



**Marion County  
Board of County Commissioners**

**Fire Rescue**

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**Marion County Fire Rescue Emergency Services  
Advisory Board Meeting  
October 12th, 2010**

I. Call To Order- 4:07 by Chairperson Pat Gabriel

II. Members Present:

Dr. Frank Fraunfelter, Medical Director, MCFR EMS  
Paul Clark, C.O.O, Munroe Regional Medical Center  
Thomas Lorio  
Pat Gabriel, Chairperson  
Rex Etheredge, C.E.O Ocala Regional Medical Center  
Dan Gentry, Ocala Fire Rescue, Fire Chief

Members Absent:

Dr. Karen Gold-(Excused)  
Bill Glass-Resigned?(It has been verbally mentioned to Commissioner Amsden from Bill Glass that he has resigned, the board has not received anything in writing-per Dr. Niblock)

Others in Attendance:

Chief Stuart McElhaney, Deputy Chief Dan Azzariti, Chief David Cooper,  
Karl Oltz, Rob Graff, Brent Murray, Larry Stoever, Dr. Lee Niblock  
Attendance taken by: Felicia Grasty

III. Minutes

August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 adopted

Staff Items:

A. Budget Update(Commission Direction)

- Slight changes but not much per Chief McElhaney
- Handouts provided are composites of the adopted budget approved by the board.
- Chief discussed what and when the Blue Ribbon will come back to the board with its findings. Which is January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, BCC board meeting.
- Chief also discussed middle management budget cuts.

B. Fundraisings(Boot Drive)

Mr. Larry Stoever sent several letters to the County Commissioners and Fire Rescue; Chief McElhaney invited him to the meeting so that he could

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share his concerns. Mr. Stoever believes this is a huge safety hazard for the citizens and firefighters as well as it being a form of soliciting.

- Handouts were provided by Brent Murray; MDA Chairperson for MCFR.
- Brent shared that this is one of the most effective ways to reach the public, considering the time restraints.
- MDA has been active since 1954.
- 96 families that stays local.
- There is \$1million in blanket coverage.
- Rob Graff explains gain outweighs the FF getting hurt.
- Chief shared that the County Attorney can even weigh in.
- Tom Lorio doesn't agree with the it being done on duty either-" When I was Chief in Yonkers, we did it off duty and raised just as much money
- Paul Clark says that in a legal opinion, he advises safety enforcement, and ask is there a better practice?
- Dan Gentry says this is a County Commission decision not an advisory board decision.
- Dr Lee Niblock shares that the County Commission will make a decision, however the advisory board will make the ultimate decision.
- Dan Gentry says that his fire fighters do their fundraising at grocery stores and Wal-Mart's.
- Rob Graff shares that this was fought in court and won as legal panhandling.
- Brent provided handouts that show comparisons of on duty versus off duty productivity.
- Chief McElhaney says he will get with Risk Management as well as research with other counties.
- Rob Graff says that the MDA has all of that information and he will be happy to provide that to the advisory board.
- Suggestions were: Off duty personnel, not done on the roadways.
- Resolution to this will be shared with Mr. Stoever at its completion-all data will be brought back to the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Copies of the handouts were also mailed to Mr. Stoever, as he said he didn't take one at the meeting.

### C. Annual Report

- Chief Azzariti provided end of the year report handouts.
- The report shows: improvements, revenue consistency.
- Page 3 of the handout displays budgeted versus received.
- Trending is consistent.
- Page 6 talks about response time.
- Page 9 talks about the Stemi Alerts.

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- Dr Fraunfelter shared that on Page 10, there is a 90 minute time frame from the call to patient to the hospital.
- 5% of the patients go on to survival, the national average is 10%
- Prevention statistics.
- Air transports are down by 20.
- Chief Azzariti shared how the Urban, Rural and Suburban response times have improved.
- The report is a big success story.
- Kudos to Chief Hall and the billing staff.
- There are more units on the road, so response time has increased as well as revenue.

#### D. Sheriff Consolidation Proposal

- Copy of the letter was handout to board members.
- Chief McElhaney shared the Broward County Consolidation in 2003.
- He also shared how the Blue Ribbon Work Group was assembled.
- Each Commissioner appointed 1 person.
- The Sheriff appointed will also appoint 1 person.
- Chief discussed how each person was chosen.
- January 18<sup>th</sup> they will report back to the board their findings.
- January 28<sup>th</sup>, the Board will make their recommendation on the consolidation.

#### IV. Board Items

- Rex Etheridge shared his experience on his ambulance ride out, he says he was very pleased and learned a lot.
- Chief Hall shared her results on the EMS Audit-they were heavily inspected, and the outcome was an outstanding passing score.

Adjournment-5:18

Next Meeting will be held January 11th, 2010 4pm, Fire Rescue Headquarters  
Minutes submitted by Felicia Grasty

Approved:

  
Pat Gabriel, Chairperson

Date:



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