

EMS Advisory Committee

MINUTES

6MAR2012

1400-1600

GFFR TRAINING CENTER

MEETING CALLED BY	EMS Administrator
TYPE OF MEETING	Quarterly
FACILITATOR	Dr. Simpson
NOTE TAKER AND MINUTES	Johnson
TIMEKEEPER	Johnson
ATTENDEES	Dirk Johnson-GFFR, Dave Simpson- System Medical Director, Kristal Kuhn- COGF EMP, Patty Cadwell-Neighborhood Councils, Bill Hunter-Dispatch, Stephen Hester-GFFR, Bill Bronson- City Commissioner, Will Fleming-GFES, Justin Grohs-GFES, Scott Schandelson-Benefis.

Agenda topics

ACCEPT LAST MEETINGS MINUTES

SIMPSON

DISCUSSION	Roll was taken and attendees were noted as above. The Committee read and accepted last meeting's minutes	
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to accept minutes by Justin Grohs and was seconded by Patty Cadwell	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

LIFE SAVE RATIO

SIMPSON

DISCUSSION	The Committee discussed quality outcome design. GFFR presented a comprehensive report on critical cardiac patients and the time to shock statistics for 2011. The committee recognized the work of GFFR but requested that GFES also provide similar information that would bring a greater correlation to intervention and patient outcome.	
CONCLUSIONS	GFFR and GFES shall continue to compile data starting in Jan of 2012 on all cardiac arrest patients. Only having the non transporting statistics did not give an accurate depiction of pre-hospital care in the City. Also Benefis shall be included to find final patient outcomes on patients delivered to the ER with sustainable	

	vital signs.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Compile data from run reports	Johnson/Grohs/Eyring	Ongoing

MCI (MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT)

KUHN

DISCUSSION	The committee discussed the systems preparedness to properly handle mass casualty incidents. The committee agreed that more needs to be done to prepare the system for a MCI. In fact, on March 31 st and April 1 st , 2012 Kevin Connant; Battalion Chief from San Jose, California will conduct a workshop to discuss the numerous aspects of an MCI. This discussion will include management of resources, pitfalls, outcomes, roles and responsibilities and how they change with patient count. Also discussion on upcoming training between GFFR and GFES at the field level for MCI incidents.	
CONCLUSIONS	Sign up for the Kevin Connant MCI training is on the MSU Fire Services Training School's web site. Numerous fliers have been handed out to city, county, state, and federal agencies.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Plan upcoming field level MCI training between GFES and GFFR	Grohs	ASAP

MANDATED RADIO PROGRAMMING FROM WIDE BAND TO NARROW BAND

SCHANDELSON

DISCUSSION	The current COGF EMS Communication System wide band programming going to narrow bandwidth (digital) programming as mandated by the Federal Communications Commission was discussed. More analysis must be done to determine if the current radios can be programmed and a cost analysis to determine cost to the City to reprogram radios and to replace those radios that can't be programmed to narrow-band.	
CONCLUSIONS	All agencies are waiting for the radio programmer to re-program their current radios prior to the mandated date of October 2013	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Ensure radios and licensing are completed by Oct. 2013	All agencies	Oct. 2013

ADJOURN

SIMPSON

DISCUSSION	Motion to adjourn by Dirk Johnson seconded by Scott Schandelson
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OBSERVERS	ALS = Advanced Life Support, ASAP = As Soon As Possible, CCCDC = Cascade County Consolidated Dispatch Center, EMS = Emergency Medical Service, CC = Cascade County, DES = Disaster & Emergency Services,
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	GFFR = Great Falls Fire Rescue, QA/QI = Quality Assurance & Quality Improvement. COGF=City of Great Falls, GFES= Great Falls Emergency Services, CCHD= Cascade County Health Department, MCI= Mass Casualty Incident
RESOURCE PERSONS	Johnson
SPECIAL NOTES	Public comment requested and none given.