



Marion County Fire Rescue Emergency Services Advisory Board Meeting

February 9th, 2010

I. Call To Order- 4:01 by Chairperson Pat Gabriel. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

II. Members Present:

Paul Clark, COO Munroe Regional Medical Center
Rex Etheridge, CEO Ocala Regional Medical Center
Dr. Frank Fraunfelter, Medical Director, MCFR EMS
Thomas Lorio
Bill Glass
Pat Gabriel, Chairperson

Members Absent:

Dr. Karen Gold-(Excused)
Chief Dan Gentry-(Excused)

Others in Attendance:

Chief Stuart McElhaney, Deputy Chief Dan Azzariti, Chief Shari Hall,
Chief David Cooper, Chief Paul Nevels, Chief Bart Walker, Chief Richie
Maxwell, Karl Oltz, Bill McConnell, Peveeta Persaud, Miranda Iglesias,
Cindy Marihugh, Dr. Lee Niblock, Anna Carpenter

Attendance taken by: Felicia Grasty

III. Minutes:

Minutes from the January 12th, 2010 presented and approved

Dr. Fraunfelter discussed the instructor training not be a requirement at this time. He suggested the 2 Hour CPR training. He will brief the board on the "Family Friend" training at the next meeting

IV Staff Items:

A. Five Year Plan Update

Chief Azzariti presented data from the 5year plan Chief Azzariti will provide more data about the \$1.3 million next meeting. It was explained to Bill Glass how the EMS & Fire Budget operate

- EMS-funded by the general fund
- Fire Rescue-funded by ad volerm and assessments
- The float of 1.3million gets us through the first 3 months before assessments begin to come in

B. Fire Rescue-New Station Report

- Chief Cooper provided handouts
- Renovation of Shady Fire Station- Contract N/A
- Renovation of Belleview Fire Station-\$1,314,781.79
- Fire-EMS Logistics Building-Contract N/A

C. EMS BCC Transition Report

- Chief Azzariti discussed the highlights of the EMS transition
- Consolidation Benefits
- Fire Based efficiency -8 people on the EMS side, 6 people on the Fire Based side
- Tom Lorio has a question about the single certs-Chief Azzariti explained that through attrition is how we managed the turn over
- Rex Etherege ask if we consolidate the city & county would that save us money-

Financial Performance

Chair Pat Gabriel asked 2 questions:

1. "What's the difference in the data given at the last meeting vs.-the data in the presentation?"-Chief Azzariti says that the charts are a lot nicer and well put together that represents the data as well as them adding a few more things.
2. "How was the information received by the commissioners?" Chief Azzariti says that it was received very well. Dr. Fraunfelter really added a nice touch to the presentation that gave the general audience true understanding of the transition.

Chief McElhaney states that the 3 key elements of the transition were:

1. Save Money-**Yes, meet our expectations**
 2. Improve Response Time-**Yes, across the board**
 3. Quality of Service-as good or better; **BETTER**
- Chief Hall provided that they are using two methods that the billing dept is using to reduce charge offs and to generate revenue
 - Working with the collection agency-
 - 1. Calling the patient to offer to pay before going to credit bureau
 - 2. Negotiate with the patient to maybe figure out a percentage of the balance-these 2 items will be discussed in senior staff

Response Time Improvement

In the presentation it shows how response has improved in the:

Rural-Our goal was 20mins-we are at 17mins, which is 10mins less than EMSA's response time to this area.

Suburban-Our goal was 13mins were are at 12mins, which is 4mintues less than EMSA's response time to this area

Urban-Our goal is 9mins, however as of 12/31/09 we currently at 9.5mins, which is still one full minute of improved response time to this area then EMSA's time

Chief McElhaney talked about the level of service we are currently providing with the existing budget. Look at optimizing the system to provide the best level of service

Dr. Fraunfelter speaks in regards to the standards and response time and, being a leader of standards for your county and state for response time.

Service Continuity and Quality

Electronic Reporting has reduced expenditures as well as improve the efficiency of the billing operation-Chief Azzariti

Dr Fraunfelter explains how the electronic reports are downloaded to the hospitals while they are in route with patient

The tracking mechanism is for the electronic version is seamless

EKG's are now digital transmission that provides more rapid assembly of the cardiac cath lab team for stemi alert patients among other benefits, versus faxing the information.

Pat Gabriel says that the transition has been a big success and Public Safety is to be commended

D. EMS-Dispatch Changes

Chief Hall, Chief Maxwell, Karl Oltz, Bill McConnell & Dr. Fraunfelter worked on changing the methodology of dispatch functions, calls, etc.

There was a goal set of changing by 10%; we are at 30% change. This encompasses reducing the engine company response to an EMS call, which has saved on fuel, wear and tear and has had no negative impact to the citizens

E.Hospital Rotation

Chief Hall has proposed an internal policy

3 Most Important factors that help define the hospital choice

- A. Most appropriate facility for the nature of the injury
- B. Distance
- C. Patients Preference

F. New Rescue Units

Chief Cooper shared

- 1. Quoted \$125k, purchased for \$106
- 2. Cost \$50k-60K to equip
- 3. 49 Units total now in the fleet
- 4. Wheel Coach Units bought out of Orlando

6. Board Member Items-N/A

7. Meeting Adjourned @ 5:48

Next Meeting will be held March 9th, 2010 at 4pm, at Fire Headquarters

Minutes submitted by Felicia Grasty

Approved:

Date:

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Pat Gabriel, Chairperson