep. Chief Bassett seconded. The vote was unanimous. A signed copy of the prioritization list was delivered to Tami Goodin of the State Bureau of EMS.

Sedation Protocol Amendments (Action)

Jason Cook reported the request for the protocol change originated when medications were difficult to find and expensive. The council was asked to consider removing Haldol from the approved list of medications outlined in the County's protocols only if other County agencies agreed with the change. Dr. Yerman recommended the medication stay on the approved list as each patient responds differently to medications and it allows agencies treatment options. Dr. Oraskovich recommended researching other medications - such as Ketamine- which may be more effective with difficult cases such as patients that have ingested bath salts or "Spice". The item was tabled pending improved options in the future.

RSI Update (Action)

Cory Cox reported that in the last 18 months RSI protocols have been utilized in 37 cases. Continuing research, training, and protocol updates are required to keep up with current medical research and best practices. Medication availability has been a problem, the last order took 11 months to receive. At completion of the pilot program it is recommended that the medication lists be amended to include those

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that are more easily obtained and less expensive. Dr. Wyman and Dr. Oraskovich are reviewing medications basing their decisions not just on availability but also what works best in each situation. Jason Cook reported that training is continuing and teams confidence is improving as transport data shows that scene times are decreasing. Quality Assurance processes have been implemented and each case is reviewed to look for areas of improvement. Chief Froerer commented on initial concerns that the RSI Program may delay transport as crews await an RSI team arrival and has been relieved that concern has not been an issue.

Council Reorganization/Mission Statement Review

Chief Froerer and Dr. Wyman asked the council to review the current protocols in particular the mission statement and council membership. Currently voting members include all County fire chiefs and medical directors. Dr. Wyman recommended adding hospital, dispatch, and flight team representatives as voting members. The council agreed to implement recommendations of new voting members. A dispatcher representative needs to be identified.

Dr. Wyman asked that the complete protocol be sent to all members for review. Any amendment recommendations will be addressed at the next meeting. Dr. Wyman also recommended a task force be formed that can rewrite the protocol mission statement and review any protocol amendments.

Medical Directors Update (Information)

Seizure processes, treatments, and medications were discussed. Chief Smith recommended that instead of a single agency applying for a variance that a County wide variance is applied for and added to the protocols. This would aid in uniformity throughout all County agencies.

Dr. Oraskovich asked if the State adult protocols had been finished. Ms. Goodin reported they are close to completion and release. Dr. Wyman reported they will be similar to the State pediatric protocols and can be implemented as a whole into the County protocols or just portions added.

Local stroke centers at Ogden Regional, McKay Dee, Lakeview, and Davis were discussed. Dr. Swiller commented that the American Heart Association has posted new controversial stroke protocols. The American Medical Association has not signed off on the changes and has asked for a retraction of the new rules. Dr. Swiller recommended the medical directors watch the situation.

Dr. Wyman recommended the Medical Directors discuss issues and topics through email before each council meeting so they are better prepared to address issues the council needs to address.

BEMS Update (Information)

Ms. Goodin reported the Medical Directors conference will be held in April. Information regarding the 2013 awards ceremony will be emailed to participants shortly. Agencies will need to present a cancelled check included with a vendor bill for 2013 grant reimbursements. If a vehicle is granted a VIN number is required as well.

Ms. Goodin reported state auditors will be concentrating on EMS this year and agencies should not be alarmed if they are contacted by auditors. The State rules are currently open for public comment and objections that have already been submitted will be reviewed.

Ms. Eckardt reported Davis Hospital is working toward a trauma 3 certification for the trauma center in Roy. The center needs trauma cases to gain that certification. They will be utilizing a Utah County Protocol and asked agencies to contact the medical directory in trauma 3 cases to ensure it is appropriate to come to new facility.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: May 2, 2013
 9:30 a.m.**