

## Thomas Jefferson EMS Council, Inc.

### Board of Directors – September 12, 2001

#### Directors Present (per signature sheet at meeting, several BOD were excused as noted on the signature sheet):

R. Burdge	D. Burns	W. Cyrus	R. Faber	J. Feathers	T. Goodrich
L. Hatter	J. Heavlin	B. Hopkins	M. Johnson	B. Keene	G. Linbeck
G. Nuckols	J. Pendolino	J. Whiting	J. Thomas	W. Thompson	R. Uttaro

#### Others Present:

D. Feathers (voted as a BOD this meeting)	J. Oprandy (voted as a BOD this meeting)		
M. Berg	L. Jenkins	D. Cullen	W. Sparks

Meeting called to order by President, D. Burns at 1935

#### GENERAL

- Excused BOD members listed on attendance sheet.
- Guests: Welcome to Cookie Conrad – new TJEMS office manager. Her hours will be 0900 to 1700 Monday through Thursday. Wes Sparks here for T. Hensley of Wintergreen
- New members voted on and approved: D. Feathers for Fluvanna Rescue and J. Oprandy for Albemarle County.
- The minutes were approved.
- The Treasurer's report was handed out with the agenda, approved.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The redistricting maps (please see MCRC minutes for additional information) were handed out. It was stated that these did not represent the true results of the Focus Group meeting in July that Mike, Lewis, and Junior attended. It was felt that populations, hospitals, resources and the diversity of the different councils were not considered. It appears that what was discussed at the meeting and what went to the advisory board is different. Overall, nothing was decided at the Focus Group meeting except to have another meeting with a smaller group. Donna will be talking to Gary Brown to find out what the driving force is behind redistricting, and if we can stay as we are now because of possible negative impacts on patient care, regional protocols effectiveness, and financial donations from counties. It was also stated that we want to know what is currently ineffective in the councils that changes need to be made. Dave Cullen stated that part of the driving force for possible change is the current code, which requires that the state look at council redistricting periodically. He advised Donna to ask that the executive management team be at her meeting with Gary Brown.  
At the end of the meeting, Dave also mentioned again the smaller follow up meeting to the Focus Group meeting, and it was recommended that Junior and Mike attend.
- According to the new rules and regulations, EMS agencies must have a documented criminal history check on each person that is associated with patient care. The check is operated by the state police and the information received needs to be kept in a locked file separate from the training records. Feedback from the history check state the person has or hasn't a record, but doesn't indicate the offense unless abusive or sexual. Donna asked the agencies who have a policy in place to bring them to the next meeting. She wishes to put together something for the council before doing actual background checks. It was brought up that there is a service free for volunteers through the Internet.
- There has been a change in ALS funding. Currently, the council submits a grant to pay preceptors. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, reimbursement will be made to the students after completion of the class. Therefore, students will now have to put the money up front. Also, squads cannot get reimbursed.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The deadline for the RSAF Awards is September 17 (since this BOD meeting, it was changed to Sept. 24). Reminder to get OMD signatures. Mike will hand deliver the grants. The ranking process will be held Oct 10<sup>th</sup> here (Headquarters).
- There is no preliminary budget for FY03; it will be available at the November meeting in rough draft. The FY02 budget is very tight due to cost increases. Near the end of the meeting, Mike

requested help for a tentative council five-year plan. Jeff Heavlin, George Linbeck, and John Oprandy will assist.

## **TRAINING COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Linda teaching)**

### **UPCOMING TRAINING**

- ALS skills drill this month.
- Designated Officers Course Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at CARS.
- CISM Training Course in September cancelled.

### **MCRC ISSUES (see MCRC minutes, redistricting already discussed)**

### **COMMITTEES**

- The licensing of the counties was discussed at the communications meeting. They will be re-doing the plan from 15 years ago.
- Nothing from the OMD meeting.

### **OFFICE OF EMS – D. CULLEN**

- Dave Cullen is the current acting Regional Representative. The new temporary representative will be Heather Phillips who is replacing Neal. In a few months we will get somebody full time.
- On Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, the office is interviewing B. Downs' replacement.
- No report on training.
- There is an anticipation to split Virginia in half and have seven representatives. This will give people an opportunity to move up and decentralize decision-making.

Current re-organization includes Dave as acting Program Representative Supervisor. When someone else fills this position, that person will report to Dave. Everyone else will report to Gary except the newly created Customer Service, which is under Scott Updike. Scott also has the Regions and Training.

- To review the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> disaster, New York called at 1100 to the VA OEMS and requested help. The response was that we needed to take care of Virginia first. Three task forces were mobilized, but none were moved. Once the fire was out at the Pentagon, it became a federal situation. Mike expressed appreciation to all counties who sent help. At the time of this meeting, the CISD team and task force were still on 12 hour alert.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- The CenTIRs is not in complete operation yet, but is being used in training. MJH has a printer.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- This may be a good time to look at potential Task Force funding from the community. There is no funding from the state because it is not a line item in the budget. Donna asked for a wish list of specific items that could be solicited from businesses.

### **Meeting Adjourned 2045**

Juliann Pendolino, Secretary