

# Davis County EMS Council

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## Present:

Eric Froerer, Chair  
Jeff Bassett  
Kevin Ward  
Scott Adams  
John Taylor  
Guido Smith  
Dr. Bob Grow  
Dr. Dennis Wyman  
Dr. Scott Fredricksen

## Visitors/Guests:

Dena Eckardt – Davis Hospital  
Tami Goodin, BEMS  
Bernadette Waldrop – Lakeview Hospital  
Shawn Nalder – Mckay-Dee Hospital  
Deanna Wolfe – Ogden Regional Hospital  
Jason Cook  
KD Simpson - Lifeflight  
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## County Staff Present:

Liz Carlisle, Administrative Asst.  
Brian Hatch, Deputy Director

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Davis County EMS Council was held Thursday, November 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 May 2, 2013 meeting were presented and reviewed.

*Correction was recommended adding the Davis County Sheriff or their representative as voting members of the Council. Dr. Wyman motioned to accept minutes of the May 2, 2013 meeting minutes with corrections. Chief Ward seconded. The vote was unanimous.*

## Field C-Spine Proposal (Action)

Jason Cook requested a delay in considering adding c-spine processes to the County protocols as they are included in the new state protocols. Chief Froerer reported the new state protocols mirror the format of the recent state pediatric protocols that the council has already adopted. Mr. Cook recommended the council adopt the State protocols as they are up-to-date and closely reflect current working protocols.

Dr. Wyman and Ms. Wolfe of Ogden Regional voiced concerns regarding proposed c-spine protocols and want to ensure proper trainings, quality assurance, and auditing of those trainings are in place before implementation. Chief Smith recommended implementing a six month pilot program with medical oversight to aid in the transition cycle, allowing staff to begin training and reducing the amount of lag time when the state protocols are implemented.

Chief Froerer recommended tabling the issue and requested the council review all four sections of the state protocol for the purpose of discussion and voting at the next meeting. Ms. Goodin reported the new protocol will be available on-line for review in the next week.

*Chief Froerer motioned to table the c-spine issue and consider adopting the State protocol in the February meeting. Dept. Chief Taylor seconded. The vote was unanimous.*

## RSI Update (Action)

Jason Cook reported the formal RSI pilot study ended in October of this year, with the pre-hospital portion considered a success, and that the outcome study is still in place. Dr. Taillac has recommended continuing the study program rather than adopt it as a permanent protocol at this time, as the pilot program attained only 52 of the 100 patient sample needed for the study. It is estimated it will be another two years before the 100 patient sample is met.

Mr. Cook outlined a few changes to the program as it moves forward. Those changes include two medication additions: Ketamine, for initial sedation; and Rocuronium, for initial and on-going paralysis; and inclusion criteria of more pediatric sets such as the 8-10 age group, based more on weight rather

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than age. Dr. Taillac is coordinating meetings with Primary Children's hospital to discuss their recommendations regarding the pediatric changes.

Mr. Cook requested approval of the council to continue the program as a study for another two years to reach the 100 patient sample requirement and include the other changes outlined. Regular reports concerning program progress will be made at each council meeting and regular quality assurance will continue and peer reviews will occur within 48 hours of each case.

Dr. Grow asked how soon the new medications will be utilized and which will be primarily used. Mr. Cook responded the new medications will go into use sometime in March. Ketamine will be used as a sedation option and Rocuronium as the primary paralytic choice. Dr. Grow expressed concern with using Rocuronium as the primary paralytic rather than Succinylcholine as the effects of Rocuronium last much longer and Succinylcholine is used in the current standard of emergency care. Dr. Grow recommended continuing the study as it is currently written for another two years without the inclusion of the new medications.

*Dr. Grow motioned to approve continuation of the study for additional two years as is. Chief Ward seconded. The vote was unanimous.*

*Dr. Wyman motioned to survey and consider all emergency care doctor opinions on the addition of Rocuronium. Chief Ward seconded. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Cook will submit a white paper explaining the reasoning for the addition of Rocuronium.*

### **Sedation Protocol (Action)**

Item Tabled.

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

No meeting held.

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

Ms. Goodin reported the state rules have been passed and will be posted on the administrative rules page by next week. The Rule Revision Task Force will be created to provide ongoing review of rules one by one and then will report change recommendations to the EMS Committee.

New grant cycles for 2014 have grant packets mailed out to each agency in February and documentation will be due by March 21. Grant prioritizations are due by April 29. The May 2014 meeting will need to be rescheduled to meet the April prioritization deadline. As a reminder fiscal reports are part of the grant process and grants will not be disbursed without them.

### **Other Business**

Chief Froerer reminded council members of the new driver safety training requirements to be in compliance with HB 230. This will be audited during the States annual inspections.

Ms. Wolfe invited council members to attend EMS case reviews at the hospital every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

### **Adjournment**

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

**NEXT MEETING:        February 6, 2014  
                                  10:00 a.m.**