

South Shore Area Ambulance Meeting Minutes July 6th, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:30.

DIRECTOR's REPORT: Helicopter protocol was discussed.

Through October, lifeflight will be closer, 9am-9pm. Off-hours,

North memorial has asked that we place a sheet between the patient and the backboard.

Backboard policies are changing...EMS-A or ALS 400 is the channel we use to communicate with the helicopter. Gold cross is which channel??

Larry B. suggested having a printout of this info.

Dispatch is having trouble communication with South Shore. We should indicate which tower we would be likely to be on mostly during a call.

MMC is asking everyone to be conscious of inappropriate jokes, and also other HIPPA issues.

Mason's fire dept. is now officially trained in confined space rescue. They are willing to be called out to scenes.

Sept. 24th the new EMT course starts.

BAC-EMS REPORT

The summer class for EMTs did not run, they were short enrollment.

There was discussion of EMTs doing light home health care. Blood pressures, etc. for those home-bound. There is a possibility of grant money.

They are still working on protocols. The narcan protocol went into effect the 1st of July. Everyone needs to have certification on file.

TREASURER: Donations have totaled at \$3505, amount in checking is \$6479

AMBULANCE: Wants a clipboard for requests for the ambulance.

The suction on the ambulance seems to be broken, the suction isn't strong...Gayle suggests talking to MMC again, Steve Cordes.

COMMUNICATIONS: Tam is getting a new radio, Patti encourages everyone to round up the bad radios and pagers. Complication with the insurance company.

HALL MAINTENANCE: Water is going to be purchased. We are actively getting rid of large items.

HIPPA: If you go to a residence and even when there isn't a transport, they still need a HIPPA form, any kind of contact warrants a hipa form. Training needs to be done yearly, is about an hour long training, signing a handout will be an acceptable form of training.

PROCUREMENT: The new splint is here. Marcia is wondering whether or not using a neck collar. She is suggesting a training on the new splint, as it is a new piece of equipment. Cindy suggests that since the protocols are changing rapidly, we should hold off on training on it until the protocols are set.

In lieu of replacing Dennis' stuff, a bigger jump kit, oxygen tank, everyone should bring their bags at the next meeting. Talked about getting tourniquets for everyone's jump kits. Airway kits are \$8 per kit. E? size oxygen tank for the rig. New blood pressure kit.

QUALITY ASSURANCE: 4 runs in the month of June. We will be ordering pulse oximeters for everyone's jump bag. Gayle suggested we have training on under what conditions the pulse oxs are not reliable.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom found suitable straps for strapping the stretcher to the gator. Discussion on whether to get a plastic or a metal 'basket'.

We are going to have training when we get everything on the gator/skid unit. What is still needed to outfit it? Blankets. Jump kit (not peds). We're tabling this for now, voting later in the meeting.

REFRESHER: Definite dates: Jan 9,10th 8-5. Weekend dates are easier to find instructors for. Meeting on the 16th, backboard 15 hours online 15 hours in person. Mason is already on board. Cindy wants to open the online portion to everyone, still looking into it. For Mason, online portion in September, hands-on in October. More details to follow. We're going to table the discussion about refresher training until Cindy gets more information.

Approval of minutes:

Larry motions to approve, Marcia seconds.

NEW BUSINESS: Policy/procedures = some need updating, looking over. Gayle and Linda are going to help Patti.

EMT/EMR pay...\$6900 is not what the town budgeted. 3 positions were only supposed to be paid \$250. Tam says that we should cut communications Officer, hall maintenance, quality assurance officer were the ones we remembered were only \$250. We will balance out the pay to make it fair.

Patti is going to take care of this.

2015 TRAINING SCHEDULE: Gayle- talked to someone at the state about our required annual trainings. Cindy- all advanced skills should be gone over yearly. Next month do the trauma training, bags, skid unit, tourniquet. Medicines and advanced skills August. 6:30-8:30 for sure.

RUN REVIEWS:

Rig radio was not working, able to reach dispatch but not each other. Cindy: Since we've switched to the narrow band, there has been a lot more problems. Tam: take note of all of the conditions (weather, time, etc. of problems, so that there can be improvements made. Marcia: there is an app for this? Yes, but we need cell phone service, which is scarce. Gayle suggests asking each other if we copy directly. Frank noted that it is extremely hit or miss, just was at a scene with 6 different services at once and everyone was having problems. Frank: other services post something on the website

when you need to say something and no other mode of communication is working. Calling each other on our phones is a way to deal with this.

The firefighter protocol was timely for one of our calls this month. Patti suggests we have a couple of lawn chairs because standing outside for hours on end is not fun...everyone agrees.

There was a call for a patient in a loft with a small ladder.

Dehydration call: when paramedics gave him fluids he really turned around.

Marcia- be aware that the bikers are coming to Port wing.

Pay increase is coming for July only to see if there is an uptick in on-call time.

We need to vote on the stretcher for the gator. We're going with a plastic one. Yellow stretcher wins the votes by hand raising.

Patti moves to adjourn. Linda seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.