



**Marion County  
Board of County Commissioners**

**Fire Rescue**

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**Marion County Fire Rescue Emergency Services  
Advisory Board Meeting  
January 8, 2013**

**I. Call To Order- 3:04 by Chairperson Pat Gabriel**

**II. Members Present:**

Dr. Frank Fraunfelter, Medical Director, MCFR EMS  
Paul Clark, C.O.O., Munroe Regional Medical Center  
Lance Hill  
Adam Woods  
Paul Skinner  
Pat Gabriel, Chairperson  
Chief Bradd Clark, Ocala Fire Rescue, Fire Chief

**Others in Attendance:**

Chief Stuart McElhane, Chief Banta, Chief Walker, Carl Crabtree, Cindy  
Marihugh, Karl Oltz  
Attendance taken by: Felicia Grasty

**III. Minutes**

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 adopted

**A. Old Business**

- None

**B. New Business**

**1. Quarterly Report**

- Chief Hall provided handouts.
- Chief Hall shares what types of calls are listed on the pie chart going from your most traumatic to calls. Trauma injuries to anxiety, fever, and miscellaneous calls.
- Total number of calls to a facility. For instance- MRMC, ORMC and other-Mayo Clinic etc.
- Facility delays (bed delays) are discussed and Chief Hall shares that the delay is calculated after the unit has been at the facility for 20 minutes. These delays include all floors plus the ED.

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- Dr. Fraunfelter educates us on when the population density grows here with the snow birds; generally the hospitals will see more of your flu's, upper respiratory and other seasonal illness.
- Chief McElhaney shares that the overall trend of Stemi Alert calls are coming down. He attributes this to the front end.911, EMS and the hospital tools and experience.
- Chief Hall explains the advanced life support protocol for those patients that are in cardiac arrest when they arrive, not breathing
- Certain procedures are performed for a certain amount of time and if they are pronounced in the field, they are not transported
- The EMS crew will help the family contact the Sheriff's office, ME's office and so on.
- Dr. Fraunfelter explains trauma alert criteria. He shares that there is a criteria list that the patients have to meet to be considered a trauma alert. Example: Penetrating gunshot wound is considered to be a Level 1 trauma alert, emergent transport.

### C. Quarterly Report

- Chief McElhaney shares that we have not meet our urban response time of 8.59 this quarter. This is the first in 2 years we haven't meet it.
- We are only 30 seconds off. This could be from a number of things. One of them being that we had a drop in staff. However, we do have new hires coming on board in about 2-3months and we should be up and running full staff.
- Chief Hall talks about how the Shift Commanders also see these numbers and they do an excellent job of strategically placing units in the county for coverage. Otherwise, the fractile response numbers would probably be a lot higher.
- Chief McElhaney also shares that the Shift Commanders are also held accountable for overtime. So not only are they strategically placing units but, they are also cognoscente of overtime.
- Chief McElhaney shares that we are at: 23% of our regular wages, 22% fire budget, 21% EMS budget which also includes \$100 thousand in leave buyout.
- Chief McElhaney explains that we are above our target response time.
- Chief Hall explains to Paul Skinner that we are an in house billing department. We pull in about 160-170 transports a day. They are

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imported in from Health EMS. We try to process the bill within 72 hours of the transport.

- Chief Hall shares with us that the billing department has a new collection agency onboard now, United Financial. They are contingency based. Their rate is 17%.
- The payor mix is the still the same.
- There is a slight increase in charity application per Chief Hall
- Pat Gabriel asks if we are getting calls about the rate increase. Chief Hall explains that the increase of the ambulance fee is visible however; the calls are based on the mileage more so than the base rate.

**2. Tentative Budget Calendar**

- Chief McElhaney shares the budget review schedule. Cindy Marihugh put designed a calendar that depicts dates of the budget reviews and meetings with the County Administrator. Also on the calendar are tentative dates for the Fire Advisory Board to meet for a budget review workshop of the Fire/EMS Dept Budget.
- First Budget Review Workshop is: February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 3pm.
- All other meeting will remain as tentative and will be decided upon at the April 9<sup>th</sup> quarterly Advisory Board meeting.
- Chief McElhaney updates the board that the current Union President, Rob Graff was re-elected.
- Chief Cooper is now in the field as a Shift Commander and Chief Walker is at Headquarters taking on the administrative duties.
- Karl Oltz shard that the Comm. Center was down 9 people however, they are ready to hire 9 people.

**D. Board Items**

- Chief Bradd Clark shares that the consolidation is going very well. The process is very effective, efficient and is very well streamlined He is very pleased as well as his City Officials
- Pat Gabriel discusses that it is time to elect a Chair and Vice Chair. The board has voted to keep Pat Gabriel as Chair and to elect Paul Clark as Vice Chair.

Adjournment-4:10

Next Meeting will be held April 9th, 2013 3pm, Fire Rescue Headquarters

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Minutes submitted by Felicia Grasty

Approved:

*Pat Gabriel*

Pat Gabriel, Chairperson

Date:

*April 23, 2013*

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