



MINUTES
FRESNO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE
January 16, 2019
CLOVIS CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
3:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Bennink	Mid-Valley Emergency Nurses Association
John Binaski	Central Valley Fire Chiefs Assn.
Shauna Day	Hospital Council of Northern & Central CA
Krista Kaups, M.D.	Fresno-Madera Medical Society
Jeff Kestley	District 4 – Buddy Mendes
Brad Richter, Chairperson	District 5 – Nathan Magsig
Michael Salvador	Fresno Madera Police Chiefs Assn.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Borboa	District 1 – Brian Pacheco
Gary Krboyan	Board of Supervisors At-Large
Kevin Reynolds	District 3 – Sal Quintero
Vacant	District 2 – Andreas Borgeas

GUESTS/STAFF PRESENT:

Dale Dotson	Central California EMS Agency
Janet Williams	Mid-Valley Emergency Nurses Association
Dan Lynch	Central California EMS Agency
Jamie Martin	American Ambulance
Steve Melander	American Ambulance
Mark Reece	American Ambulance
Sal Rodriguez	Central California EMS Agency
Todd Valeri	American Ambulance
Mark Watkins	Sequoia Safety Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m. by Brad Richter, Chairperson.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERSHIP

There was a Quorum present.

3. MINUTES

The minutes for the July 18, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2018.

4. PERFORMANCE REPORTS – JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2018.

Dale Dotson presented the Contractor's Performance Reports for the months of July, August, September, October, November and December 2018.

The liquidated damages assessed to American Ambulance for the month of July 2018 were \$1,330.00.

The liquidated damages assessed to American Ambulance for the month of August 2018 were \$10,465.00.

The liquidated damages assessed to American Ambulance for the month of September 2018 were \$2,965.00.

The liquidated damages assessed to American Ambulance for the month of October 2018 were \$2,805.00.

The liquidated damages assessed to American Ambulance for the month of November 2018 were \$2,060.00.

The liquidated damages assessed to American Ambulance for the month of December 2018 were \$4,160.00.

Dale Dotson reviewed two Failed Responses. One occurred on August 21, 2018 and the second one on December 28, 2018. Liquidated Damages for a Failed Response is \$5,000.00 per incident. The total of \$10,000.00 was assessed. There was a motion by the committee to reduce the liquidated damage amount for the December incident by half at \$2,500.00. Motion passed. The August incident liquidated damages will remain at \$5,000.00.

The total liquidated damages assessed to American Ambulance for the months of July, August, September, October, November and December 2018 was \$23,785.00

M/S/C TO APPROVE THE PERFORMANCE REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2018.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

EMS will be releasing a 5150 transport policy for a 15-day comment period. Most of the information is included in various policies, but it is now being combined into one. The draft outlines the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement on scene. Patients placed on a 5150 hold by law enforcement or authorized crisis counselor will be placed in 4-point restraints for transport. The exception is children, who are left to the paramedic's discretion. This policy is being implemented for the safety of EMS personnel and the patient. Dan hopes to implement the policy on March 1, 2019.

Dan Lynch discussed patient offload times. Wait times are increasing to 3-4 hours at some hospitals. EMS does not allow the hospitals to treat patients on their gurneys since the patient is the hospital's responsibility once they are on their property. EMS is considering allowing ambulances, after a certain amount of time, to notify the charge nurse that they are leaving, place the patient in a folding chair, and go back in service. If they cannot get a signature for the turnover, they would just document this and leave. Dan noted that there will be some exceptions, i.e., older patients who cannot sit in a chair. The patient will then be the responsibility of the hospital. American can still leave EMTs watching patients if they choose to; however, this is not required.

There was discussion on the flooding that occurred at the Health Department.

There was discussion on Stop The Bleed Program.

OPEN PUBLIC AGENDA

There was discussion on the special election concerning Coalinga Hospital lease/sale.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

The next Fresno County EMCC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 17, 2019.

Clovis City Fire Department Headquarters: 1233 5th Street, Clovis CA 93612.

Time: 3:30 p.m.



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