

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

DATE AND TIME: March 2, 2000 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Federal Emergency Management Agency
United States Fire Administration
National Emergency Training Center
Emmitsburg, Maryland

**MEMBER AGENCY
REPRESENTATION:** **Federal Emergency Management Agency**
Mr. William Troup
Acting FICEMS Chairperson
United States Fire Administration

Department of Agriculture
Mr. Bill Barrett

Federal Communications Commission
No Representative

Department of Defense
Commander Jerry Mothershead, M.D.
U.S. Navy

General Services Administration
Mr. Mel Globerman

Department of Health and Human Services
No Representative

Department of Interior
No Representative

Department of Transportation
Captain Garry Criddle
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Department of Veterans Affairs
No Representative

**OTHER FEDERAL
ATTENDEES:** Ms. Alex Furr
United States Fire Administration

Mr. Jeff Dyar
United States Fire Administration
National Fire Academy

Mr. Terry Glunt
United States Fire Administration
National Fire Academy

Captain Art French, M.D.
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration/
United States Coast Guard

Ms. Lu Lathan
NTIS, Department of Commerce

Ms. Patricia Gresham
NTIS, Department of Commerce

Ms. Judith Goldman
Naval School of Health Sciences

Mr. Robb Van Vliet
Naval District Washington Fire Department

**OTHER ATTENDEES
PRIVATE SECTOR:**

Mr. Kurt Krumperman
American Ambulance Association (AAA)

Mr. Joseph Robison
National Volunteer Fire Council

Mr. Chris Bayer
Henry M. Jackson Foundation

Dr. Nadine Levick, M.D.
Johns Hopkins University

Mr. Stephen Dickstein
Washington, D.C. Council of Governments

Ms. Genhi Bollinger
SCSC
Recorder

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Acting FICEMS Chairperson
Mr. Troup.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Troup reported that Mr. Ken Burris is at the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Troup provided a short background and history of FICEMS.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chairperson requested approval of the FICEMS Meeting Minutes for December 2, 1999. The minutes were approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

As requested at the December 2 FICEMS meeting, Mr. Chris Bayer of the Henry M. Jackson Foundation will be performing a briefing on their distance education activities at this meeting.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ambulance Design - Mel Globerman reported that he met with the technical director of the Ambulance Manufacturer Association regarding the proposed KKK-A-1822E GSA Federal Ambulance Design standard. He also met with Ford engineering on vehicle chassis interface issues.

He also reported that GSA will be putting the revision to the KKK-A-1822 Federal Ambulance Design standard in an e-mail message format to those FICEMS members that are interested. Mr. Troup offered Mr. Globerman assistance if he needs any members' e-mail addresses. Mr. Globerman will work with Mr. Troup on distribution of this standard to FICEMS members.

Technology – Captain Criddle reported on the March 1 retreat that NHTSA had and the EMS training technology issues brought up at that retreat.

In FY 2001 NHTSA will be looking at human performance technology issues.

NHTSA has 3,000 copies of their 1996 Training Technology Document available. Mr. Dyar and Mr. Troup both requested 600 copies in total.

V. MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS:

DOD/NSHS: Ms. Goldman reported that they have developed three new dental training programs. She reported that training programs have been developed in Composite Health Care Systems (CHCS); Pharmacy Administration; Cardiac Catheterization; and through the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, Triage Training Program for Conventional Wounds. They have also developed various training program for field hospitals on CD-ROM.

NHTSA: Captain Criddle provided additional information on NHTSA's March 1 retreat in which they lined out plans for next year. He reported that the How to Purchase and Ambulance manual is nearing completion. He also said that this and other efforts NHTSA is working on with Star Mountain are on Star Mountain's webpage at starmountain.com.

There was a discussion on NHTSA's efforts in developing a program on cultural diversity, Mr. Troup and Mr. Dyar offered their assistance to Captain Criddle in this area.

Captain Criddle also reported that their Air Medical Curricula is being revised.

Captain French reported that he was tracking three pieces of legislation, the OSHA Safe Needle Mandate; H.R. 3659 introduced by Congressman Robert Brady of Pennsylvania regarding national Hepatitis C testing for emergency responders; and S.B.1488 dealing with Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) in Federal facilities. He also reported that most of the information on the NHTSA Medical Directors Courses is on the NAEMSP website at naemsp.org.

DHHS/EMS-C: Captain Criddle reported that EMS-C has been funded at approximately 17 million dollars for FY 2000. He said that they have 14 difference partnerships currently established.

DOD: Dr. Mothershead reported on the DoD-sponsored MEDIC 2000 Conference that discusses Weapons of Mass Destruction will be held in Crystal City, Virginia on April 3-6, 2000. The target audience for this conference is local-level emergency responders. The registration fee is \$310 and for more information you may go to the following website, ndia.org.

He also provided information on a Military EMS Study project.

GSA: Mr. Globerman briefed the Washington D.C. Fire Department has purchased several ambulances and EMS chase vehicles.

USDA: No report.

FEMA/USFA/NFA: Mr. Dyar reported that the NFA EMS courses, Management of EMS and Advanced Leadership Issues in EMS have been revamped. The ALS for HAZMAT Course will be updated. He also reported on the EMS Special Operations Course.

Mr. Dyar also briefed on a current research effort related to violence in the workplace for EMS and that they will be approaching the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) with this research.

FEMA/USFA: Mr. Troup provided information on several new documents that USFA has developed and are available in printed format as well as in a downloadable format from the USFA webpage, the update and revision to *Guide to Funding Alternatives for Fire and EMS Departments*; a manual on the development of *Standard Operating Procedures for Fire and EMS Departments*; and a publication providing information on new technologies in personnel accountability. He also briefed on two documents that were created as a result of a partnership with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), the Fire Service Resource Guide and a manual on volunteer recruitment and retention. He had display copies and informed the attendees that he could provide copies of these documents to anyone interested.

He also reported that the USFA's Major Fire investigation reports are now available on CD-ROM.

Mr. Troup also reported on the new 2-day NFA course, *Fire Prevention for First Responders and Small Departments*. This course focuses not just on fire but on a total "all hazards" approach.

He also gave a short briefing on the USFA EMS Team Goals.

NTIS: Ms. Lathan reported on their March 9 satellite broadcast on the programs and services of NTIS.

She also briefed on NTIS' Media Asset Management Program which digitizes videos and other information.

She reported on NTIS's new Fire and Emergency Services catalog.

VI. PRIVATE SECTOR AGENCY REPORTS:

National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC): Mr. Robison expressed the thanks of the NVFC for the invitation to this meeting. He reported that the NVFC is active in 49 of the 50 states.

Washington, D.C. Council of Governments: Mr. Van Vliet briefed on the Fire, Rescue, EMS, Safety, and Health (FRESH) 2000 symposium being conducted by the COG on September 15-17, 2000 at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg. The cost is \$200 plus \$25 for the pre-conference seminar. The COG requests that this information be passed on to your constituents and if you have any ideas for presentation topics to let them know.

Johns Hopkins University: Dr. Levick reported that she is planning to conduct a series of ambulance crash testing in New York in the near future. She requested that if anyone has any information on ambulances that could be donated in support of this effort to contact her.

American Ambulance Association (AAA): Mr Krumperman provided an interim final report on the negotiated rulemaking related to Medicare Reimbursement for EMS (Attachment #1). This information should be in the Federal Register around April 2000. He reported that there is concern as to what the Medicare Ambulance Base Rate would be. The implementation date for this rule is expected to be January 1, 2000.

He also briefed on proposed OSHA Ergonomics Standard and that the AAA has developed a position paper opposing EMS being included in the standard.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

The FICEMS Committee membership requested that a Dr. Bob Bass, the Director of the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) be invited to the June 1 FICEMS meeting to provide a briefing on AED protocol and research. The Acting Chairperson, Mr. Troup said that he will have an invitation extended to Dr. Bass to attend the next meeting.

Mr. Chris Bayer of the Henry M. Jackson Foundation performed a briefing on their distance education programs as well as providing a background on the organization.

VIII. NEXT MEETING:

Date and Time: June 1, 2000, 10:30 a.m.

Location: NETC, Emmitsburg, Maryland

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned by Acting Chairperson Troup at 1:05 p.m.