



Central Texas Regional Advisory Council

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EMS Operations Committee

Date | time 3/27/2017 9:00 AM | Meeting called to order by Phil Ward

In Attendance

(CC) = via conference call

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| Justin Bright, Air Evac 66 | Glenn Gallenstein, HHFD (CC) | Wesley Gilbreath, Belton FD |
| Elizabeth Hicks, Acadian | Kimberly Knappek, Thorndale EMS | Jeffrey Mincy, CMEMS |
| Thomas Pechal, TFD | Fred Reed, CRDAMC EMS | Richard Stout, Hamilton EMS (CC) |
| Phil Ward, PHI/Moffatt VFD | Cody Winniford, S&W EMS | Charles Young, Holland/LR/Bartlett |
| Gary Young, CCFD (CC) | | |

Guests: None

CTRAC Staff: Jennifer Henager

Call to Order and Introductions

Phil Ward called the meeting to order at 09:00 am and began introductions.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the January 2017 minutes with the correction to Phil Ward's name under "B." in New Business made by Fred Reed, seconded by Jeff Mincy. Motion carried.

Update from State Meetings

Jeffrey Mincy provided a legislative update. HB 435 would disallow governmental employers to prevent first responder employees from conceal carrying while on duty. Employers would be able to regulate in certain circumstances (i.e. Coryell with prisons). There will be an additional 40-hour course (first responder endorsement) requirement to carry. This bill is currently looking to include volunteers in with governmental employees. HB 1332 would allow a fuel charge exemption to government providers or agencies contracted to provide 911 for a jurisdiction. This bill going forward for a vote this week. HB 1407 is looking to continue the Local Project Grant funds and would create a paramedic program for rural Texas. West of Central Texas there is only 1 program in Amarillo. The average age of a paramedic, in that area, is 56. There are approximately 60 openings at any given time and that program only graduates 3 per semester. HB 1249 will address vehicles that appear like emergency response vehicles but are not licensed as such.

GETAC-Air Medical Committee discussed an issue with radio communication and appropriate channels. There have not be any issues in this area.

Old Business

- A. EMS/County Grant: Jennifer Henager remind everyone to submit requests for reimbursement before the July 14th deadline determined by the committee. There are only a couple of agencies that have requested

reimbursement. Also, a regional project must be determined by May 26th or the 10% amount will be made available to the eligible agencies based on the initial formula.

- B. Triage System Workgroup Update: Elizabeth Hicks reported that the EMTrack training went well although not that well attended. One issue identified during the training is that EMS can't see hospital information. Jennifer will get with Joy Worsdale regarding this issue. Elizabeth is also providing an education PowerPoint for the Healthcare Coalition on Wednesday. The new military cards will give basic info when scanned vs. the previous cards didn't provide any information. The first test date is still set for May 1 starting at 7am for a 24 hour period.
- C. EMS Delays (Supervisor calls?): Jennifer shared with the group the concern discussed at the Hospital Care Committee when presented. Jennifer will talk to Dr. Ratcliff on next steps, if any.
- D. Education: There will be an EMS Education Workgroup conference call on April 3rd at 2pm. Jennifer will send out an appointment.
- E. Pre-Designated LZs: Phil is going to draft a letter requesting agencies work on identifying appropriate landing zones (LZ) and send the information to Jennifer for a master list.

New Business

- A. Car Seats: There has been a request from McLane Children's for first responders to bring car seats with them when they bring the patient. The committee would like more information on this topic like is this for all calls, just transfers, etc.? Jennifer will reach out to McLane and bring back information for the next meeting.

Special Populations

Elizabeth shared that the Mental Health Task Force is working on establishing goals, a mission, etc. to better organize. Patient tracking was expressed as a significant problem. A bill that the group is watching is SB344 that would give law enforcement the authority to have a patient under NED be transported to hospital via ambulance.

Aero Medical

Drones – The committee was reminded that any incidents or near incidents have to be reported to FAA. Both AirEvac and PHI report any issues.

EMTF

Dr. Ratcliff reported that the group in New Mexico for the Bataan Memorial Death March saw just under 600 patients to include 1 cardiac patient and 3 STEMIs.

Upcoming training and events

- Flight Bridge course Last week of June CCPC fee is \$298 if not, \$398
- Testing for Certified Tactical Paramedic (TP-C) April fee has been waived
- EMS Evolution: \$275 for 3-day conference (\$375 for non-members)
- Critical Care Transport Conference April 10-12
- S&W research-looking at crew configuration

Other Announcements, General Discussion, etc.

- May 1-Triage Tag Testing Day
- May 14-Ft. Hood exercise

- Mission Lifeline due Friday

Next Meeting

5/22/2017 9:00 AM, CTCOG Conference Room A1

Meeting adjourned without incident.