



MONO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE



**Mammoth Hospital
ED Lounge/Conference Room**

**November 2, 2010
9:00 a.m.**

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF JULY 20, 2010 MINUTES

III. ICEMA UPDATE

- A. Medication Shortages
- B. STEMI
- C. Stroke Center Update
- D. MCI Reviews

INFO/ACTION

IV. EMS SYSTEM MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- A. Scantron Data
- B. Base Hospital Report
- C. ePCR Update

INFO/ACTION

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EMTs and First Responders Update
- B. Other

INFO/ACTION

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Vote on letter drafted by Mono EMCC to the DMV Supervisor in regards to an exemption for dual EMT ambulance staffing in rural territory, currently covered by volunteer based BLS.

INFO/ACTION

VII. OTHER/PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUEST FOR TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Mono County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If assistive listening devices or other auxiliary aids or services are needed in order to participate in the public meeting, requests should be made through the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency at least three (3) business days prior to the EMCC meeting. The telephone number is (909) 388-5823, and office is located at 515 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA



MONO COUNTY EMCC MEETING

Mammoth Hospital
A/B Conference Room
Mammoth Lakes, CA

MINUTES
July 20, 2010

Committee Members	Affiliation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Mikulicich	Mono County Paramedic Rescue Chief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Rick Johnson, MD	Mono County Health Officer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Rooks	Mono County Fire Chief's Association
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Baitx, RN	Mammoth Hospital
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosemary Sachs, RN	Mammoth Hospital

Other Attendees	Affiliation
Diane Fisher	ICEMA
Mark Roberts	ICEMA
Ales Tomaier	Mammoth Lakes Fire Department
Ray McGrale	Mono County EMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 25, 2010 MINUTES

Motion to approve by Dr. Johnson, second by Rosemary....all in favor w/none opposed.

III. ICEMA UPDATE

A. Medication Shortage Update

ICEMA has kept us in the loop with advanced notice about the shortage of certain medications. Mono County has not had any problems to date, and it appears that stocks are back up to normal.

B. Implementation of 2010 EMT Regulations

From ICEMA's perspective, things are progressing. Several agencies are still behind the curve but are working towards complete compliance.

IV. EMS SYSTEM MANAGEMENT REPORTS

A. Scantron Data

Mono County appears a little off the mark for total stats at this time of the year. Scantrons are probably being neglected (not mailed in within a timely fashion) as the troops are concentrating on a new electronic billing service format and have probably put off some of their paperwork requirements. This is somewhat of a continuing problem, and word will go out to remind members of their duties.

B. Base Hospital Report

Things are pretty much status quo. There was talk about the possibility of Mammoth Hospital getting a wireless printer from ICEMA; however, Dr. Johnson said he might be able to facilitate this with grant funding, which he will look into. Mark from ICEMA is working with Mammoth Fire to get its e-PCR system up and running in the mean time. (Mark is also training the Inyo County Fire Departments; Big Pine, Independence, Lone Pine and Southern Inyo Fire Departments with their e-PCRs.) Mark has been instrumental in supporting the Healthware Solutions software, and continues to be available for assistance. Mark (from ICEMA) also reminded Mark (from Mono County) that e-PCRs could be entered on a desktop in the station, which would be a major step towards getting out of the dark ages!

UPDATE: Great News! Project Digital 395 has been approved for funding. Within 3-4 years the project should bring a Broadband connection between southern California and Nevada, along the Hwy. 395 corridor. Mikulicich promises to upgrade electronically by then (...how's that for additional stalling?).

V. OLD BUSINESS

EMTs and First Responders Update

Mark M. gave a run down on County-sponsored EMT training and county budget issues related to this project. Requested funding for a continued annual contract has been included in the proposed budget. The upcoming final budget approval process and possible input from the local Fire Chiefs may, or may not affect the final outcome for continued funding; time will tell. (Budget approval: 8/24/10) Ray spoke about the program and his hopes for continued training. He talked about his work with ICEMA in developing the First Responder course, and its' importance as a "stepping stone" towards EMT certification. A lot of momentum has gathered and it would be a shame to bring it to a halt. He also expressed concern for the many EMTs he has certified and their ability to be recertified should the County not sponsor these types of trainings.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

EMT Incident Investigation, Determination of Action, Notification and Administration Hearing Process – Protocol Reference #1070

ICEMA has implemented the 2010 State regulations which include new investigative discipline and certification procedures for EMT incident investigations. ICEMA has continued to express concern over the resultant higher EMT fees.

VII. OTHER/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Johnson advised the HPP grant is available for hospitals and EMS systems. Last year, the funds went to Mammoth Hospital for several items. There are new guidelines out, and local Fire Departments and Mono County Paramedics will hopefully receive the benefit of approximately \$40-\$50K towards equipment and training. Dr. J will be working with Mark and the Fire Chiefs towards this end.

Dr. Johnson also commented on the MCI plan written for San Bernardino; suggesting an annexed or addendum plan for Inyo and Mono Counties. Dr. J has been in dialog with Bill from ICEMA, and will meet with Mark and Rosemary to discuss some point's specific to Mono County.

The Committee was also informed about the State-wide Gap Analysis and drill concerning IEDs, bomb threats, suspicious packages etc. The focus is on agency preparedness and communication (and information) sharing capabilities. There will be a tabletop drill on September 29th at Mammoth Lakes Fire Department followed by a drill at the State level on November 18th.

Diane informed us of the State's desire to possibly re-organize the LEMSAs in California. EMS administrators are not particularly happy about this.....there is a State meeting about this tomorrow, which Virginia is planning to attend. Currently regional LEMSA funding is determined by the number of Counties and the populations in these counties within the LEMSA. Part of the proposal would re-organize the LEMSAs into six-county regions. This is supposed to be determined by 1/31/2011. Counties could opt out of a region but cannot operate on ALS system unless the LEMSA forms their own EMS Agency, a cost that many smaller counties may not be able to manage. They also would not be eligible for grant funding. The Mono EMCC finds this proposal potentially problematic; Mark will engage the Mono Board of Supervisors with this issue.

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUEST FOR TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Mark would like to present, discuss and potentially vote on a letter from the Mono EMCC drafted to the DMV Supervisor in regards to an exemption for dual EMT ambulance staffing in rural territory, currently covered by volunteer based BLS. This is in follow-up to a similar letter written by the Inyo EMCC.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at Mammoth Hospital ED break room.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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RE: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN VEHICLE CODE 12527

Dear Sir:

Mono County is a geographically large area with a sparse population base of less than 15,000 people County-wide. Several of the small unincorporated towns within the eastern portion of the county rely on local volunteer-based Fire Departments to provide emergency care and Basic Life Support ambulance transportation for the citizens and visitors; specifically the White Mountain Volunteer Fire Department in Benton and the Chalfant Volunteer Fire Department/Community Service District, in Chalfant Valley. While there has traditionally been some fluctuation in the availability of volunteers willing to serve in this role, it has steadily become a much bigger problem to recruit and retain qualified, trained ambulance drivers in the recent years; no doubt aggravated by the current national, state and local economic conditions.

As a result of this situation, the Mono County Board of Supervisors, Mono County Health Officer and the Mono County Emergency Medical Care Committee are unified in declaring that a public health necessity exists, and as part of the solution, request that the Department of Motor Vehicles exempt certain identified persons from the training requirements set forth in California Vehicle Code section 12527; specifically under subsection (d), paragraph (2). As per paragraph (3) of the same section, the name of the driver is provided in *Attachment A* to this letter.

On behalf of our citizens and hard-working volunteers, we wish to thank you for your consideration of this important exemption request.

Please feel free to direct any questions to: Mark Mikulicich, Mono County Paramedic Fire Rescue Chief, (760) 924-1696 (office), (760) 684-1565 (cell) or email at: mmikulicich@mono.ca.gov

Attachment A

Individual volunteer ambulance driver
(print name)

Date of Birth

I certify that I am the Fire Chief of the agency indicated below and request the exemption for the individual named above.

_____ White Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, 25470 Hwy. 6 Benton, CA. 93512

_____ Chalfant Volunteer Fire Department, 215 Valley Rd. Chalfant, CA. 93514

(Signature of Fire Chief / Volunteer Ambulance Provider)

Thank you for your consideration of this exemption request for the named individual to be certified as a volunteer ambulance driver.

Sincerely,

Byng Hunt, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

Dr. Richard Johnson
Mono County Health Officer

Mark Mikulicich, Chair
Mono County Emergency Medical Care Committee

cc: California Department of Motor Vehicles- Bishop Office
Mono County Paramedic Fire Rescue Department