



**Florida Fire Chiefs' Association**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SECTION**  
**MEETING MINUTES – June 13<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER: 1:30**

**EMS SECTION COMMITTEE:**

NAME AND TITLE	PRESENT: (IN-PERSON)	PRESENT: (VIRTUAL)	ABSENT:
<b>Bill McGrath</b> C0-Chair (Southeast)	X		
<b>Tony Tedesco</b> Co-Chair (West Central)	X		
<b>Tim Roche</b> Secretary	X		
<b>Greg Dewitt</b> Board Liaison	X		

**PRESENTATION:**

**PRESENTER:**

- 1) No presentation
- 2) Introductions of members
- 3) Chief Roche review FFCA connection and group link. Reviewed resource sharing on FFCA website.
- 4) Chief Greg Dewitt:
  - a. Talked about the blue lights now allowed on fire trucks weighing 24,000 pounds.
  - b. Talked about a billion dollars cut from the budget for next year.
- 5) Mike:
  - a. State awards is open and will be presented in October 30 at next EMSAC meeting in Bonita Springs, Fl.
  - b. Education rule – workshop a couple weeks ago and moving forward.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:**

**PRESENTER: DARREL DONATTO**

- 1) None



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#### **STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:**

**PRESENTER:** CHIEF DIBERNARDO

- 1) Regional coordinators have someone in each region for the state.
- 2) Resuscitation is being standardized in the hospital.
- 3) Each state regional coordinator has a specific statewide responsibility and state measures.
- 4) Request to have EMS Section committee look at the measures and help the state with review and make suggestions for improvement.

#### **STATE MEDICAL DIRECTOR:**

**PRESENTER:** Dr. Jamerson

- 1) Leave behind Narcan program– have plenty of Narcan so please order
- 2) Rule-making Q/R code for Rulemaking notifications  
<https://www.flrules.org/Subscriber/subscriberlogin.asp>
- 3) Pit-crew updates – Will be available soon for STEMI, Stroke, Trauma, and Cardia arrest.
- 4) MEWS score (Maternal Early Warning System) – possible protocol for inclusion focus on pregnant in last year questions. Magnesium does not stop the seizure but will prevent additional seizure.
- 5) Hydralazine, Labetalol, and oral nifedipine recommended back on truck for hypertension.
- 6) Fl law to permit c-sections in outpatient birthing centers.
- 7) Addition stabilization center / CORE – Requesting feedback on sample triage flowsheet or sample EMS Rapid screening tool. EMS initiated Buprenorphine following reversal with Naloxone. Who is doing and how it is going?



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- 8) Florida Stroke coalition – Q/R code for meetings.  
<https://floridastrokecollaboration.org/event/12th-annual-florida-stroke-registry-meeting-to-be-held-in-fort-lauderdale-the-westin-fort-lauderdale-beach-resort/>
- 9) Resuscitation Center - Memorial Regional Hospital is the first one to set up.
- 10) DNRO rule – changed form for nurse practitioner and PA can sign the form.
- 11) Mental health and wellness project starting in July to increase programs to help increase Peer Support teams.
- 12) Working on USAR Team pharmacy support.
- 13) Trying to add Medical Directors to the list of protected personal like law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel.
- 14) PULSARA - 60 EMS agencies and 74 hospitals have contacted.
- 15) Fire and EMS Life Study – long term study tracking people through their life and will cover EMS and fire personnel.

#### **PRESENTER:**

**DR. FRANK**

- 1) State medical Director committee looking to collaboration with medical directors and EMS Chiefs.

#### **GRANTS:**

#### **PRESENTER:**

**BILL MCGRATH**

- 1) None

#### **TRAINING:**

#### **PRESENTER:**

**CHIEF MCGRATH**

- 1) Discussed the rule making on the Paramedic pass rates on test



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**PEER AND MENTAL HEALTH:**

**PRESENTER:** CHIEF MCGRATH

- 1) Mentioned discussion on resources for retirees
- 2) Discussed department chaplains

**DISASTER MANAGEMENT:**

**PRESENTER:** CHIEF JULIE DOWNEY

- 1) Statewide mutual aid plan – should have received and needs to be back in by July 1.
- 2) Patient tracking and resources – Fire is ReadyOp and EMS is Pulsara.
- 3) 15 to 50 (15 minutes to 50 patients)– drills for triaging.
- 4) Recently couple agencies did drills on the high infectious patient drill done for transport to Emory. There are 7 agencies training for the ground transport of these patients throughout the state.
- 5) NFPA 3000 just added this month – new terminology.
  - a. Take out the work “family”. Should be notification center and incident assistant center.
  - b. Problem is that people misunderstood and did not go to the centers because they thought it was something else.
  - c. There are new benchmarks for guidance in the appendix.
- 6) Recommendation of agencies to get with the Health Care Coalitions
- 7) JumpSTART has been modified and new cards is available.
- 8) Disaster in seconds (kits) – has laminated patient with wounds to put on for exercise. Healthcare coalition should be able to assist with the funding.



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#### **REVIEW SURVEY:**

**PRESENTER:** CHIEF TEDESCO

- 1) Discussion of survey questions and answers

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Discussed the EMS track for the Florida Fire Conference.
- 2) Request for speakers and topics for the January's Florida Fire Conference.

#### **EVENTS:**

- 1) 2024 Executive Development – Friday, July 19 to Tuesday, July 23, 2024  
Tampa Marriott Water Street  
<https://www.ffca.org/edc>
- 2) Safety and Health Conference – October 7-9, 2024 – Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South  
<https://www.ffca.org/shc>
- 3) Florida Fire Conference – January 6 – 10, 2024 – Orange County Convention Center, Orlando  
<https://flfirecon.com>
- 4) EMSCA state meeting – October 28-31 in Bonita Springs, FL

**ADJOURNMENT: 14:50**