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MINUTES OF THE FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (FICEMS)

DATE & TIME:	June 3, 2004 10:30 a.m.
LOCATION:	National Emergency Training Center (NETC) Building J, Room 101 16825 South Seton Avenue Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727
MEMBER AGENCY REPRESENTATION:	Department of Homeland Security <i>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)</i> Mr. Bill Troup United States Fire Administration Mr. Steve Dyer – Intern working for United States Fire Administration
	Department of Agriculture No Representation
	Department of Commerce (DOC) <i>NTIS</i> Wayne Strickland Jeanette Young-Reese
	Department of Defense (DOD) <i>Department of the Navy</i> CDR. Duane C. Caneva Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
	Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Ms. Nancy Romano AS Subcommittee Chair National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

	<p><i>Indian Health Service</i> Cathy Stueckemann Office of Clinical and Preventative Services</p> <p>Leah Hess Office of Clinical and Preventative Services</p>
	<p>Department of Interior No Representation</p>
	<p>Department of Justice (DOJ) No Representation</p>
	<p>Department of Labor No Representation</p>
	<p>Department of Transportation (DOT) Mr. Dave Bryson National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)</p> <p>Mr. Drew Dawson National Highway Traffic Safety Administration</p>
	<p>Department of Veteran Affairs Mr. Phil Wooten</p>
	<p>Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) No Representation</p>
	<p>Federal Communications Commission No Representation</p>
	<p>General Services Administration (GSA) No Representation</p>
OTHER ATTENDEES PRIVATE SECTOR:	<p>American Ambulance Association Mr. Kurt Krumperman</p>
	<p>American Integrated Training Systems (AITS) Mr. Billy Rutherford</p>
	<p>American Society Testing & Materials (ASTM) Mr. Pete Chambers</p>

	Council of Governments Ms. Christine Woodard
	Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System Ms. Rene Fechter
	National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Mr. Joe Robison
	VFIS Mr. Richard Patrick
DIAL-IN PARTICIPANTS:	Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Ms. Nancy Romano AS Subcommittee Chair National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Susan Dunaway
	International Association of Fire Fighters Mr. Jonathan Moore
	The Insurance Professionals Mr. Bill Leonard
	Trauma-Emergency Medical Services Technical Assistance Center Mr. Terry Mullins

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS/HANDOUTS

Mr. Bill Troup, as Acting Chairperson welcomed the group on behalf of the Mr. Hugh Wood, FICEMS Chairperson and stated that FICEMS is an information sharing group, not intended as an advisory committee. He noted that FICEMS is a Federal group strictly comprised of Federal agency membership that invites other interested parties to attend.

Handouts:

- Ambulance Safety Meeting, Draft purpose and agenda – NHTSA, David Bryson
- NHTSA Spring 2004 Safety Programs – NHTSA, David Bryson
- TBS P1 – Project Summary – IHS, Cathy Stueckemann
- NTIS Brochures: 1) Be Part of the Development of a Premier Learning Environment, www.acsel.gov and 2) American Technology Preeminence Act – Jeanette Young-Reese

II. REVIEW OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Troup mentioned the review of the March 2003 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve them. Motion was passed and the FICEMS minutes from the March 2003 meeting were approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Troup reiterated that two letters went out to the Surgeon General's Office regarding AED's; however no response was received by either effort. This issue was superceded by the new GSA regulations on public access. Mr. Troup noted this issue was closed.

Mr. Troup also noted that the committee voted and approved that the Performance Technology Subcommittee being discontinued and issues related to technology would be reported via individual agencies at the main FICEMS meeting.

Mr. Troup moved the topic of rotating the FICEMS meeting to alternate locations under New Business further along on the agenda.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Counter-Terrorism

Unfortunately, Mr. Gordon Sachs (Subcommittee Chair) was not available today to report on the Counter-Terrorism Subcommittee.

Ambulance Safety

Ms. Nancy Romano reported that the Ambulance Safety Subcommittee covered a lot of information this morning, primarily on the programs and projects that are taking place. She also addressed that as the group grows, they seem to run short on time.

Mr. Pete Chambers suggested that it was more effective when they used conference call meetings in between the quarterly meetings. This seems to allow the group to use the subcommittee time more successfully. He suggested bringing a summary of these in between conference calls to the subcommittee meeting, allowing more focused direction at the actual subcommittee meeting.

Ms. Nancy Romano inquired if the issue with the teleconference equipment has been resolved as it is still very difficult to hear on the conference phone for dial-in participants.

V. MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS

NHTSA: Mr. Drew Dawson

- The Institute of Medicine reports have a lot of influence with policy makers in congress. The initial project did not deal with pre-hospital emergency medical services. With various partners, we will expand this project. The Emergency Medical Services meetings start next week, the second subcommittee will deal with pre-hospital emergency services issues, another will deal with Pediatric emergency medical services. This will be a two-year project, reports due in June 2006. For more information, see website www.iom.edu/emergencycare. For those in the field, we encourage you to attend meetings, login and provide comments/feedback where appropriate.
- Proceeding along with the second phase of the EMS Education Agenda. This phase deals with the scope of practice model and pre-hospital emergency care providers. The report is expected out in late June for comments and national review team meeting is expected by next March/April.
- Over next 2-3 years, in conjunction with our federal partners, we will look at Work Force Issues/Analysis. The first phase will look at analysis of the EMS work force issues. The second phase will take that analysis and results and make recommendations. Mr. Bill Troup states the IAFF does outstanding work in that area.
- The last issue is our reauthorization legislation is called – Safety. DOT legislation happens once every six years. This is an administration proposal. What does that safety legislation do? It provides a statutory reference for FICEMS. A portion of this legislation will help grant programs, recommendations to congress, more influence, full advisory committee, referenced in the law etc... It would move FICEMS under a combination of NHTSA (responsible for coordinating the meetings), DHS and HHS. If it goes through, we can move forward quickly.
- Kurt Krumperman will talk further about a separate Senate bill from the Administration and how it relates to FICEMS as well.

DHHS/IHS: Ms. Cathy Stueckemann

- Ms. Stueckemann briefly discussed the structure of IHS. We are looking at several things, we are working on the status of Homeland Security funding as it relates to Indian Country. Does funding get directly to the tribes and are they aware of the funding? As a unique Government to Government relationship exist between the Federal Government and the Tribes, it can be difficult to get funding unless they go through the state (which in this case is not beneficial to the tribes or the Federal Government).
- She also mentioned the Tribal Border Security-P1 – Project Summary, see attached for more detailed information.

U.S. Navy: CDR. Duane Caneva

- CDR. Caneva mentioned one project they are trying to figure out is who will be riding on their ambulances. Traditionally it has been the corpsman but over the past several years, it has been switching back and forth between personnel and other staffing. We are trying to figure out what is the best approach, who will be the project manager etc...
- One area of interest that the committee maybe interested in is DREAMS, a Research & Development program, which provides a telemedicine capability on an ambulance

meant for the field corpsman in conjunction with a large civilian piece (may be related to the black box).

- We have also been receiving a lot of information back from Operation Iraqi Freedom on the gold standards used on the battle field. It is probably more related to helo safety protocol but that could indeed apply to the civilian world.
- Jointly across the services, we are working on creating a comprehensive Emergency Management Program.
- Military Medicine has developed a Comprehensive Training Course – it is a 12 hour course targeted for medical providers. It's worth mentioning as it is something that we can share with our Federal Partners but not sure how that would work with our civilian sector but we could look into that as well.

VA: Mr. Phil Wooten

- Mr. Wooten has no report at this time.

DHHS/NIOSH: Ms. Nancy Romano

- Ms. Romano has no report at this time.

DOC/NTIS: Mr. Wayne Strickland/Jeanette Young-Reese

- Mr. Strickland reported that their interest is to include the information on the various training classes in the NTIS database. We also circulated a brochure for additional services, see attached. For further information, go to www.acsel.gov.
- Ms. Young-Reese extended the invitation to hold the meeting at NTIS in September.

HRSA: Mr. Terry Mullins, Trauma EMS Technical Assistance Center

- HRSA recently finished the first portion of the grant review for the third year of the current project period (6 competitive and 41 continuous applications). This is the end of the project period which starts next fiscal year.
- On August 22-23, 2004, The Trauma EMS Stakeholders Meeting will be held in the DC area. This is where professional organizations are invited to send a representative where they can provide input on program initiatives and activities as well as receive updates.
- There are continuing efforts to revise the model Trauma Care Systems Plan.
- The annual Trauma Leadership Meeting is a two and a half day program tentatively scheduled the first week in February. This maybe altered somewhat as the program defines its activities for the next three years.

NHTSA: Mr. Drew Dawson

- On behalf Dan Cavanaugh and Evan Mayfield, they extend their apologies for not being here today.

USFA: Mr. Bill Troup

- Mr. Troup brought a few copies of the *Health and Wellness Guide for the Volunteer Fire Service* to the meeting. If you are interested in a copy, please contact Bill Troup.
- Mr. Bill Troup addressed that the USFA has just finished up the *Emergency Vehicle Safety Initiative*. They hope to have the report printed and on the website sometime this summer. Mr. Troup expressed thanks to those who helped on this initiative.

Now entering phase two, they are taking the recommendation from the Emergency Vehicle Safety Initiative and partnering with three major national fire trade groups to take the recommendations and develop targeted strategies for implementation with their constituent groups.

- USFA is working with the Society of Automotive Engineers – received funding from the Department of Transportation, addressing technology issues to prevent the blinding of oncoming drivers (loss of night vision).
- Another project on the horizon is the Traffic Incident Management Systems, USFA is partnering with International Fire Service Training Association to look at layout of vehicles on the highway to prevent fire fighters & vehicles from being struck as well as other roadway safety issues.

VI. REPORTS – OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

Council of Governments: Ms. Christine Woodard

Ms. Woodard has no report at this time.

SafetyTech International: Mr. Vic DeSantis

Mr. DeSantis has no report at this time.

American Integrated Training Systems (AITS): Mr. Billy Rutherford

Mr. Rutherford reported that he will send some websites that may be of interest to the committee.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Mr. Joe Robison

Mr. Robison thanked USFA for the copy of the Health and Wellness Guide.

American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM): Mr. Pete Chambers

From ASTM, there are several things going on. Specifically from an ambulance perspective, the ambulance subcommittee is now working on Phase II, improving and updating the currently passed standards. The Fixed and Rotary Wing Aircraft committee has published and approved the new standards for Fixed and Rotary Wing Medical Aircraft. More importantly to note, all the military labs were included in the process.

Two new groups have formed 1) Air Oxygen Systems and 2) Orthopedics in EMS. These two groups will begin writing the standards and putting the science behind the standards.

If you have an interest, it is really good to get involved. For further questions, contact Mr. Pete Chambers.

VFIS: Mr. Richard Patrick

Mr. Patrick has nothing to report at this time. However, he did mention they are making a concerted effort to look into patient drops. It appears it is mostly misuse of the equipment (knowledge) vs. the equipment function itself.

International Association of Fire Fighters: Mr. Jonathan Moore

Mr. Moore has nothing to report on his end. They are working hand-in-hand with some other partners in the room on a couple of projects such as the EMS Scope of Practice Project, EMS Leadership and EMS 450.

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MEMS): Renee Fechter

Ms. Fechter has nothing to report at this time.

American Ambulance Association (AAA): Kurt Krumperman

Mr. Krumperman reported on the Senator Collins Bill S2351. There was a conference in February on the condition code project where there was a 25% change by one group. There is a meeting today with the constituents groups with CMS to resolve those issues. We also are working with congress and ODP on Grants for First Responders as it relates to ambulance service providers. We had a very successful Stars for Life event, where we recognized exemplary employees for their service and they get to meet with members of congress. Lastly, Mr. Krumperman mentioned a conference in July 21-24 in Boston, MA.

VII. ACTION ITEMS REVIEW

No further review of existing action items, all have been rescheduled for September or are considered closed items.

Review of Action Items from this meeting:

1. Mr. Bill Troup will forward the Committee's unanimous (with abstention of the Acting Chairperson) vote to rotate the FICEMS meetings to the Chairperson for further approval.
2. Ms. Stueckemann will bring more information about having a Federal Panel at the IHS's November Training Conference.
3. Overall general concern is to improve the conference call capabilities. Based on the size of the room, the ideal conferencing phone would have extended microphones for this size group.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Rotation of FICEMS Meetings

Mr. Troup addressed the new business of rotating the FICEMS and its subcommittee meetings throughout the year.

Mr. Troup solicited information from the Federal participants. NTIS, NHTSA and HRSA all extended their facilities and assistance to host in the rotation if approved beginning for the December meeting. In general, it was suggested that one of the requirements for this committee is sufficient conference call capability. Being able to conference into this committee is very important but if the capabilities are not adequate, it makes it very difficult to actively participate.

The Federal members voted unanimously (with abstention of the Acting Chairperson) to rotate the FICEMS meetings.

After voting, it is the desire of the FICEMS committee to rotate the FICEMS meetings between Emmitsburg and other Federal agencies. Mr. Bill Troup will forward this request to Mr. Hugh Wood (**ACTION ITEM**) for approval

Ms. Cathy Stueckemann from IHS suggested for fiscal year 2005/2006, our training component at IHS has an annual training conference in November each year. It would be a very positive move if we had a Federal Panel at the conference. We could answer a lot of questions. Mr. Bill Troup asked Ms. Stueckemann to bring more information to the September meeting (**ACTION ITEM**).

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS FOLLOWING THIS MEETING

Counter-Terrorism meets at 1:00

X. NEXT MEETING

September 2, 2004, 10:30 a.m.,
NETC, Emmitsburg, Maryland
Building J, Room 107

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**** Please see the following pages for the handouts provided in this meeting.**