

EMS Safety Ad-Hoc Committee Minutes

1/10/2020

1400-1600

BETP

1001 Terminal Rd. Lansing, MI

[Join Skype Meeting](#)

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Attendees: Chris Lake, Emily Bergquist, Nicole Babb, Nate Potter, Jim Kalinowski, Norman Fabian (via phone); Dr. McGraw (via phone), Connie Nault (via phone), Kathy Wahl, Damon Obiden (via phone).

1. Call to order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by Chris Lake.
2. Old Business:
  - a. Safety Webinars –
    - i. Andrea set for January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
      1. Revised presentation attached
        - a. The original version is posted on the MCRH website.
        - b. The presentation can be distributed after the webinar.
      2. CE approval completed
      3. 25 registrants as of 1/3/2020
    - ii. Emily thinks she will be ready in March to do a webinar on the book Trauma Stewardship.
    - iii. February – Damon?
      1. Damon is not here to answer.
    - iv. Emily received a request for a webinar on highway safety and scene management.
      1. Jim had a suggestion and Kathy suggested OHSP. Jim emailed the name to Emily.
      2. Traffic Incident Management Systems
        - a. Emily has not been able to get in touch with them but will attempt again. Kathy suggested emailing Alicia Sledge at OHSP.
      3. Grand Rapids Fire Department was suggested by Nate.
  - b. Website resources and Layout – Still waiting on DTMB
    - i. Alissa Stephens reported to Emily that DTMB is requesting information for the website.

### 3. New Business:

- a. Core Principles discussion (design credit to Greg Flynn)
- b. See Attached
  - i. Emily went over this with the group.
    - 1. Situational Awareness
    - 2. Risk Management
    - 3. Health and Wellness
    - 4. Patient Advocate
  - ii. The safety topics can be discussed from each of the four perspectives. The group discussed. Using the categories as tabs on the website was discussed. Kathy said the graphic could be used at the EMSCC strategic planning meeting in March.

### 4. Open discussion

- a. Emily discussed a question from Mike Bentley about protocols for armed patients. Emily will gather some information for the next meeting. Kathy discussed Rep. Yaroch asking about pepper spray.
  - i. Chris said this is jurisdictional and suggested coming up with best practices.
  - ii. The group discussed what hospitals, agencies and other states may do. Kathy will reach out to NASEMSO.
  - iii. Unresponsive patients were discussed.
  - iv. Physical assessment was discussed. Emily said she could write a story for the Wednesday Update.
- b. Chris discussed an [article](#) about helping first responders in legal prosecution.
  - i. This goes back to the Drexel University study discussed at previous meetings. They are partnered with the US Fire Administration.
  - ii. Violence against first responders is assault and not just part of the job.
    - 1. Educating judges and attorneys.
    - 2. Support with legal issues.
      - a. Education and training to help responders with their court appearances.
    - 3. A leave policy.
  - iii. Kathy said first responders should be able to tap into Crime Victims funds. She said we could have someone from Crime Victims

services speak at the next meeting. Kathy will discuss this with James McCurtis.

- iv. Responder on responder violence was briefly discussed.
- v. Kathy brought up a recent traumatic crime in Shiawassee County and the group discussed what's been reported and the potential traumatic effects.

5. Recap

- a. January webinar is set.
- b. February webinar needs to be set.
  - i. Possibilities: TIMS or Damon Obiden
  - ii. Contingent plans:
    - 1. Bart Perry/Backing the Badge
    - 2. Move the Trauma Stewardship webinar up
    - 3. Norman Fabian/everyday hazmat.

6. EMS Expo

- a. This will be discussed as it gets closer.

**Next meeting February 13, 2020 from 1400-1600.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 1450.**

## References (for perspective) - Issue appendix –

1. Environmental
  - a. Severe Weather
  - b. Extreme temperatures
2. Hazardous substances
  - a. Chemical
  - b. Biological
3. Violence
  - a. Patient
  - b. Bystanders
  - c. Intentional versus unintentional
    - i. Cultural/Language Barriers
    - ii. Behavioral health/Mental Health
  - d. Crime scenes
4. Rescue
  - a. Motor-vehicle collisions
    - i. Extrication hazards
    - ii. Roadway operations
  - b. Special Situations
    - i. Fire Ground
    - ii. Technical Rescue
    - iii. Water Rescue
5. Vehicle Operation
6. In transport issues

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Situational Awareness

Risk Management

Health & Wellness

Patient Advocate

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