

EMS 12-9-2014

Attendees: Bucky Whitehouse, Beckie Boekweg, KD Simpson, Bryson Westbrook, Nate Moreale, Chief Tate, Chief Willden, Tami Goodin, Neil Dymock, Paul Wimmer, Tanya Turnbow, Dan Camp, Deb Witte, Kristen Bolinder

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. K.D. motioned to approve, Chief Willden seconded, all approved.
2. Election
 - a. Chief Willden motioned to nominate Chief Tate, Bucky seconded, all in favor. Chief Tate will be the new EMS Committee Chairperson for the 2015 year.
3. Health Department Update
 - a. Bucky distributed copies of Resolution 2014-17, A Resolution Reorganizing the Tooele County Emergency Medical Services Council, to the group.
 - i. Fifteen different members will represent their agencies as voting members. If anyone would like to recommend one at-large member please let Bucky know.
 - ii. This Resolution has been approved by the Tooele County Commissioners.
 - b. Bucky has discussed mental health related transport issues with Sheriff elect Wimmer. Up to 50% of transports each month can be psych patients. This has become a burden on the ambulance service.
 - i. Bryson stated that a lot of time and resources are spent on psych patients. Is the ambulance the best way to transport them?
 - ii. Grantsville doesn't have the resources to get their pink sheet patients to their designated area. The designated facility in our area is MWMC.
 - iii. Bucky would like to ask a representative from Valley Behavioral Health if they can help with transport, do they have any systems in place?
 - iv. Sheriff elect Wimmer said he is open to discuss the issue. Suicidal people vs. homicidal people. Officers will be involved with the homicidal people. At this moment in time he does not yet know what resources the Sheriff's office has available. He would also need to discuss the issue with the legal department.
 - v. Chief Willden said he would like Valley Behavioral Health to come up with protocols and resources.
 - vi. Bucky said the issue will be tabled for the present time.
 - c. Grantsville Annexation
 - i. Bucky asked how this will affect services.
 - ii. Chief Willden said it shouldn't affect MWMC.
 - iii. Sheriff elect Wimmer stated that if the state prison is relocated next to Miller Motor Sports Park (MMSP) it will fall into the Sheriff's jurisdiction between Tooele and Grantsville Cities.
 - iv. Bucky asked about Protocols.
 1. For response, who get paged first? Policies and procedures should be discussed first. Bucky will give a draft of his vision for the protocols.
 - a. Officer Turnbow and Bryson will review.

4. State Business

- a. Tami announced that Dennis Bang is now the Compliance Officer Director and Anna Boden is now the Compliance Secretary.
- b. Fines and complaint processes have changed.
- c. Tami has not heard anything about grants yet. She asks that everyone get their things together.
- d. EMS committee has met and passed three of the four rules that will now go forward for public comment.

5. Hospital & Ambulance Update

- a. Tracy stated that MWMC had been working a lot on Ebola. This has been a good training opportunity for the hospital to get ready in the event that they need to take an Ebola patient. If a patient presents with Ebola like symptoms a separate room has been set up and MWMC staff are ready to take them. Tracy states they have all put a lot of time into getting prepared.
- b. An ambulance will be automatically sent when air bags deploy in an auto accident. Chief Willden stated that they will review their cards in the near future and this could be something they could discuss.
 - i. Bryson states if the patient is saying they are not hurt they probably don't need to send an ambulance.

6. New Business

- a. MMSP will be hosting a mass casualty drill in 2015 at MMSP.
 - i. In March of 2014 MMSP did a tabletop exercise. One objective they would like to meet is mass casualty. Dan would like to have the County use MMSP.
 - ii. The scenario will be a car going into the stands. Feb 24th is their target date. If it's not held on that date they will push it back to October 2015.
 - iii. Dan will send Bucky the report to help them build their exercise. Bucky would like everyone to review it.
 - iv. The exercise will be held on the Lucas Oil track.
- b. MMSP will be training with Air Med. They have identified 13 different landing zones at MMSP.
- c. Officer Turnbow is the primary Medical Examiner for Tooele County, she has two back up Medical Examiners.
 - i. Officer Turnbow explained the cases that fall under the Medical Examiner's jurisdiction. If she doesn't come out it's not because she doesn't want to it's because she can't because it doesn't fall under her jurisdiction. Only certain cases fall under the Medical Examiners jurisdiction.
 - ii. Officer Turnbow distributed to the group State Code 26-4-7 Custody by medical examiner.
 1. If a patient is deceased there should be no reason to move the body. First Responders should not move or remove the body at all. The scene should be as pristine as possible as when the body died.

2. Other than motor vehicle cases Officer Turnbow hasn't had too many issues. If EMS is responding to something that could be a crime scene please tread as lightly as possible.
3. If you have any questions please call her, dispatch can get in contact with her.
4. Bryson asked what they should leave besides disposable items.
 - a. Officer Turnbow stated only items attached to the patient. Leave items such as patches, etc. but take monitors and other equipment not attached.
 - b. If a patient dies in the ambulance she is willing to work with them as long as they let her know. Call dispatch so they can let Officer Turnbow know, she will need to see the accident scene. If the body is on board the ambulance when they pass leave the back board with the body and she will get the board back to them after the scene is evaluated. So far the only issues have been when a Wendover, NV patient dies in transport to Knolls to meet Air Medical.
 - c. Dan would like to have a meeting with medical at MMSP to discuss how best to handle fatality situations.
 - i. Bucky asked what could be done to minimize trauma to people/public who witness accidents. Dan stated they are looking into getting pop-up canopies.
 - ii. Those they would like to attend the meeting with MMSP would include Bucky, Officer Turnbow, Police Chief and an attorney.
 - iii. KD Simpson explained that they had similar experiences with the ski resorts. They have a written policy with Life Flight that the expired patients are left right where they are until a medical examiner gets there.
 - iv. Officer Turnbow explained that she will try to get a body moved as quickly as possible but that she wants to see the scene as is before the body is moved.
 1. Transport comes from Salt Lake City and they only have 3 – 4 trucks for the whole state. This is why she asks so many questions to determine if it is a Medical Examiner's case. Every scene is a crime scene until it is determined otherwise.
 - d. Chief Willden announced that the landing zone at Del Taco is now gone.
 - e. Dan states that Strike Team trailers are at MMSP from the State. They may move a pediatric trailer out from the State as well. The trailers are being located where they can be easily accessed.
 - f. Neil Dymock stated that a call on a 4-Wheeler crash in the West Desert went really well.

- g. Chief Willden would like advanced notice from someone in the County whenever there is a road closure such as the I-80 closure at Exit 99. This information needs to be given out to each of their agencies. These are significant closures. UDOT or TOC should be sending notifying agencies.
 - i. Bucky stated that Emergency Management will be meeting with TOC and Dispatch. If he becomes aware of road closures he will send out a text page or email as they become aware of it.
 - h. MMSP is now incorporated into Grantsville. Chief Willden spoke with Grantsville's Mayor and have let him know that NTFD is willing to help out anytime.
 - i. Dan asked if they have a patient in full cardiac arrest can they request NTFD since Grantsville First Responders are volunteers. Chief Willden asked Dan to speak to Grantsville's Mayor. NTFD has no issue; Grantsville's Mayor would need to sign off on it.
7. 2015 Meeting Dates & Locations
- a. March 10, 2015 – Tooele County EOC at 9:00 am
 - b. June 9, 2015 – Wendover Ambulance at 10:00 am
 - c. September 8, 2015 – Tooele County EOC at 9:00 am
 - d. December 8, 2014 – Tooele County EOC at 9:00 am
8. Adjourn
- a. Neil motioned to adjourn, Bucky seconded, all in favor.