October 18, 2016

Cory Richter, President, called meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Introduction of new Board members - Cory Richter President, Earl Rich Vice President, Karen Hunter Treasurer, Sally Waite Secretary.

Self-introductions of all present.

EMS Grants – matching grants opened today, County grants are open now and closing in November. Chief McCoy spoke on sustainability regarding the EMS grant funding and that it is going down 25% a year. Also, counties may consider doing their own inspections it may eliminate the need for State inspections and will cut down on the time so that the state inspector can do other things. The State will be looking at the inspection process and see how it can be improved.

F.S.401 rewrite – F.S.401 rewrite please is in the works, please attend the Legislative meeting to get more involved with the rewrite process. We must proceed with caution in this process because it will affect all of us depending on how it gets written. If you are not on Chief Mac Kemp’s email list please send an email to a-emsp-subscribe@yahoo.groups.com to sign up. F.S. 401 has not been updated in 35 years; possible changes have already been coming in from fire agencies across the State.

One possible suggestion in the 401 revision is to pay yearly for permit fees instead of individual units. No 30 day requirements, no new truck requirements, do away with tables on inspection list and go with medical director’s pre approved list.

Chief Dyal disagreed with the possible staffing requirements that may change in 401 revision regarding drivers having to be an EMT; it is an entry level job and should have an entry level position, such as not being an EMT. Some of the privates could benefit from driver only; large agencies may not work well with this. This change will affect some companies if drivers have to be certified EMT’s. We need to stick together as a group so that good decisions are made.

Balance billing is coming around again this year, so please keep informed and watch for upcoming bills. FFC and EMS Chiefs have been trying to keep us off that bill; we were the only exempted state. They are trying again to pass it so please remain diligent. Financial impact - Some negatives are that bills can be larger specifically when it comes to helicopters, and especially if they could have been driven by ground. What you balance bill is very, very little. Many insurance companies will not negotiate a reasonable rate with EMS. This issue will definitely continue.

HR 4365\Senate 2932 Bill - Medication Act – To amend the Controlled Substances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services. The DEA’s current way of things now does not address how EMS works and is designed for doctor’s office, such as one place to distribute medications. An agency with 14 stations would have to get fourteen licenses. The meds have to be delivered to each address and the financial impacts will also be an issue.

Indian River – Cory Richter is looking at new App for reporting to hospitals phone or tablet based, gives a quick report to the hospital, simple info – Track EMS, they have a BETA site and the app just came up, the hospitals gets an eta, pictures video, stroke videos to assess, can copy license for registration. This App tracks stemi, stroke, and sepsis and is custom for your protocols, you can exclude things that are not in your protocols, does door to balloon time once you get to the hospital. Better report, quick verbal and meets requirement for initial reports to the hospital. Cory can talk to you after the meeting if you are interested. The receiving hospital has a link to a website 245 encrypted no pictures are left on the phone you can give a time limit on how long pictures stay and hospitals will receive without having to pay for the services because it is only a link.

Chief Downey from Davie has using the race scale through Pulsera, for six to eight months and it’s been working well so far.

Open discussion regarding “happenings” in areas of the state represented.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Waite, Secretary

Attendance:

Dave Dyal Stuart Fire Rescue

Holly Martin Nature Coast EMS

James Dinsch Indian River State College

Gail Curry MQA

Cory Richter Indian River Co. Fire Rescue

Rodney Mascho Marion County

Sally Waite Palm Beach Co. EMS

Lynette Schurter Palm Beach Co. EMS

David Summers PBC HCD, Trauma Agency

Julie Downey Davie Fire Rescue

Joshua Sturms DOH

Matt Kinley Seminole Fire

Mike Flanagan FAEMSE

Richie Rodriguez Winter Park Fire

Raul Rodriguez National Health Transport

Anna Novo National Health Transport

Alissa Garcia National Health Transport

Roger Forbes National Health Transport

Glenn Martin Palm Bay Fire Rescue

Sandra Savia Boca Regional Hosp.

Robert Moreland St. Mary’s Hosp.

Lawrence Linder Hillsborough Comm. College

Bryan Riley Tampa Fire Rescue

Karen Davidson Hillsborough County Fire