



El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority

JPA Emergency Medical Services Operations Committee (EMSOC) Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

DS/ED Fire Station #49, Classroom, 501 Pleasant Valley Rd., Diamond Springs, CA 95619

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 9:07 am by Director Cordero.

Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE Cameron Park, Assistant Chief Sherry Moranz | <input type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE Cameron Park, Battalion Chief Jed Gaines |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE ECC AEU, Battalion Chief Mike Batham | <input type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE ECC AEU, Unit Chief Scott Lindgren |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Springs Fire, Chief Bryan Ransdell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diamond Springs Fire, Deputy Chief Ken Earle |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> El Dorado County Fire, Chief Tim Cordero, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> El Dorado County Fire, Division Chief Trent Williams |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> El Dorado Hills Fire, Deputy Chief Dustin Hall, Vice Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> El Dorado Hills Fire, Chief Maurice "Mo" Johnson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garden Valley Fire, Chief Linda Szczepanik | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Valley Fire, Battalion Chief Jon Michaelson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Georgetown Fire, Chief Glenn Brown | <input type="checkbox"/> Georgetown Fire, Bob Bement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marshall Medical Center, EMS Coordinator Michele Williams | <input type="checkbox"/> Marshall Medical Center, Jackie Richardson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito Fire, Chief Jack Rosevear | <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito Fire, Battalion Chief Dion Nugent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Fire, Chief Mark Matthews | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Fire, Battalion Chief Mike Stutts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue Fire, Deputy Chief Mike Lilienthal | No Alternate |

Guests: N/A

Other Attendees:

Paul Dutch-EDC Fire

Brian Veerkamp-EDC ESA

Cristy Jorgensen-EDC ESA via Zoom

1. Approval of Agenda

First: Dustin Hall

Second: Ken Earle

Committee Action: Agenda Approved

2. Approval of EMSOC Meeting Minutes – 10/21/2020 Meeting

First: Glenn Brown

Second: Dustin Hall

Committee Action: Minutes Approved

3. Training Update

3.1 CE Provider Application: Clinical Director

- EDC ESA Staff looking for recommendation from the group for CE Clinical Director on the application.
- Chief Earle from Diamond Springs Fire volunteered for the position.
- Discussed differences between the Program Director and the Clinical Director.
- Cristy Jorgensen to assume the role of Program Director. Chief Earle and Cristy will touch base on required documentation for the application process.

3.2 AHA Training Site

- EDC ESA Staff discussed having the JPA become a Training Site under Marshall Medical Center's AHA Training Center. Reviewed equipment list and potential cost. Cost of materials and equipment is a concern with getting the program up and running.
- The concept of a unified AHA program is similar to the EMR Program that has recently been updated. Ensures the quality of the program, instructors and curriculum.
- Agencies will go back to their respective personnel to get information on how they are currently fulfilling the AHA certifications. Bring feedback to the January 2021 EMSOC meeting and make decision whether to move forward with the idea or not.

3.3 Fireline Medic Course Interest

- EDC ESA Staff asked the group if there was an interest in hosting a Fireline EMT/Paramedic Course.
- Garden valley has 4 providers who need the course.
- Discussed curriculum of the class and possibility for dual certification (CE and NWCG).
- Consensus of the group is that there is an interest and directed EDC ESA Staff to proceed forward with coordinating the course. Staff will submit curriculum in the LEMSA for CEs

4. Old Business

4.1 SWAT Medic Unit Standby

- Follow up meeting still waiting to be scheduled.

4.2 CARES Act Funding

- CARES Act Funding was vetted at the last BOD meeting. Funds are available. The EMSOC has been directed to determine how the funds get allocated out and report recommendation to the December 16, 2020 Special BOD meeting.
- Chief Hall specifically thanked Chief Lilienthal for all the time and effort he has spent developing the CARES Act requests and managing the various funding sources for the purchases.

4.2.1 LUCAS Devices

- Discussed the purchase of the LUCAS Devices.

4.2.2 Video Laryngoscopes

- Reviewed Staff Report and discussed staff's recommendation of the Teleflex Video Laryngoscope.
- EDH Fire: Chief Hall discussed the two types of devices that Teleflex offers: a reusable and disposable. There is a cost difference between the two, but the disposable seemed to offer a more reliable device that was faster to activate and administer.
- Discussion on possibly ordering additional replacement blades. Current quote outfits each Medic Unit with 2 boxes of spare blades and each box comes with two blades.
- EMSOC members support the recommended disposable Teleflex device.

4.2.3 Zoom Conference Room

- EDC ESA Staff provided an update on this portion of the CARES Funds. Will purchase a 3 license Zoom subscription: 1 assigned to the Executive Director, 1 assigned to the Deputy Director and 1 assigned to "Admin" which would be available for any member agency to use.
- Staff is meeting with vendors to get pricing on building out the Zoom Conference Room at Station 49.

4.2.4 COVID-19 related expenditures

- The EMSOC reviewed the list of JPA related COVID-19 expenses and submitted agency personnel related expenses.
- Discussed possible PPE related expenses for remaining funds including PAPR, COVID testing, COVID antibody testing and additional PPE items.
- Agencies to submit in their COVID-19 related costs including personnel related and additional supplies. Will incorporate into staff report for the December 16 Special BOD Meeting for presentation.

4.3 AVL Update

- CP Fire: Chief Moranz reported that they are still waiting on full implementation of the app. Seeking feedback from end users.
- The group discussed the need to login to CAD in order for the system to operate correctly. Have seen improvement in the system with fewer disconnections and drops. Noticeable improvement in connectivity.
- EDC ESA discussed the 25 Cradlepoints. Need to verify which medic units have Cradlepoints installed. JPA currently paying for 25 units. Should be one per medic including the reserve rigs.
- EDC ESA met with the Verizon rep. The JPA account shows several cell phone devices that were used to configure the Zoll monitors. The devices will no longer be supported by Verizon. JPA will need to ensure monitors are connected via the Cradlepoints and then collect those devices and remove them from the Verizon account.
- EDC ESA: Director Veerkamp discussed the MedNet Repeater project. By law we are required to maintain MedNet connectivity. Currently the JPA is \$21K in the rears on paying the site lease for Mt. Danaher to CA Dept of General Service. He has been working with the contact there to update the invoices which previously were being sent to the County SO. If we try to renegotiate the agreement, it is anticipated that the payment will be considerably higher than what we are currently paying. Staff has processed payment for the outstanding invoice, but it was not a budgeted expenditure. The lease payment will be factored into future budgets. This likely will not be the only repeater site with lease payments due by the JPA. Additionally there will be maintenance costs associated with the sites that will get billed to the JPA. Removal of the MedNet requirement will require legislation changes and is a longer term project to consider.

4.4 EMS Documentation

- EDH: Chief Hall reported on the ePCR AdHOC Committee Progress regarding EMS Documentation. Additional meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (November 17, 2020). Will likely switch from in person meetings to Zoom meetings to stay in compliance with COVID-19 precautions. Feels that the committee is making good progress and anticipates coming back to the EMSOC group at the next meeting with a plan on how to move forward with ePCRs. The AdHOC Committee is looking at closed call rules, and the engine tag requirement.
- Additional discussion focused on CQI and updating the CQI Plan for not only the JPA but also for all of the provider agencies.

4.5 Out of County IFTs & Refusal of Service

- EDC ESA Staff are still working on this topic but do not have new information to report.

5. New Business

5.1 Annual Election of Committee Chair Positions: Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

5.1.1 Elect Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the 2021 Calendar Year

- Chairperson: Chief Cordero was nominated by Chief Earle.
 - Nomination Approved
- Vice Chairperson: Chief Hall was nominated by Chief Earle.
 - Nomination Approved

5.2 Response Reports: October 2020

5.1.1 Incident Summary Report

5.1.2 Mutual Aid

5.1.3 Move Up & Cover

5.1.4 IFTs

- Reviewed reports.
- Discussed the Exception Waiver: Staff edited the form to a fillable pdf form that has a link to directly email in to the Admin email at the JPA office. This new format has been sent out to the agencies and is being used by the crews. Staff has asked for feedback if there are any issues or concerns with the new form.

- EDC ESA Staff asked what the process is when issues are identified on the exception reports related to property access. If a crew responds and can't reach the patient due to a locked gate, does that information make it back to FPB to mitigate? Fire Chiefs stated they will send out a reminder message to have crews report that information back in if/when it occurs.

5.3 LUCAS Device Implementation

- Discussed Lucas Devices vs. AutoPulse use in the County.

5.3.1 Device Configuration

- Committee consensus is to utilize recommended factory defaults for the devices.
- Some discussion on ability to change the compression ration to 122 rather than 101. Once devices are implemented in the field, we can evaluate this function and make adjustments at a later date as needed.

5.3.2 Wi-Fi Access

- Consensus of the Committee is to utilize the Cradlepoints for the medic unit LUCAS devices.
- Devices assigned to Engines will need to be configured to the station's wifi.

5.3.3 Train-the-Trainer Dates

- Looking at January Training Dates for overall implementation
- Look for mid-December dates to schedule the Train-the-Trainer sessions.
- Preference is to get devices set up and delivered into the rigs as soon as possible. Stryker can come out several times to complete the device set up.

5.3.4 CodeSTAT

5.3.4.1 Admin Users

- Agencies to send in their list of Admins to Cristy to be added into the system.

5.3.4.2 Reporting Process

- Discussed what information gets reported into CodeStat and the importance of reviewing the information to report out on the program implementation and use. Such reporting helps to justify the purchase of the devices and improve the EMS system overall.
- CodeStat report gets incorporated into the CQI process.
- Evaluate some of the subjective benefits as well such as provider fatigue during long transports and potential back injury saves by utilizing the LUCAS instead of the provider performing manual compressions during long transports.

5.4 Controlled Substance Plan DRAFT

- EDC ESA Staff review the staff report with the committee discussing the need for a documented Controlled Substance Plan. The staff report had several questions for the committee to consider as part of drafting the plan.
- Discussed current practices for Controlled Substances.
- Discussed the Audit Report received by the Sacramento Fire Department.
- Controlled Substances are heavily regulated by the DEA and a comprehensive plan is imperative to protect the JPA, the member agencies and the individual providers.
- Committee directed staff to draft a plan for presentation at the January Committee meeting.

5.5 Airgas Invoices

- EDC ESA Staff is seeking direction from the Committee on processing Airgas invoices for payment. Currently the JPA is paying the full invoices for O2 bottles at the stations where medic units are assigned to. If O2 is considered medical supply, should the JPA process payment for all of the Airgas invoices? It's difficult to determine the O2 used by the medic unit vs. the engine unit or outside agencies.
- The Committee discussed the use of O2 and came to the consensus that it is considered a medical supply item and therefore is something that can be allocated to a patient on a call when used. As such direction is that the JPA will process Airgas invoices moving forward.

- Staff will contact Airgas to updated the billing POC on the various JPA member agency accounts.

5.6 CQI Plan 2021 DRAFT

- EDC ESA Staff were directed to put together an annual plan for the JPA. Staff began researching the project including state and local requirements for CQI Plans and past practice. Staff reported out on the State and local requirements as it relates to CQI Plan.
- Committee directed staff to develop a CQI Plan for the 2021 calendar year and present the Draft at the January meeting for review.
- The JPA CQI Committee will need to be reformed with new direction and expectations. This should include review of the draft plan. Each committee member will need to sign a JPA Confidentiality form to participate in the committee.
- Discussion on the differences between the County and JPA CQI Committees

6. Committee Reports

6.1 ePCR Working Group

- 6.1.1.1 The Group is working with the transporting agencies to identify a list of approved Admins that will have Admin related access into ImageTrend

6.2 MAC Committee: No new update. Committee hasn't met.

6.3 Ambulance Spec Committee: Working on scheduling a meeting with JPA Staff.

6.4 Equipment and Supply Committee

- 6.4.1 AVL License Cost Revision/Implementation: Already covered during the meeting

- 6.4.2 PPE Inventory: No new update.

6.5 Technology_Committee: No new update.

7. Standing Items

7.1 Upcoming Events

- Reviewed calendar.
- COVID Response Zoom Meeting scheduled for tomorrow night. Meeting is being sponsored by County Public Health. Townhall style.

7.2 Review and Discuss Code 2 and Code 3 IFTs

- No new update.

7.3 Discuss Ambulance Deployment Model

- GEO is currently monitoring the move-up activity of Medic 61 specifically looking at whether they are running a call after move up.
- Sometimes the medic is being forgotten in the system. Dispatch moves them, but then may try to move them again to the same location they are currently stationed at.
- Need to really look at ambulance deployment model. Where are the calls occurring? Time of day? Secondary call? Once this data is gathered, it should provide insight into where the calls are occurring.

8. Good and Welfare

- Chief Brown asked about the purchase of new Cardiac monitors. Discussed the AFG grant they received. Notified the Committee that OES WT41 will switch to GEO on Monday and the contract for this will be on special board meeting tomorrow.
- Chief Johnson acknowledged Cristy and Brian for the work that they have already completed at the JPA. Discussed the Vegetation Management Program that was presented at a Special Fire Chief's Association Meeting. The JPA has an AdHOC Committee assembled to discuss the County Contract.
- Executive Director Veerkamp notified the Committee that his tenure with the County Board of Supervisors ends Dec 4th. He will be sworn in to his new post with EID after that. Once he completes his BOD duties he will be able to dedicate more time to the JPA.

9. Adjournment: 11:31 a.m.