

CITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD



MINUTES

MARCH 04, 2013

1400 - 1600

CITY OF GREAT FALLS FIRE TRAINING FACILITY

MEETING CALLED BY	Scheduled quarterly
TYPE OF MEETING	Staff Meeting
FACILITATOR	Dr. Dave Simpson, City EMS Medical Director
NOTE TAKER	Hester
TIMEKEEPER	None
ATTENDEES	Hester, D. Johnson, Kristal Kuhn, Simpson, Hunter, Ingold, Grohs, & Schandelson

Agenda topic

1400 - 1600

OLD BUSINESS

STAFF

DISCUSSION	Roll – call, and review and approval of last minutes. Schandelson motioned, seconded by Hester unanimously approved.
1.	<p>Subject: Emergency Medical Dispatch System, The new EMD has been up and running since the 25th of Feb and seems to be working well. According to Bill Hunter, Dispatch Manager there has been a lot of positive feedback from those involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Hunter wished to thank everyone involved with the implementation of this program and its success. • It was noted that with one exception all responders in the County are working well with the EMD program. There is one fire/EMS agency who thinks his organization shouldn't have to respond to Basic Life Support Yellows but Bill is working on that issue to help this organization understand the importance of providing care to all customers regardless of the EMD status assigned. • Medical EMD graphic provided by Bill Hunter for the first 7 days. The bulk of the calls 53% were BLS red while ALS calls were 39%. BLS Yellows were about 23%. • Reports for dispatch shall continue but this project is completed.
2.	<p>Subject: Community CPR program, Several community service organizations were contacted about this program with very little interest from any of them. The Board members were asked, "what can be done to get some community interest in this valuable program?"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One suggestion was to provide schedule open classes that would be offered to the general public. It would be on a first come – first serve basis with a maximum of 25 students. • Public Service Announcements and the media would be used to promote community CPR classes. Dr. Simpson would be the spokes person who could detail the importance of CPR and the survival benefit from bystander CPR prior to the Fire Department and Ambulances arrival. • Motion by D. Johnson and seconded by Schandelson; to offer schedule open classes in the community. Passed unanimously by Board.
3.	<p>Subject: Mass Casualty and Active Shooter Procedures, The Board asked for clarification on dispatch radio patch procedures and notification protocol for MCIs. There has been work done by both fire, police and EMS to develop a plan for MCIs and active shooter incidents. There are a number of limitations of radio interoperability which will limit interagency communication during emergencies that both fire and police are involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Hunter stated that a radio patch is possible on repeated frequencies as long as dispatch can make contact on the frequencies being patched • Additionally, trunking is available on radios that are capable and would be a more efficient means to communicate.

4. Subject: Benefis Helicopter, Benefis shall receive a new helicopter by June according to Schandelson.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Schedule community CPR classes	Johnson	none
Continue to work with Dispatch/Police, EMS and Fire on MCI and Active Shooter Plan	Staff	
Send draft MCI and Active Shooter GFFR SOGs to Bill Hunter	Hester	Soonest

OBSERVERS	None
RESOURCE PERSONS	
SPECIAL NOTES	June 11, 2013 @ 1400 - 1600.