

EMS Advisory Board

MINUTES

SEPT. 11TH, 2012

1400-1600

GFFR TRAINING CENTER

MEETING CALLED BY	EMS Administrator
TYPE OF MEETING	Quarterly
FACILITATOR	Chief McCamley
NOTE TAKER AND MINUTES	Johnson
TIMEKEEPER	Hester
ATTENDEES	Dirk Johnson- GFFR, Steve Hester- GFFR, Dave Simpson- Medial Director, Randy McCamley- GFFR, Peter Ingold- CCCDC, Kristal Kuhn- COGF EMP, Bill Bronson- City Commissioner, Justin Grohs- GFES, Justin Erying- GFES, Will Fleming- GFES, Bill Hunter- PSAP Manager, Patty Cadwell- COGF

Agenda topics

ACCEPT LAST MEETINGS MINUTES

MCCAMLEY

DISCUSSION	Roll was taken and attendees were as noted above, the Board read and accepted last meetings minutes.	
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to accept last meetings minutes by Justin Grohs and seconded by Dr. Simpson	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

EMS ADMINISTRATOR FORUM

CHIEF MCCAMLEY

DISCUSSION	<p>The Board discussed the many projects and tasks that have been presented to the Board. The administrator noted that many were complete or were on track for completion. However there have been several un-resolved tasks that will be addressed in the future</p> <p>For example;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of system performance standards that may include response times and call to shock times. • Possible development of an EMS survey to measure how the public and our customers feel about the City and the prehospital care provided. The survey would either be a mail out survey or a phone survey and possibly something given to the neighborhood councils. <p>The Board discussed how a phone survey have a better outcome as most</p>
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	<p>statistics show a 20% return on paper surveys.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also discussed was the State hosted a meeting in Billings to discuss mass casualty incidents and the development of a state plan designed to assist local agencies during mass casualty disasters. 	
CONCLUSIONS	EMS survey should be a phone survey and consist of approximately 6 questions. More discussion on the questions and survey delivery next meeting.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Chief McCamley to brief Board on State MCI meeting in Billings	McCamley	Next meeting

TRIAGE TAGS

GROHS/JOHNSON

DISCUSSION	The first 3 days of triage tag training was well received and responders got a better idea of how to use the tags. This was a major step in the mass casualty emergency process and ensured that first responders were more comfortable with filling out the triage tag and how to use the proper documentation of each patient.	
CONCLUSIONS	Continue with the triage tag training days with the final goal of conducting a full scale MCI exercise.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Set up a meeting with GFFR, GFES PD, dispatch, and Medical Directors to discuss a MCI exercise	Johnson	Oct/Nov

EMD

HUNTER

DISCUSSION	<p>With implementation of the King County EMD system (Mt State adopted) the City's dispatch will go from a 2 tiered system (either lights and sirens or no lights and siren response) to a 3 tiered response (ALS , BLS red, BLS yellow response).</p> <p>Dispatcher training could be completed by the end of Jan 2013 with a proposed implementation of February 2013.</p> <p>One issue that complicated implementation of the improved EMD system is that the County has not adopted EMD. This may interrupt dispatch continuity and is problematic for the dispatchers who are responsible for both County and City EMS emergencies.</p>

CONCLUSIONS	City will continue to move towards full implementation of the King County EMD system. The City staff shall discuss the issue regarding fully implementing EMD Countywide.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Prepare an EMD talking paper for the City Commission	Hunter	Soonest
Discuss EMD with County Medical Director	Dr. Simpson	Soonest

COMMUNITY CPR

JOHNSON

DISCUSSION	EMTs and Medics in the field have noted that bystander CPR has decreased. As a community CPR training has not been conducted at the level it once was and the cost to an individual wishing to be certified as increased. This may be having an effect on community CPR training. Statistics show that CPR performed early in a cardiac arrest event saves lives. With that being said the board discussed ways to provide CPR to the public at a reduced price if not free.	
CONCLUSIONS	The more citizens that can provide early CPR, more lives that can be saved in our community.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Develop a proposal to establish a community CPR program	Hester	Soonest

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION	Commissioner Bronson discussed the current events involving the Benefis Emergency Room. Patty Cadwell also discussed the importance of proper disposal of prescription drugs and how all medical facilities and EMS agencies should know that precription drugs can be properly disposed of at the Highway Patrol Office on 8th Ave. North and 15th Street. Also there will be a drug drop off day in the future. Time, date, place unknown at this time.	
CONCLUSIONS	None	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		
Motion to adjourn Hester and seconded by Johnson		

OBSERVERS	ALS = Advanced Life Support, BLS = Basic 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, MCI= Mass Casualty Incident
RESOURCE PERSONS	Johnson
SPECIAL NOTES	Next meeting is December 11th, 2012