

AGENDA

INYO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



SIERRA LIFEFLIGHT
703 Airport Rd
Bishop, CA



March 24, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Purpose: Information Sharing

Meeting Facilitator: Mike Patterson

Timekeeper: Paul Easterling

Record Keeper: Gina Ellis

AGENDA ITEM		PERSON(S)	DISCUSSION/ACTION	TIME
I.	CALL TO ORDER	Mike Patterson		1800 - 1801
II.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES January 27, 2014	Mike Patterson	Action	1801 - 1803
III.	DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS			
	A. ICEMA Update	Tom Lynch	Discussion	1803 - 1820
	B. EMS Radio System/Repeater Update	Dr. Johnson	Discussion	1820 - 1830
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INYO COUNTY EMCC MEETING
Lone Pine Fire Department
130 North Jackson Street
Lone Pine, CA 93545

January 27, 2014

Voting Members Present:

Mike Patterson, Chairperson	Sierra Life Flight, Program Director	mike@sierraaviation.com
Carl Dennett	Southern Inyo Fire Protection Dist.	sifpd@yahoo.com
Dr. Rick Johnson	Inyo County Public Health	drjohn@gmail.com
Judd Symons	Symons Emergency Specialties, Inc.	juddsymons@aol.com
Lloyd Wilson	Big Pine Fire Department	dlwilson41@msn.com
Phil Ashworth	Independence Fire Department	philinyo@usamedia.tv
Steven Davis	Olancha Cartago Fire Dept., Chief	olanchafd@aol.com
Lisa Erwin	Northern Inyo Hospital	lisa.erwin@nih.org
Le Roy Kritz	Lone Pine Fire Department, Chief	LChief2401@yahoo.com
Lee Barron	Southern Inyo Hospital	leebee40@aol.com

Voting Members Absent:

Joe Cappello	Independence Fire Department	jcappello@cebridge.net
Marty Fortney	Big Pine Fire Department	marty@aberdeenresort.com
Andrew Stevens	Northern Inyo Hospital	Andrew.stevens@nih.org

Other Attendees:

Gina Ellis	Inyo County HHS	gellis@inyocounty.us
J. Paul Melendrez	CAL Fire	j.melendrez@fire.ca.gov
Jean Turner	Inyo County HHS	jturner@inyocounty.us
Paul Easterling	ICEMA	peasterling@cao.sbcounty.gov
Suzi Dennett	Southern Inyo Fire Protection Dist.	sifpd@yahoo.com
Nick Vaughn	Inyo County Sheriff	nvaughn@inyocounty.us
Matt Kingsley	Inyo County Board of Supervisors	mkinsley@inyocounty.us
Tom Lynch (via phone)	ICEMA	Tom.Lynch@ca.sbcounty.gov

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Mike Patterson called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 MINUTES

A motion was made by Judd Symons, and seconded by Lloyd Wilson to approve the meeting minutes of September 30, 2013. There was no objection to the motion; motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. ICEMA Updates

1. EMS MISS II

Tom Lynch reported most of the 42 providers are on the ePCR system, the others are on track and being trained.

2. State EMS Authority (EMSA) Data Repository Project
3. Tom reported that for the first time ever, California submitted NEMSIS data to the National Highway Traffic Administration who manages the NEMSIS database, and ICEMA was acknowledged publically by EMSA for its contributions.
4. California Office of Health Information Integrity (CAL OHII) Grant
5. Tom reported ICEMA received two CAL OHII grants. The first grant was to demonstrate the feasibility of linking Base Hospital Data with the ImageTrend ePCR and ICEMA was able to demonstrate that it is feasible. The second component is to enroll regional local EMS agencies into the process, and ICEMA has been successful on that as well. He added that more detail on the subject was included in the meeting packet. Related to all of the above, there has been very active discussion with the Inland Empire Health Information Exchange (IEHIE). IEHIE has the ability to link various components of electronic patient records and it's one of the components of the Affordable Care Act. Lee Barron added the hospitals in Inyo and Mono Counties as well as Ridgecrest will be submitting data to IEHIE.

B. 2011 AND 2012 Annual Reports

Mike Patterson stated this was the same report that was tabled at the last meeting, but it was not agendized.

Motion to approve
MSC: Davis/Dennett

C. Maddy Funding

Jean Turner reported the Annual Distribution would be happening in April. Marty Fortney stated that he requested this agenda item because he was hoping for an update on the Maddy Funds. He stated the radio request he called about was no longer an issue. Jean gave a quick explanation about how the funds could be distributed, noting that they are distributed annually in April. She added that if anyone had questions, to please contact her office.

D. EMT Test Proctors Payment

Jean Turner spoke about the history of the issue of payment for the proctors saying that in 2012 the EMCC supported the idea of spending up to \$1,800 for stipends for proctoring. She asked if the group still wanted to pay that amount, and if it would be paid to the Office of Education. It was suggested that if the Office of Education had not requested funds, to wait and see if they requested it, since these funds could be used for other needs in the future, such as repeater repair.

E. EMS Radio System

Nick Vaughn reported that the existing EMS license with the FCC was renewed for 15 years. He said that his office has entered an agreement with HHS to act as a liaison to get the existing license renewed. If that doesn't work, it will have to be a whole new license, and a second license will be needed for a new repeater that will be put on Mazourza Peak. He and others spoke about the areas that the existing repeaters serve. He stated that he has been working with John Nielsen on this project, and had an

estimated cost of \$5,000 for the equipment and licensing. There was discussion on the cost. He went on to say that the goal is to end up with two repeaters on each mountain top. These modifications will not have any impact in South East Inyo County.

F. EMCC Membership Terms

Jean Turner reported that seven membership appointments were made at the January 21, 2014 meeting of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors. The appointments were Phil Ashworth, Steven Davis, Mike Patterson, Lisa Erwin, Andrew Stevens, Judd Symons and Lloyd Wilson, to serve two year terms ending December 31, 2015.

G. 2014 Meeting Dates

The proposed meeting dates for 2014 were as follows:

- January 27, 2014
- March 24, 2014
- May 19, 2014
- July 21, 2014
- September 22, 2014

All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and a meeting could be added at the end of the year if needed.

IV. EMS SYSTEM MANAGEMENT REPORTS

The January 2013 – December 2013 ALS, BLS and Base Hospital reports were available. There were no questions on the reports, but it was noted that Scantrons are no longer being accepted. A comment was made that the reports are great, and departments are getting really good data from it.

V. OTHER/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Patterson asked Tom Lynch if anyone was going to address the Critical Care Paramedic curriculum, saying that it had been approved by the State by Title 22 standards, and asked if ICEMA had any plans to do online training. Tom Lynch replied that he was not aware of any plans to conduct the training, and that there are no protocols at this time, it is the state standards that are set by regulation, but that if a provider is interested in doing that, ICEMA would review the curriculum. It was suggested to draw existing protocols from other areas or states and create draft protocols tailored to the needs of the area and submit them to ICEMA for their review.

LeRoy Kritz commented that the Lone Pine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors directed him to request a parcel tax in support of the ambulance service. He said that if the parcel tax does not get passed, the fire department will probably be out of the ambulance service. Since the service is strictly income that is generated, and the run volume is down, and Medicare and Medi-Cal are paying less, they are not able to make ends meet on the current revenue. He asked for the groups support when they hear talk in the community. There was discussion on several items including: A) the dramatic reduction in reimbursement for all departments, and the reduction in call volume; B) the Board of Supervisors becoming a special district for EMS; and C) Exclusive Operating Areas versus Fire District boundaries. Supervisor Matt Kingsley recommended that a meeting be scheduled with the Board of Supervisors to keep this issue in the forefront.

Paul Easterling reported on the largest call volume ever seen in San Bernardino County. The bed delays at the hospitals have also dramatically increased, as well as the issues that

come with the ambulances having to standby because of bed delays. The ICEMA Department Operations Center (DOC) has been activated since about January 1st, and ICEMA has been requesting daily HAVBed reports. Since the flu season has yet to peak, and Tamiflu supplies are running short, no reductions in bed delay are anticipated. ICEMA has issued surge cots to some of the providers, and based upon specific criteria, crews are observing multiple non-critical patients. There was discussion on why it would be the ambulance provider's responsibility instead of the hospital. ICEMA is really urging hospitals to utilize surge plans.

VI. REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Repeater Update

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

March 24, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at Sierra Life Flight Hangar on Airport Road in Bishop, weather permitting, or Northern Inyo Hospital as an alternate location.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Judd Symons, seconded by Lisa Erwin to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.