

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

December 18, 2014

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council met at EMS & Fire Administration, Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, at 10:00 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Kelly Cullen, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter (Chair)  
Chief Joseph Connors, Clearwater Fire Department  
Chief Joe Accetta, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association (Vice-Chair)  
Maj. Sean Jowell, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office  
Amber Boulding, Pinellas County Health Department  
Mayor Travis Palladeno, Mayors' Council (Madeira Beach)  
Beth Rawlins, Citizen Representative  
Ray Neri, Citizen Representative (Secretary)  
Joy Lewis, Citizen Representative  
William Holmes, Citizen Representative  
Anne Scofield, Citizen Representative  
George McCarthy, Citizen Representative  
Chief William Scott, Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers Association  
Mark Postma, Sunstar Paramedics  
Dr. Kenneth Webster, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society

Absent:

Chief Ian Womack, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue  
Capt. Scott Zweifel, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue  
Mayor Chris Arbutine, Mayors' Council (Belleair Bluffs)  
Mayor Doug Bevis, Mayors' Council (Oldsmar)  
William Israel, Citizen Representative  
Dr. Scott Kuebler, Citizen Representative  
Dr. Phillip Nicotera, St. Petersburg College, Health Education Programs  
Dr. David Weiland Jr., Pinellas County Medical Association  
Anissa Raiford, Pinellas County Medical Association  
James Terry, Independent Fire District Elected Official  
Kathleen Litton, Independent Fire District Elected Official

Also Present:

Craig Hare, EMS & Fire Administration  
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate EMS Medical Director  
Carl Brody, County Attorney's Office  
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration  
Alexandra Dolce, EMS & Fire Administration  
Shawn Tatham, EMS & Fire Administration  
Capt. Glenn Luben, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office  
Susan Byrd, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter  
Chief Bob Markford, Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers Association

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Cullen called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Roll was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum present. There were 15 voting members in attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 18, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Neri made a motion to approve the minutes and Mayor Palladeno seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

**EMS Director:** Mr. Hare briefed that EMS and Fire had combined into the EMS & Fire Administration and introduced Mr. Keith Murray as the new Fire Coordinator within that department.

Mr. Hare introduced and welcomed Mr. John Todaro, the new CME/EMS Academic Coordinator at St. Petersburg College.

Mr. Hare briefed the timeline for the Ambulance Services RFP and identified the members of the Evaluation Committee for that bid process.

Mr. Hare reported that the 2015 Medical Operations Manual would go live on January 7, 2015.

Mr. Hare briefed that Chief John Schmidt from Seminole Fire Rescue would become the new Hazardous Materials Team Commander replacing longtime Commander Chief Craig Maciuba who is now the fire chief for Palm Harbor Fire Rescue.

In response to a question from Mr. Neri, Mr. Hare briefed the readiness of our system to deal with the Ebola threat.

**EMS Medical Director:** Dr. Dooley reported that the pediatric bags that were presented at the last meeting have been issued out to the system.

Dr. Dooley gave an overview on the Center for Prehospital Medicine and what the group could expect to see during the tour.

**Sunstar:** Mr. Postma reported that Sunstar was in the process of moving their dispatch function to the new Public Safety Complex and that would involve approximately 30 employees.

Mr. Postma reported that the first week in December was the third busiest ever in terms of call volume.

**First Responders:** Chief Accetta briefed the First Responder system statistics and introduced a new report that incorporates all emergency and downgraded responses by age.

Chief Accetta reported that a Water Rescue Committee put together by the Fire Chiefs Association in conjunction with County staff will meet in the next month.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Woodrum provided an update on upcoming reappointments that he will be submitting to the EMS Authority prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Woodrum also pointed out that the next meeting will be the annual meeting where an election of officers will take place and Mr. Brody covered the procedure to submit nominations for those positions.

Mr. Brody briefed the EMS Advisory Council concerning Sunshine Law as it related to the tour that was taking place after the business portion of the meeting.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on March 19, 2015 at 10 A.M. This will be the annual meeting and will include the election of officers.

## **TOUR OF THE CENTER FOR PREHOSPITAL MEDICINE**

The EMS Advisory Council toured the Center for Prehospital Medicine and received a demonstration of an emergency response scenario conducted by Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue and Sunstar Paramedics using high fidelity simulation mannequins.

Also on static display for the tour were the Critical Care Transport team and a 26-patient ambulance bus which is used for mass casualty events.

## **TOUR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX**

The EMS Advisory Council toured the Public Safety Complex which included the Emergency Operations Center and the Regional 9-1-1 Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The group returned to EMS & Fire Administration where the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

An audio recording of this meeting as well as any correspondence received is on file at Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration.