

GMVEMS Council
General Meeting
March 24, 2015

MINUTES

PRESENT:

David Gerstner, GMVEMSC President/DFD
Bryan Betsinger, Beavercreek TWP Fire
John Russell, Huber Heights
Brendan Deere, MVH/Drug Bag Chair
Steve Wenning, Greenville TWP Rescue
Andy Harp, Miami Valley Fire District
Zachary Keene, Trenton Fire
Bill Engelland, Ohio Medical Transport
Jenny Hartman, Pitchin Fire
Leslie Dalton, Enon Fire/ Clark County Alt./Treas.
Anne Wood, Riverside Fire
Barbara Hammersly, Box 21

Mike Dodds, Quincy EMS
Laura Clark, GSH
Mark Senseman, Tipp City EMS/Pres.-Elect
Joshua Ingham, KHN
Richard Craig, German TWP Fire
Tim Holman, German TWP Fire/EMS
Mike Miller, Kettering Fire
Nicole Mowell, Springfield Regional
Patricia Bernitt, GDAHA
Sandy Lehrter, GDAHA/GMVEMSC
Evan Brumbaugh, UVMC
Brian Leciejewski, Springfield Fire

Call to Order: The March 24, 2015 general meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by President David Gerstner. All attendees were introduced.

Secretary's Report: Sandy Lehrter provided the group with the minutes of the January 27, 2015 Council meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Dalton provided an overview of the current financial status of Council regarding expenses and revenue, deferred income and accounts receivable.

President's Report: David Gerstner warned the group about active phishing events that are ongoing against government agencies. He noted that those responsible use ransomware and attempt to make victims of their scam pay in order to get their computer files back.

David congratulated West Chester hospital on achieving Level 3 Trauma certification.

Executive Committee Report: David Gerstner reported that Terri Norris provided a demo of a new option for the GMVEMSC website. He noted that a group will be getting together to discuss options further.

Brendan Deere discussed some issues related to a member agency operating a station out of state and using Council drug bags.

David reported that information regarding possible Narcan rebates has been sent out on the Council list serve.

Committee Reports:

A. Administration

Budget & Finance: No report.

Code of Regulations/ Legal: David Gerstner reported that updates to the Code of Regulations would be discussed after the April Executive Committee meeting.

Nominating: Dan Welty was elected to the position of Champaign County Representative.

Public Relations: David noted that any information regarding upcoming retirements should be sent to Dixie Kirkland so she can send an acknowledgment.

Website Advisory Committee: Terri Norris is working on possible upgrades to the Council website format. It was noted that there are currently some issues with the protocol app in the Android format and she is working on that as well.

Social Media Committee: David Gerstner reported that the committee is very active and noted that the Facebook page continues to grow. He encouraged people to follow it and to spread the word about the page.

B. Medical:

Drug Bag Exchange: Brendan Deere reported that all agencies are required to submit a copy of their drug license to Sandy Lehrter by April 30th. He noted that the copies will be put on a disc and distributed to the hospital pharmacies so they can have them on file as required by the state. Brendan stated that any agency not providing a copy of their drug license will be subject to having their drug bags removed.

Brendan discussed a situation involving a member agency using Council drug bags at a station outside the state of Ohio. He noted that the Board of Pharmacy had approved the agency using the bags outside the region but they didn't clear it with Council first. Brendan stated that the Executive Committee voted to not allow the practice at their February 24th meeting. He and David Gerstner will meet with the agency to discuss the issue.

Brendan presented an alternate material, demo drug bag for review. The bag can be more easily sanitized than the current canvas ones that are in use. He stated that Council may purchase some to phase into use.

Brendan reported that the Board of Pharmacy has been slow to return licenses this year and suggested that any agency that doesn't receive theirs in a timely manner should follow up with them.

Brendan reported that a universal drug usage form is currently being worked on.

Any crews that encounter broken Narcan vials in the drug bag should let Brendan know.

Crews should remember not to leave trash in the drug bags.

Discussion was held regarding a survey to determine how much Narcan is being used in our region. It was noted that in a year roughly 500 to 600 syringes of Narcan are used by the large hospitals on EMS related patients.

Brendan reported that he is working with Boundtree to create an orange Narcan only pouch to be used by the few member departments that only have first responders.

Quality Assurance: David Gerstner provided an update and noted that Chris Kyer has been very active and is working on updating and reforming the program. Meetings are now scheduled to last one and a half hours and are held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the even numbered months. David noted that if an agency isn't able to send a representative to the meetings they should still submit their data so it can be added to the statistics. He reported that Chris is working with Alex Kuhn of the American Heart Association to expand participation in the Mission Lifeline program.

Standing Orders: David reported that the committee continues to work on the 2016 protocols. He noted that any issues, corrections or suggestions regarding the current protocols should be brought to the attention of Jack Mix.

C. Pre-Hospital Care:

Education Committee: In Bill Mangas's absence Joshua Ingham and David Gerstner provided information regarding a recent episode of academic dishonesty involving 2015 protocol testing. The issue involved the distribution of written protocol test answers and has created discussions at multiple levels. David noted that there is an academic dishonesty clause in the Implementation Guide and it will be followed in this case. He reported that changes have been made in the testing this year and the processes will be changed next year with the possibility of electronic testing being explored. David noted that anyone interested in working with the Education Committee is welcome to participate in the process. Ryan Konkel noted that responders should be sure to notify the EMS Coordinators prior to beginning the test if it isn't their first attempt and they must have their failure form with them if it is a second attempt.

Research: David Gerstner reported that the committee is working on plans for training and discussing ways to change the Ohio laws regarding Community Paramedicine. The committee will be sharing updated information with Council in the next couple months.

D. Ad Hoc Committees:

Run Sheets/ Data: A meeting will be held with a new potential vendor in April.

Ohio Incidence Run Report Form: No report.

Organization Reports:

MC Fire Chiefs Association: David Gerstner reported that the group discussed educational dishonesty and an education seminar being held Kettering Fire Department.

Miami Valley Fire/ EMS Alliance: David reported that the Alliance offers a webinar series that provides fire continuing education credits at least once a month.

Ohio Emergency Medical Services: No report.

RPAB, Division 2: David reported that they have held discussions about 2016 Standing Order protocols.

SORTS: David Gerstner reported that SORTS has not met since January. A joint meeting with SORTS and RPAB representatives will take place but hasn't been scheduled yet.

GDAHA: No report.

Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS): David Gerstner reported that the Rescue Task Force is making progress and adding new departments frequently. He noted that a hospital workgroup is working specifically on preparations for active shooter situations and stated that on average, one a month occurs in hospitals around the country.

MMRS is moving ahead with a plan for radiological incidents and committee involvement is available for anyone who is interested.

The regional plan for biological incidents will incorporate Ebola.

Training sessions have been held regarding Ebola PPE and special transport. There is currently one special transport unit in the region. It is at the Dayton Fire Department but it will respond wherever it is needed. A grant has been applied for through Public Health to fund up to 10 units. Updated Ebola PPE plan will be sent out soon.

A full scale regional exercise will be held on May 7th. Any agencies interested in participating must sign up by April 1st.

Membership:

A change of voting rep was requested for Kettering Fire Department. A vote was taken and the new voting rep is Mike Miller with the alternate being Mitch Robbins.

Old Business:

- Trauma Bill Update – the legislative support administrative staff still has it and it hasn't been made a bill yet.

New Business:

- Sponsoring Memberships – David noted that there is a membership level titled Sponsoring Membership in the Code of Regulations but there is not documentation anywhere regarding what the dues for that level should be. He stated that an ad hoc committee is working on a plan and recommendations to present to Council.

Educational/Organization Announcements:

- Evan Brumbaugh – EMT class starting April 30th
- Laura Clark – 12 Lead refresher at April Dinner and a Show
- Joshua Ingham – EMS training in Franklin, geriatric emergencies; training April 27th at SVH; discussion regarding heroin at Greene Memorial

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.