

EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2012

1400-1600

GFFR TRAINING CENTER

MEETING CALLED BY	EMS Administrator
TYPE OF MEETING	Quarterly
FACILITATOR	Chief McCamley
NOTE TAKER AND MINUTES	Johnson
TIMEKEEPER	Johnson
ATTENDEES	Dirk Johnson-GFFR, Steve Hester-GFFR, Kristal Kuhn, COGF EMP, Ron Scott- GFFR, Vince Kolar-CC DES, Justin Eyring-GFES, Justin Grohs-GFES, Will Fleming-GFES, Dr. Dave Simpson-Medical Director, Patty Cadwell- Neighborhood Councils, Randy McCamley-GFFR, Lauri Jackson-Benefis, Bill Hunter- CCCDC

Agenda topics

INTRODUCTIONS

CHIEF MCCAMLEY

DISCUSSION	Kristal Kuhn City of Great Falls Emergency Planner and Vince Kolar Cascade County DES Coordinator were introduced to the committee.

ACCEPT LAST MEETINGS MINUTES

CHIEF MCCAMLEY

DISCUSSION	Roll was taken and attendees are noted as above, The Committee read and accepted last meetings minutes.

CONCLUSIONS	Motion to accept last meetings minutes by Dr. Simpson, seconded by Steve Hester. All in favor minutes accepted.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

FIRE CHIEF FORUM

CHIEF MCCAMLEY

DISCUSSION	The 2012 EMS call numbers were presented and compared to last years. At the current time the system is at the same amount of calls as last year. With summer here and school out the call volume statistically increases on average to around 13 EMS calls per day. With the increase in call volume the Chief wanted to remind
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	all emergency personnel to maintain scene safety. Also, if PD or other resources are needed to maintain scene safety the on-scene incident commander needs to call early for those resources.
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With the oil and gas drilling currently going on throughout Montana the potential for a Hazardous Material incident within the city or county shall increase. Decontamination of any contaminated patient's needs to be completed prior to transporting patient to the hospital.

The US Postal Service has installed a BDS (biological detection system) in their mail distribution facility. With system activation there needs to be coordination between emergency personnel and USPS personnel. There also needs to be prompt hot zone determination, ER notification to prevent self reporting citizens from contaminating the ER, and responder/citizen safety. When involved with a HazMat incident responders must notify the hospital at the earliest opportunity.

CONCLUSIONS	USPS is having a conference call on June 13 th , 2012 for planning a BDS activation exercise.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Attend the USPS exercise planning	Those invited	13 June 12

LIFE SAVE RATIO

CHIEF MCCAMLEY

DISCUSSION	The Committee discussed EMS system evaluation and statistical analysis of system performance. One issue which came to light was that arrival time may not equate to patient contact time. This could potentially skew analysis of patient treatment. In order to provide trends and to correlate the GF system to national standards accurate data must continually evolve. QA/QI are designed to measure specific medic performance but system data provides the system's report card by identifying trends in service deliver and comparing those trend to the science and national standards.
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CONCLUSIONS	Committee found the analysis provided to be sufficient. Future analysis may include dispatching time to include call taker to dispatch time. All parts of the system shall endeavor to provide a more holistic statistical picture of the City's EMS system performance.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continue data analysis and QA/QI for the system	All agency's	Ongoing

MASS CASUALTY TRAILER

KRISTAL KUHN

DISCUSSION	Discussion took place on changes and updates made to the disaster trailer activation guidelines. The trailer is a state DPHHS asset that has been stored at
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	Great Falls Emergency Services to be used throughout the City, State or Nation if needed.	
	Currently the request for the trailer goes through GFES, but that may change to ensure proper mobilization of this asset, it seemed logical that State or local DES would be utilized.	
	Also, emergency responders and dispatch were unaware about the trailer's existence. Dispatch will add this resource to the dispatch protocol when procedures are in place to deploy the trailer. There are still unanswered logistical and tactical issues regarding the deployment and use of the EMS disaster trailer. The Montana Air National Guard also has the same type of trailer and is available for use through state DES.	
CONCLUSIONS	Dispatch is developing protocols for deployment. Also agencies are now aware of the resource and can request its deployment when needed.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Provide feedback to Kristal kkuhn@greatfallsmt.net on comments/concerns on guideline, supply list and deployment.	All agency's	June 26 th , 2012

EMD

BILL HUNTER

DISCUSSION	According to Mr. Hunter dispatch manager Emergency Medical Dispatch Training is being pursued and is being well received by dispatchers who have received this training. Once the state has provided the EMD books and all dispatchers are trained, the City will implement the State EMD system	
	One small issue to EMD will be to get the County to accept this program. Currently all EMS emergencies in the county receive Advanced Life Support to include Mercy Flight response. While this is not a direct EMS system issue, the county does have an impact to the efficiencies of the City EMS system	
CONCLUSIONS	Once the training is complete and the EMD booklets are dispersed by the State EMD will be implemented.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continue to brief the committee as the EMD system begins implementation and all training and materials are in place.	Bill Hunter	Ongoing

TRIAGE TAGS

JOHNSON

DISCUSSION	EMS Staff are assessing several triage tags with the goal of selecting the best one for the system. Once an appropriate commercially made triage tag is chosen, the system will adopt and implement them. Also, as the tags go on line EMS staff must be trained to properly use the tags. This could include a "Triage Tag Tuesday" or something to that effect that will provide routine use of the tags.	
CONCLUSIONS	Tags will be purchased by the EMS fund.	

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Purchase tags once appropriate triage tag is chosen	Chief McCamley	As soon as card is chosen

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, 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
RESOURCE PERSONS	Johnson
SPECIAL NOTES	Public comment requested none given.