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**EMS Operations Subcommittee**

3760 South Highland Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room 425

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

<b>Committee Members:</b>	Rand Andrus, Kade Blackburn, Tracy Braithwaite, Bill Butts, Steve Easterman, Ron Johnson, Brent Mabey, MD, Russ Malone, Shelley Peterson, Rod “Hoss” Tomkinson, Chad Tucker, Garth White, and Dennis Wyman, MD
<b>Excused:</b>	Mark Bair, MD, and Debby Peterson
<b>Guests:</b>	Marjean Hansen, Mike Moffitt, Don Marrelli
<b>Staff:</b>	Jenny Allred, Dennis Bang, Annalyn Beers, Guy Dansie, Jim Hansen, and Joshua Legler
<b>Presiding:</b>	Chad Tucker

<b>Agenda Topic:</b>	<b>Discussion:</b>	<b>Action:</b>
	<b><u>Welcome:</u></b>	
<b>Introduction of Subcommittee Members and Bureau Staff</b>	<p>All present subcommittee members introduced themselves, as well as all present Bureau of EMS and Preparedness staff.</p> <p>Chad Tucker announced that the EMS Operations Subcommittee would meet on the second Wednesday of the month following the EMS Committee meeting.</p>	.
	<b><u>Action Items:</u></b>	
<b>Psych Patient Transport Task Force</b>	<p>Joshua Legler provided a data report which compared the number of psychiatric transports EMS completed versus Law Enforcement. Three reports were generated which compared overall treatment and transportation, incident location type, and incident county.</p> <p>The outcome showed that although Law Enforcement was three times as likely to transport psych patients for a psych call versus other calls; overall, it is a low percentage. Law Enforcement is very rarely used for inter-facility transports. An additional finding is that the volume widely varies depending on incident county location.</p> <p>Chad Tucker recommended forming a Task Force to review the Psych Patient Transport to make a recommendation to the EMS Committee. The Operations Subcommittee determined that the purpose of the Task Force would be to review the following objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. When does Law Enforcement transport psych patients</li><li>2. Inter-facility verse on the scene responses</li><li>3. What type of resolutions</li></ol> <p>The following people volunteered for the Task Force: Dan Andrus (Chair), Guy Dansie, Hoss Tomkinson, Steve Easterman, and Russ Malone.</p>	<p><b>Rand Andrus made a motion to form a Task Force to review Psych Patient Transport to make a recommendation to the EMS Committee. Garth White seconded the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; motion carried.</b></p>

<p><b>Weather Assessment for Inter-facility Transfers</b></p>	<p>Chad Tucker discussed a draft of Ogden City’s Weather Assessment for Inter-facility Transfers policy and procedure. Bill Butts recommended revising the document by adding, “has the transport been turned down yes or no, if yes approved by Supervisor.”</p> <p>The EMS Operations Subcommittee agreed to use the revised document as a template.</p>	<p><b>Rand Andrus made a motion to use the revised document as a template to present to the EMS Committee. Hoss Tomkinson seconded the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; motion carried.</b></p>
<p><b>Ambulance Standards Compare NFPA (State and KKK Standards)</b></p>	<p>Chad Tucker discussed comparing differences between NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) and Star of Life Ambulance (KKK-A-1822F) standards.</p> <p>Russ Malone volunteered to review the Ambulance Standards compare NFPA (State and KKK Standards) to make a recommendation to the EMS Committee.</p>	<p><b>Chad Tucker made a motion that Russ Malone will review the Ambulance Standards compare NFPA (State and KKK Standards) to make a recommendation to the EMS Committee. Steve Easterman seconded the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; motion carried.</b></p>
<p><b>Review of EMS Operations Subcommittee Members</b></p>	<p>Chad Tucker discussed the terms of the EMS Operations Subcommittee Members. The individuals who have served a second term and the positions that will be open to appoint as of June 2012.</p> <p>The positions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trauma Center Representative</li> <li>• Fire Based EMS Agency Representative (“Hoss” Rod Thomkinson)</li> <li>• Rural EMS Agency Representative (Ron Johnson)</li> <li>• At Large Position (Russ Malone)</li> <li>• Air Medical Agency Representative (Bill Butts)</li> <li>• Air Medical Agency Representative (Eric Swanson, MD)</li> </ul> <p>Individuals interested in applying for these open positions can submit an application to the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Information Items:</u></b></p>	
<p><b>Rule Revision Update</b></p>	<p>Mike Moffitt gave an update on the Rule Review Task Force. The Task Force has met several times and the purpose for the revision of rules is to consolidate according to the Governor’s goal. The goal is to have the rules complete for public comment in time for the rate change to become effective in July. The Task Force anticipates the revised set of rules will be presented to the EMS Committee at the April meeting.</p>	

<b>EMS Week</b>	<p>Guy Dansie announced the Emergency Medical Services Awards ceremony honoring the outstanding Performance by EMS personnel in the State of Utah. The Awards Ceremony will be held May 19, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. State Capital Rotunda Salt Lake City, Utah sponsored by Utah Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness. All nominations are due to the Bureau by March 17, 2011. Nomination forms are also on our website at <a href="http://www.health.utah.gov/ems">www.health.utah.gov/ems</a>.</p>	
<b>Utah ShakeOut Exercise</b>	<p>Guy Dansie announced the Shake Out Exercise, which will take place April 16, 17, and 18, 2012 will be a 7.0 earthquake expected to have approximately 2300 deaths and over 20,000 injuries. Agencies and Counties interested in participating in the Shake Out Exercise can register at <a href="http://www.BeReady.com">www.BeReady.com</a>.</p>	
<b>End of Meeting</b>	<p>The next meeting is Wednesday, June 6, 2012 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Highland Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room 425 located at 3760 S. Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84106.</p>	