

EMCC MEETING MINUTES-Feb.19<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Lake Co Fire District-Station 70  
Olympic Drive in Clearlake

1. Meeting called to order at 11:12
2. Outstanding minutes of the Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.
3. North Coast EMS report: Larry Karsteadt.
  - A. Governing Board meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>, 15:00 hrs. @ NCEMS office. Budget issues & update are on the agenda.
  - B. The latest info mailing is coming. There will be a Fentanyl draft policy included.
  - C. Regional EMS Plan was approved & is moving forward.
  - D. Image Trend PCR Program is still being tested by Lake Co Fire. Louis spoke. Other providers in NCEMS may also do a trial of this program.
  - E. Questions which have been coming up are: Will the cost of the program & usage increase when NEMSIS 3.0 update occurs? Other issues are long term costs & program maintenance of the system.
  - F. Stacy from NCEMS attended the Lake Mental Health meeting. Part of the grant process for extra crisis worker.
  - G. Louis reported on the HPP disaster grant progress. Assessment & integration is in progress. Are they fulfilling the deliverables as required for the grants?
  - H. Kim Minch is resigning from the coordinator position & they are in the process of refilling the position. They will be advertising the position shortly.
  - I. EMS for children project: Cheryl & Pam reported. The hospital & providers are going to received survey to fill out for input. Lakeport Fire is going to host training on March 26<sup>th</sup>. A Pediatric & Trauma seminar flyer is coming soon.
  - J. Pam reported that Sutter Lakeside Hospital E.D. continued to meet the pediatric standards. St. Helena Hospital-Clearlake site visit is going to be tomorrow. Richie funds are available for both hospitals.
  - K. Tele Medicine capabilities for pediatrics is in progress.
  - L. There is a TAC meeting scheduled for today immediately after the EMCC meeting.
  - M. Larry & Louis reported that there have been reports of a nationwide shortage of Normal Saline solutions & questioned whether any of the local providers or hospitals have experienced difficulty acquiring NS solutions? Northshore Fire District has increased the amount of solutions they carry in stock & will assist any other providers who experience shortages. The providers have been working together to get through medication &

solution shortages recently. Larry stated that the personnel should consider Saline Locks instead of hanging solutions if IV fluids are not indicated.

#### 4. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Medical advisory: Pam & Cheryl will facilitate the TAC after this meeting.
- B. Education: Cal Star-is having a class on March 13<sup>th</sup>. @ SHH-Clearlake on Sepsis, Stroke & ARDS. FCA @ Lake Co Fire next Wednesday from 9-12 & the topic is Bariatric Pts. Sutter Lakeside Hospital has a schedule out for training & FCA for the year. There is going to be an MICN class for initial certification in April for nurses sponsored by SLH. April 22, Cal Star is having Dr. Levitan teach a class on Difficult Airway Management in Ukiah. There are only 50 spots available for the class.
- C. Disaster: Willie reported that water conservation is very important for this year & fire season. Also Fire Safety is going to be very important due to the low amount of rainfall this past year. Grant funding is coming in, supplies & computer tablets have been funded with the grants. Candidates for the OES manager position have been interviewed & the hiring process is moving along.
- D. Radio Communications: Cal Fire has been testing to sync in with our repeaters in the county. Central dispatch is getting updated.
- E. Publicity/Funding: No current issues.
- F. Bylaws: No current issues.
- G. Membership: Bob Ray reported that we currently have 16 approved members, but our committee is authorized to have a minimum of 18 members. He is going to turn in a couple of new applications to the BOS.
- H. Policy Review: No report.
- I. Ambulance Review: Bob Ray reported on the IFT meeting from 10:00 today. Issues discussed were tracking of all IFT patients, especially those not transferred by Lake County providers. We currently are not getting that information & are working on the communication problem.

#### 5. Old Business

- A. SHH-Clearlake landing pad issue: Willie received from the DOT a Cease & Desist Order for the SHH-Clearlake landing pad, with a Monday February 24<sup>th</sup>. is the date ordered for closure. He reported they need a written agreement in place to continue operation of the landing pad until the landing zone is updated to current standards. Some of the updates are to include removal of the overhead power line, fencing etc, repaving of the pad & new lighting. Lake Co Fire Dept. has completed the agreement

document & it is now at SHH-Clearlake for hospital approval. He stated that it is not his intent to let the pad close down & he has been working diligently on solving this issue.

- B. SHH-Clearlake construction & remodeling. Mary Brown reported: The 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the project is underway & progressing. There is no estimate of the completion date @ this time.
- C. Willie is going to meet with hospital staff about the changes that have been discussed & that he has requested for the ambulance entrance & parking area (restriping, signage, etc.). The requested changes have not been done @ this time.
- D. GEMT/AB 678 (Ground Emergency Medical Transport): All Fire Dept. transporting agencies have submitted the data for the grant monies, but have not received any funds at this time.
- E. Mercy Air/Air Methods: Larry Karsteadt reported that Sutter Lakeside Hospital needs an amendment to add Mercy Air as a provider under their control as medical control base station. They will do the orientation & the fire dept. providers have agreed to do the 5 call accreditation for Mercy Air Paramedics. Accreditation will begin once the agreement between Mercy Air & Sutter Lakeside is completed. Mercy Air base setup & logistics are being worked out.

## 6 New Business:

There were no items on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned @ 12:45 hrs.

Next meeting April 16, 2014 11:00 hrs @ Lakeport Fire District Station 50,  
445 N. Main St., Lakeport

