



Central Iowa EMS Directors EMS and Fire Training Committee

July 31, 2008, 1330

Urbandale Fire Department, Station 42

Training Committee Meeting Notes

As always, I try to take good notes, but if you see an error or omission, please let me know – Frank

IN ATTENDANCE: Frank Prowant, Ankeny FD-Chair, Dean Rodriguez-DSM FD, , Rob Chiappano-Ankeny FD, Rex Heisdorffer-Newton FD, Steve Vannatta-School of EMS, Dan Keough – CIEMSD President & Mercy Emergency Services, Jim Mitchell-Urbandale FD, Scott Lyon-Clive FD, Steve Nolan-Polk County EMA, Susan Coates, DMAACC

1. The committee welcomed Susan Coates who is the new coordinator for EMS programs for DMAACC.
2. **NREMT Refresher** –The committee consists of Dan Keough, Frank Prowant and Steve Vannatta and plan to meet in the next two weeks to finalize the dates and schedule for the September program.

Initial plan is to hold the September class at Mercy and look for an outreach site for the February program. Frank has contacted the University of Iowa EMSLRC to check the availability of their mobile EMS lab, especially for the airway portion of the second weekend. We intend to keep the cost low for members in good standing of CIEMSD. Others will pay a higher rate of tuition.

If you have suggestions for improving this program, please contact a committee member.

3. **Polk County EMA Report**, Steve Nolan, Polk County EMA reported that we successfully utilized all but approximately \$9.00 of the EMS Grant money from last year. He thanked the training committee for their recommendations and project ideas. To date he has placed the following equipment at Altoona, Des Moines, Polk City and Clive Fire Departments.
 - a. Four airway training packages including manikins, intubation pack and bougies and Air Trac training devices.
 - b. START triage training kits and Triage Tags (an extra kit is located at the Polk County EMA office for check out.

Dan Keough reminded the committee that Mercy also has an excellent airway manikin available for loan. While the training kits are located at these four services, they are available to be checked out by services for training. The committee recommended that EMA look toward purchasing two additional training kits out of this year's budget. We have approximately \$9,673 in this year's grant. Steve also suggested that grant funds could be utilized to fund a portion of the NREMT refresher for county residents.

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Committee members should bring any additional suggestions for utilization of grant money to the next meeting.

State mandated NIMS survey will be sent out soon. Steve also would like to create a resource list for fire and EMS training equipment available within the county

On a side note, the committee recognized the Polk County EMA office for the efforts, leadership and mitigation provided during the recent flooding and storms that have impacted our area. EMA is truly an excellent resource to have available for our services to utilize!

4. **Combined Training Committee with Polk County Fire Chiefs** – General discussion by the committee. Since this committee is already covering EMS and Fire training projects, they would welcome including and association with the Polk County Fire Chiefs organization. This idea has been endorsed by Central Iowa EMS Service Directors and Polk County EMA. The committee chairman shall forward the meeting notes to Rick Roe, Polk County Fire Chief's Chair and will try to make it to their next meeting. If anyone else is planning to attend the next meeting, let Frank Prowant know.

5. Training Agency Reports

Steve Vannatta, Mercy School of EMS reported that the PS program will start both day and night classes on 9/2/2008. 19 currently confirmed for the night program and 9 for the day. Both classes will run four hours each session and meet on Monday-Tuesday and Thursday. The EMT-B class will also start on 9/2/2008. EMS Instructor will be offered in September and October, dates to be announced shortly. The school is also preparing to offer the National Critical Care Paramedic Course, outreach offered through the University of Maryland. This course should meet and exceed the Iowa requirements for CCP. Two week course they are hoping to offer in December or January.

Susan Coates of DMACC reported that DMACC has FR and EMT-Basic in progress and the fall EMT-B class upcoming.

6. **Recruit Academy Development** – General discussion from the training committee indicated the desire to plan a "Metro Area Academy" that would provide EMT-Basic, Firefighter I and II certification. EMT-Basic would start this fall with the firefighting courses to follow. EMT-Basic course proposals have been requested from various training agencies. Committee was formed to include Rob Chiappano, Ryan Young (Altoona FD) Scott Lyon and Jim Mitchell. Committee will meet prior to our next meeting and provide a report.
7. **Training Officer Development Program** – Frank Prowant presented the compiled EMS skill assessments that the committee members submitted at their last meeting. The committee had reviewed EMT-Basic and Paramedic skills to determine skills that were high or low frequency and high or low risk based upon their own service information. This list shall be developed into a core skill set for these levels identifying skills that need minimal training and those that need more frequent training and or competency evaluations. Scott Lyon inquired about adding a knowledge component to the assessment ie: minimal knowledge

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required or significant knowledge required to become competent in a specific skill. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The committee hopes to develop this skill set into a Skill maintenance/competency program for area services to utilize. The intent will be to provide the skill set assessment, recommendation for frequency of skill maintenance and training guides for each skill.

The committee will also begin the assessment of firefighter skill set utilizing the modules of firefighter I and II or from the book, "500 core competencies for firefighters. This will be determined at the next meeting.

8. Future Projects

- a. Advanced airway program development
- b. EMS and Fire Training simulators list – county wide.
- c. Other items

9. **Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 5, 2008, 1300, at the Urbandale Fire Department.** Please RSVP to Frank Prowant if you are planning to attend.