



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AD HOC EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

MEETING LOCATION Lee Vining Community Center, 296 Mattly Avenue, Lee Vining, CA 93541

These minutes are meant as a summary only. A copy of the audio file is available in the Clerk's office upon request

November 5, 2015

1:10 PM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Fesko.

Present: Chairman Fesko, Lynda Salcido, Rosemary Sachs, Bob Rooks, Mike Geary, Rick Mitchell, Dr. Rick Johnson, Fred Stump, Dave Robbins, Jack Copeland, Frank Frievalt, Leslie Chapman, Ralph Lockhart.

Absent: None.

Adjourn: 4:10 p.m.

*This meeting was held in conjunction with a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to potentially ask questions and/or make comments during the following workshops: 1. Overview of Current EMS System, and 2. EMS Models Workshop. *

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Fesko.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Meeting Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approve minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 22, 2015.

Item was not addressed

B. Meeting Minutes

Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 1, 2015.

Item was not addressed

C. Overview of Current EMS system

Overview of current Mono County EMS system, including role and involvement of Mono County Paramedics, local fire protection districts, private providers, and others. Discussion of possible modifications to current system.

Action: None (informational only). Provide any desired direction to staff.

Introductions were made among the EMS Committee members and members of the Board.

Frank Frievalt:

- Down to four models: existing system with modifications, interface with fire, private models, or a hybrid system.
- Having a hard time rating models.
- Will show maps and discuss potential call types and view how system operates.
- Hybrid system already exists in a fashion with some cooperation.
- Four parts of discussion: policy, admin, legal, and operations.
- End goal today is to be able to rate options.
- Handout should include Medic 8 in Bridgeport.
- Call types.
- MWTC is at Base Commander discretion.

Jack Copeland:

- Issues with private option - \$3 million /year, \$2 million shortfall. Not viable as a private business. Parts of system may be viable, such as 395 corridor.
- All options are open.

Supervisor Stump:

- Are you assuming no county subsidy of private?
- Thinks contribution will be required, but at what level?

Bob Rooks/ Kevin Smith:

- Map and magnetic decals show location of assets available.

Supervisor Fesko:

- MWTC has 2 units. 1 is reserve and often not available for county.

Overview of Call types: Frank Frievalt and Kevin Smith.

Call 1:

- MMSA, could be winter or summer.
- Medic would respond, dispatch would tell them where to go, and give ETA for patient to staging. 5 miles, 10 minutes to Main Lodge. Mammoth Fire typically does not respond.
- Winter resource deployment plan:
- Rigs are moved in morning. Medic 2 will go to Mammoth from 10-4. Medic 7 moves from Bridgeport to June Lake. Sometimes Medic 1 moves from Walker to Bridgeport. Sometimes Medic 7 bypasses June and goes to Mammoth so they can get training/practice/experience.

- No summer rotation: calls are more spread through the county.

Rosemary Sachs:

- Will often meet ambulance with gurney to speed turnaround of medics.
- In winter, SME ambulances are considered transportation unit and are called directly by MMSA. All are ICEMA certified. If these went away, medic call volume would probably go up some.
- SME does not charge for transport. Some patients refuse paramedics/ambulance because of cost.

Supervisor Fesko:

- SME transport, do they transport to Airport? They will transport to Bishop for elective surgery. This is potential loss of revenue to medic system.

Dr. Rick Johnson:

- SME does not transport to the airport.

Bob Rooks:

- Other resources, such as reserve Medic 6, can be brought in as needed or for busy and/or holiday periods.
- About 60% of calls are in Mammoth.

Call 2:

- General call to residence in June Lake. Dispatch will send Medic 2 and June Lake Fire volunteers. Typical transport to Mammoth. Serious transport will use helicopter, takes 45-60 minutes. Will call them early to get them enroute. Serious goes to Reno for more definitive care. Ambulance may go north with patient to predetermined landing zone.
- If Medic 2 is in Mammoth, Medic 7 will have deployed from Bridgeport to June.
- Fixed wing aircraft can meet ambulance at Mammoth airport. If patient goes to Mammoth Hospital, they can call Careflight if needed. Air transport not available in bad weather.

Jack Copeland:

- 50% reimbursement is about best we can hope for.

Call 3:

- Motor vehicle accident on 395 in Walker Canyon. Medic 1 and 7 respond immediately. Vehicle accident assumption is always that there are multiple patients. If only 1 victim, closest ambulance continues, other returns to home base.
- Antelope Valley will send Fire response. MWTC may/may not respond.
- Transport non-serious from Medics to Carson Valley Medical Center, 1 hour to get there. Medic 1, +/- 1 hour return. Medic 7, +/- 1.5 hours. Medic 7 is minimum 3 hours on transport and treatment.
- Motor vehicle accident may require extrication from vehicle.
- Dispatch will send closest Fire Dept regardless of district.
- In critical scenarios, helicopter will land right at scene. If necessary, will drive and meet at alternate location. If helo not available, will drive wherever needed, includes Reno.
- Units will rotate north if Walker and Bridgeport are unavailable.
- We have mutual aid agreements with East Fork if necessary.

Supervisor Stump:

- Highway call volume increases drastically in bad weather.

Rick Mitchell:

- Will units rotate north if Walker and Bridgeport are unavailable?

Bill VanLente:

- Is East Fork available if necessary?

Call 4:

- Walk in and carryout: Somebody is injured in back country and requires on-site assistance. If stable, Search and Rescue are primary resource, and medics will meet them and patient at trailhead.

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- If serious, may have helicopter land at site and handle directly.
- Medics can hike in with Search and Rescue, then use wheeled litter to transport. Takes 4 people on litter, need backups to spell each other. Very slow, 1 mile per hour. In Bridgeport, about equal distance from hospitals, so typically give patients choice where to go.

Call 5:

- Air transport from site (already covered). Dispatch will not send Careflight directly – Sheriff or medics make the call.

Call 6:

- Air transport from hospital.

Rosemary Sachs:

- Hospital calls Careflight often before they get a doctor at Renown. May drive patient to Bishop if needed, will keep patient at hospital until flight can get in somewhere.
- Fairly common call, typically 1 per day in winter.
- Medic 3 meets flight at airport, brings them to hospital, takes patient and crew back to airport, or can take just patient to meet aircraft. On a long call, will rotate Medic 2 from June Lake to Mammoth to cover.

Call 7:

- Paramedic response to non-EMS incidents with Fire Dept or Law Enforcement; fires, law enforcement, etc.
- Not automatic in the Tri-Valley.

Call 8:

- Calls to Tri-Valley: Benton – Fire District will send unit.
- A) Medic 3 will start driving – 1 hour response – until confirmed that other transport is available. Mono County may call Bishop, who send Symons.
- B) Symons can't come, Medic 3 comes over. White Mtn Fire may transport in volunteer ambulance depending on level of care required.
- C) If no volunteer response – Medic 3 goes all the way in, stabilizes and transports to Bishop.
- If Hwy 120 East is open, sometimes it's faster to use Medic 2. If Medic 3 goes, Medic 2 goes to June Lake, Medic 7 rotates to Lee Vining.
- There is no formal mutual aid agreement with Symons ambulance.

Call 9:

- Calls on 120 from Lee Vining to Yosemite.
- Park has ambulance staffed with Ranger. Do not like to leave Park. Park calls Mono dispatch. Medic 2 drives up and picks up patient for transport. Happens every 1-2 days in summer. If accident, Lee Vining Fire responds.
- We don't have mutual aid agreement with Park, we just do it.

Call 10:

- Scheduled transport to long-term care.
- Skilled nursing facility in Bishop. Medics will also sometimes transport patients to psychiatric treatment – could be Sacramento, Los Angeles; arranged by hospital.
- Down a unit while transporting, do not call in reserve unit.
- Very rare, done to help Behavioral Health. Typically use Medic 2 out of June Lake. If Medic 3 goes, Medic 2 rotates so Mammoth is always covered.

There are other calls, but these are the most common.

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D. EMS Models Workshop

(Bill VanLente) - Interactive workshop led by Bill Van Lente regarding potential EMS models for Mono County, including review and discussion of information received to date, discussion of details related to specific models, and future steps. Any additional information or attachments will be distributed at the meeting.

Action: Provide any desired direction to staff.

Goals: County-Wide, Fiscally Sustainable, High Quality.

Stacey Simon:

- Change in provider/new entity will require competitive bidding.
- ICEMA would handle any RFPs, cost to county would be minor. ICEMA feels a subsidy will be required to any potential bidders.
- Current level of subsidy is +/- \$2 million. If private would require same, there is no savings.
- ACA may allow EMS to take people to other billable locations.
- Labor cost is 90% of program; does not include A-87 funds (HR, legal, etc.).
- What does the Board want? The committee is doing its job, giving Board recommendations, options, pros and cons.

Frank Frievalt:

- What would be different with a private provider?
- How much institutional history would be lost?
- What would happen if private business is not viable and county had to restart program?
- If we go the RFP route, and we have good interest, that would indicate there are efficiencies to be gained.

Supervisor Fesko:

- If Board did not think there is a moral obligation to provide EMS, we wouldn't be here.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Wants to see system made more efficient. We have a good Solid Waste system, but we had to raise rates and run more efficiently. Taxpayers want a system that works, is efficient, and provides benefit.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Agrees with Supervisor Johnston. County is 3,100 sq. miles, need to get most bang for dollars. Everything is on the table.

Supervisor Stump:

- There will have to be a financial contribution. Future Boards may say the program should be dropped because the county can't afford the contribution. We have to address the money issue.

Lynda Salcido:

Inyo County contributes \$0 general fund to EMS. Is that what we want?

Due to time constraints, this item has been continued to the next scheduled EMS meeting on November 19, 2015.

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TIMOTHY E. FESKO
CHAIRMAN

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CLERK OF THE BOARD