

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Tysell	District I
Pat Barron	District III
Donna Flamm-McClane	District V
Paul Freitas	ACCMA
Rick Probert	Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association

GUESTS

Joanne Thorne	American Red Cross
Ross Fay (appt in process)	Calstar
Ruth Burke	John Muir Medical Center
Debbie Meier	San Ramon Valley Fire
Darrell Lee	Moraga-Orinda Fire
Donald Waters	Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Assn.
Denis Jackson	American Medical Response
David Borghelli	Amerhican Medical Response
Michael McBride	Reach
Brent Finster (appt in process)	Contra Costa Fire
Steve Maiero (appt in process)	Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
Carin Johnson	Falcon Critical Care

STAFF PRESENT

Art Lathrop	EMS Director
Lauren Kovaleff	Program Coordinator
Joe Barger	EMS Medical Director
Pam Dodson	Prehospital Care Coordinator
Bruce Kenagy	Prehospital Care Coordinator
Judy Smith	Prehospital Care Coordinator
Barbara Center	Region II RDMS

MEMBERS ABSENT

District II Representative	District IV Representative
American Heart Assn	California Highway Patrol
Contra Costa Police Chiefs' Assn	Emergency Nurses Assn
Public Managers' Assn	Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff
CAER	Base Hospital
Emergency Department Physicians	Contra Costa Health Services Department
EMS Training Institution	

Meeting was called to order by Chair Rick Probert at 4:00 p.m.

I. M/S/C (Flamm-McClane/Tysell) to approve March 2002 minutes.

II. Report from Chair

Rick Probert noted that new committee members in process present were: Steve Maiero, Brent Finster and Ross Fay.

Special Presentation: Art Lathrop presented a plaque of appreciation, on behalf of the EMCC, to retiring chair, Rick Probert, in appreciation of all his contributions to the EMS system.

Note: Items VII and VIII were moved forward but are reported in agenda order. John Tysell assumed Chairing duties as Chair Rick Probert had to leave.

III. Member Reports

a. Red Cross announced that they have disaster preparation cards available for dispensing to the public, everyone is welcome to a supply.

IV. EMS Directors Report

- a. State EMS will have significant budget cuts that will impact ability to revise regulations.
- b. Statewide trauma funding approved.
- c. Final Vision meeting is scheduled.
- d. Merger of east Contra Costa fire districts will be taking place soon; LAFCO is currently waiting for a decision on how this district will be governed. Bethel Island will be dropping their first responder unit and AMR will begin staffing a first responder unit in the area.
- e. AMR is an approved provider of transfer transport.
- f. A ceremony is taking place in Sacramento today in remembrance of the 9/11 tragedies.
- g. DMAT has recently activated to respond to CDF wildfires. They have good feedback from those responses.

V. & VI. Medical Director's Report and Medical Advisory Committee Report

- a. The committee made minor changes to policy this year. They will be working on enhancement of Quality Improvement next.
- b. They will also be working on airway management issues, including carbon dioxide monitors.

VI.

VII. West County EMS Responses

Richmond recently purchased a new radio system and Contra Costa Fire radio system is not compatible. Contra Costa Fire has considered making a radio system change but funding is an issue. Richmond notified Contra Costa they would no longer be providing mutual aid 4 or 5 days prior to discontinuance. Contra Costa Fire Communications Chief, Brent Finster, noted that they had been working very closely with all west county fire districts. Steve Maiero gave an

overview of the units Contra Costa Fire has added and pointed out that response times have actually improved in some areas. He also noted that it is more cost effective for Contra Costa Fire to cover the particular areas involved in the mutual aid issue than to buy the same communication system.

VIII. EMS System Review by Fitch and Associates

Fitch & Associates won the contract for response to EMS System Review RFP. Scope: 1) System review and design—12 weeks; 2) Ambulance Procurement (issue ambulance RFP) and; 3) Obtain contract. Items 2 & 3 are optional. The AMR contract has also been extended a year.

IX. Reddi-Net Update

The system linking Alameda and Contra Costa EMS agencies and hospitals is working very well. Solano, Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino counties are looking the system over and may want to come into our system.

X. Disaster Planning Activities

There are two federal grant programs underway for bio-terrorism:

- a) \$10 million for California (without L.A.) for health resources enhancements..
- b) CDC funds through Department of Health Services, State Health Departments totaling \$61 million (without L.A.). Each county must submit a grant proposal with plans for use of funds.

Public Health is evaluating potential need for countywide mass inoculation.

A statewide disaster exercise will take place November 14.

XI. Other Business and Comments

None.

XII. M/S/C (Tysell/Barron) to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be December 11, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hall
EMCC Secretary