

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

DATE AND TIME: June 1, 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
No Representative

General Services Administration
Mr. Mel Globerman

Department of Health and Human Services
Mr. Bob Waddell
EMS for Children (EMS-C)

Department of Interior
No Representative

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

Department of Veterans Affairs
No Representative

**OTHER FEDERAL
ATTENDEES:**

Mr. Jeff Dyar
United States Fire Administration
National Fire Academy

Mr. Chap Pierce
U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Mr. Mike Moore
U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

**OTHER ATTENDEES
PRIVATE SECTOR:**

Mr. Kurt Krumperman
American Ambulance Association (AAA)

Mr. Joseph Robison
National Volunteer Fire Council

Mr. Robb VanVliet
Washington, D.C. Council of Governments

Mr. Len Morrissey
American Society for Testing and Materials

Mr. Pete Chambers
American Society for Testing and Materials

Mr. Charles Glass
American Society for Testing and Materials

Mr. Doug Craven
Star Mountain

Ms. Kathy Brown
SCSC
Recorder

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by Acting FICEMS Chairperson
Mr. Troup.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Troup reported that Mr. Kirby Kiefer has recently been appointed as Deputy Superintendent of the National Fire Academy.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Acting Chairperson requested approval of the FICEMS Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2000. The minutes were approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Troup reported that Dr. Robert Bass was not able to attend this meeting to provide information on Public Access Defibrillation as requested at the March 2 FICEMS meeting. Dr. Bass has offered to host the September 7, 2000 FICEMS meeting at the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) which will facilitate his attendance. Will bring this issue up for discussion later in the meeting.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ambulance Design - Mel Globerman reported there was a meeting on the proposed KKK-A-1822E GSA Federal Ambulance Design standard on May 9, 2000 in Crystal City, Virginia. There was an agreement on changes, which were forwarded to the Ambulance Manufacturer Association. Currently developing a formal draft which will be available for review before the end of the Summer. Looking to have an effective date of January 1, 2001 on this standard.

Mr. Troup asked for a web address for this standard when it is developed. Mr. Globerman said that he will provide it to Mr. Troup.

There was discussion related to crash testing of Ambulances and design of patient compartments related to attendant restraint. The committee desired that these issues be forwarded to the Ambulance Design Committee. Mr. Globerman requested that names of any interested individuals be forwarded to him related to this.

Technology – Dr. French discussed the 1996 NHTSA EMS Technology Document.

Dr. French initiated discussion related to how to examine EMS technology and spread information regarding this to the Federal EMS community. It was recommended that the Technology Committee would examine these issues and forward this information to the FICEMS. The committee concurred with this recommendation. Any interested individuals in participating in this effort are asked to contact the Chair of the Technology Subcommittee, Captain Criddle.

Dr. French initiated a discussion regarding how many Federal EMS providers exist. Initiatives regarding how to facilitate gathering this information will also be discussed by the Technology Committee. Mr. Troup asked that if committee members had any contacts regarding this to provide it to him and he will consolidate the information and provide it to Dr. French.

Dr. French also inquired about Videoconferencing capability at FICEMS meeting. Mr. Troup said he would look into the possibility of having FICEMS meetings at facilities with this capability, but this would be often dependent on host facilities having this technology available.

V. MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS:

DOL/OSHA: Mr. Pierce provided a report on the status of proposed OSHA Standards that are of interest to the FICEMS committee membership (Attachment #1).

GSA: Mr. Globerman briefed the various Federal agencies have purchased several hundred ambulances.

USDA: No report.

DHHS/EMS-C: Mr. Waddell reported on the Conference held at the end of March on Childhood Emergencies. The biggest issue from this conference was EMS research. There will be an announcement regarding coordinated joint effort between EMS-C, CDC, and HRSA related to this. Mr. Troup asked for a copy and a website location when this announcement is released. Mr. Waddell said that he will provide it to Mr. Troup.

Mr. Waddell also reported that EMS-C is expanding and looking to perform more projects.

Mr. Waddell further reported on various research efforts being conducted related to ambulance crash research.

NHTSA: Dr. French discussed that research in EMS is very expensive and lengthy. He reported that the Federal Legislation regarding Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) (H.R. 2498, the *Cardiac Arrest Survival Act of 1999*) has passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 415 to 2.

There was mention that NHTSA has been working on two task forces, TraumaVision and the Research Agenda for the Future. Trauma Vision, is in conjunction with EMS-C and the American Trauma Society. The Research Agenda for the Future is being done through a contract with the National Association of EMS Physicians.

FEMA/USFA: Mr. Dyar reported that USFA is looking to reorganize based on functional operational organizational entities such as EMS.

Mr. Dyar also briefed that the USFA EMS Team had forwarded research recommendations in support of the development of an overall USFA research agenda and that USFA is developing a distance education infrastructure and that one of the courses on it will be EMS Administration for Volunteers.

VI. PRIVATE SECTOR AGENCY REPORTS:

American Ambulance Association (AAA): Mr. Krumperman reported that there has been nothing new since the last meeting regarding the negotiated rulemaking related to Medicare Reimbursement for EMS. The draft of this should be released in the very near future.

Mr. Krumperman also briefed on the new draft of standard released by the Committee on the Accreditation on Ambulance Services (CAAS).

He also reported that the United States Pharmacopoeia (USP) is forming a committed examining potential effects of temperature on medicines. Mr. Krumperman asked that anyone interested in serving on this committee contact him.

National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC): No report.

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. He briefed on several pre-conference seminars for this conferences. The COG requests that if you have any ideas for presentation topics to let them know. Brochures on this event were distributed to meeting attendees.

ASTM: Mr. Chuck Glass briefed that the ASTM Ambulance Design Standard (F 2020) is complete and ready for final approval that should occur on June 10. The ASTM process is open for comment and input from interested parties. For further information contact Mr. Leonard Morrissey ASTM's Manager of Technical Committee Operations at (610) 832-9730 or www:lmorris@astm.org.

Mr. Troup asked if an announcement for the release of this standard will be developed and for a copy and a website location when it is released. Mr. Morrissey said that he will provide it to Mr. Troup.

STAR MOUNTAIN: Mr. Doug Craven reported that they have completed the video on Bystander Care for NHTSA and that the Prehospital Brain Injury Training Program pilots have also been completed. The roll out for the Brain Injury Program should occur in September.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Waddell stated that the Utah EMS-C Office was inquiring on how to find somebody with disaster EMS background. Mr. Dyar offered Mr. Waddell assistance with this matter.

An inquiry was made regarding having a representative of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) attend FICEMS meetings. Mr. Troup offered to contact CDC and invite them to attend. Dr. French offered to provide a specific point of contact at CDC to invite.

VIII. NEXT MEETING:

Dr. Robert Bass has offered to host the September 7, 2000 FICEMS meeting at the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) which will facilitate his attendance to provide information on Public Access Defibrillation as requested by the committee. The Acting Chair, Mr. Troup, will contact Dr. Bass to formalize this. He will also inquire as to videoconferencing capability at this facility.

Date and Time: September 7, 2000, 10:30 a.m.

Location (Tentative): Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services
Systems (MIEMSS)
653 West Pratt Street, Room 212
Baltimore, Maryland

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned by Acting Chairperson Troup at 12:40 p.m.