

EMCC MEETING MINUTES April 15, 2015  
Lakeport Fire District-Station 50, 445 N. Main St., Lakeport

1. Meeting called to order at 11:20
2. Outstanding minutes of the Feb.18, 2015 meeting were approved with minor corrections.
3. North Coast EMS report: Larry Karsteadt
  - A. Governing Board meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Items to be covered: Budget, updates, Exclusive Operating Area approval & adoption, Veri-Health pending permit request, EMS Plan & Trauma Plan submittal to EMSA.
  - B. The 5150 Handbook final version has been put on line (Stacy Curry NCEMS Mental Health rep). Critical intervention team training flyer was handed out.
  - C. NCEMS is trying to put together training for Vent Assist Device pts. from Stanford Med Center
  - D. NCEMS is removing Gastric Lavage from the Paramedic Scope of Practice.
  - E. April 23<sup>rd</sup>, EMS for Children tactical meeting in Eureka.
  - F. The Transport Destination Policy has been rewritten with minor changes in wording.
  - G. There will be a 2015 State Trauma Summit in San Diego (May 6-7) & in San Francisco (June 2-3).
  - H. Image Trend-How it is working? State EMS Information Act Funds, North Coast EMS is working on a Grant application to improve information gathering.
  - I. Cheryl & Pam met with Jen Buller from SHH-Clearlake. They did chart review of pediatric cases, both EMS & walk-in's & inputted pediatric data for all EDAP's in the region. They are ensuring that all hospitals in the region stay consistent with EDAP standards.
4. Subcommittee Reports:
  - A. Medical advisory: Larry Karsteadt- There will be a TAC meeting immediately after this meeting with lunch provided.
  - B. Education: St. Helena Hospital-Clearlake: ACLS OB class in May. REACH on Tour tomorrow. Cindy Forbes has sent a schedule of FCA classes to all stations. EMS for Children is being planned. ALS-X class @ Kelseyville Fire May 20<sup>th</sup>, to include monitoring Blood Products.
  - C. Disaster: Chief Sapeta reported money for radio communications & maintenance contracts is available. "Operation Get Ready" will be in May or Early June, probably @ Crazy Creek Gliderport in Middletown. Issues

this year are, interoperable communication, evacuations having a high potential this year due to dry conditions & water shortage. County Fire Depts. are not going to have any “Wet Drills” this summer. Dr. Tait reported HPP on May 27<sup>th</sup> which will be a Volcano eruption scenario.

- D. Radio Communications: Chief Sapeta reported the Mendo repeater on Sanhedrin was tested & showed good coverage (2+ hr. driving time to get to the repeater site). We received approval from PG&E to use the Walker Ridge site for a repeater. There will be testing next month for Hwy 20/Williams, Indian Valley Reservoir & Spring Valley with portable receivers. Spring Valley: Verizon needs infrastructure & the Konocti Repeater needs work. Central Dispatch has a new Dispatch Manager. The Fire Chiefs are working with her & hope that dispatch will be more “Fire” friendly than in the past.
- E. Publicity/Funding: No current issues.
- F. Bylaws: No current issues.
- G. Membership: Bob has submitted all applications for membership, but we have not received approval for the applications yet.
- H. Policy Review: No current issues.
- I. Ambulance Review: Jim Dowdy reported the application for the LZ @ SHH-Clearlake has been submitted & the hospital is waiting for approval. There is going to be a Strike Team refresher on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Preparation is being done for the upcoming “Health Faire”. There is a transfer check list being for providers being developed, which will make for a smoother & speedier pickup of transfer patients from the two local hospitals.

## 5. Old Business

- A. SHH-Clearlake landing pad issue: Willie reported that they are waiting for approval of the landing site.
- B. St. Helena Hospital-Clearlake expansion & remodel: Tim Hall reported that the project has been completed & has received final state approval. The additional expansion is open, with a total of 12 beds. All staff are happy with the results. SHH-Clearlake ED Director is no longer with the hospital & they are looking forward to getting a new director. Chief Sapeta gave accolades to SHH-Clearlake staff for managing the hospital & interoperable communications during the recent power outage.
- C. GEMT: Chief Sapeta reported about funding streams, budget managing & recouping more money.
- D. Mercy Air/Air Methods: Larry Karsteadt reported that there was no new news & that NCEMS, County of Lake & the local hospitals have not had any recent contact with any of their personnel.
- E. Unified Disaster Control Facility: Dr. Tait reported that there have not been any further discussions regarding the issue. Larry Karsteadt

suggested that the hospitals & the County of Lake personnel should meet to discuss the need for an EM system & the options for the same.

- F. EBOLA Ambulance transport: There was discussion on this issue & funding has been approved for Ebola for Public Health (\$66,000) for HEPA units. Dr. Tait reported that we are covered for transport of Ebola patients by special out of county ambulances designated for transport of infectious disease patients to the appropriate receiving facilities for such cases.

Discussion of other unscheduled old business

## 6. New Business

- A. REACH Update: REACH & the county Fire Chiefs are working on a new contract for ground transport with the REACH crews.  
The ground unit @ SHH-Clearlake has new batteries & a charger for the power gurney.  
REACH 18: The new base in Willits has been approved & REACH 18 should be based there by July.

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Meeting adjourned @ 12:45 hrs.

Next meeting: June 17, 2015 11:00 hrs. @ Lake County Fire District-Station 70, Olympic Dr. in Clearlake