

REGION 3

ESF-8 EMS Section Meeting

Ambulance Service of Manchester

February 26, 2008 1000 hours

Brenda Squires, Hank Klien, Brenda Murphy, Scott Woods, Terry Cote, Larry Gorman, Steven Connelly, Art Groux, Jean Gauthier, David Koscuk

CMED Report:

Continuing to revise/update policy and procedures to reflect current terminology, etc. Notification test pages have been working okay, however some folks are not receiving actual pages (diversion notifications, etc). A listing of Special Operations events for the region has gone out by email to all interested parties, especially the hospital folks in order to better plan their staffing. A request was made that this list get posted to the NCCEMS website.

Project Teams Report

- Salamander – NBEMS data collection and pictures are complete, just need to upload and print tags.
- Major Incident Protocol – Took January/February off, will regroup again in March
- CR-Inventory/Typing – See below report from A. Groux

ESF-8 Meeting Review:

D. Koscuk briefed all in attendance about the on-goings at the February ESF-8 meeting.

Hazardous Training Program Pilot:

The pilot program was successful. An AAR was issued by Dan Scace (attached). OT Reimbursement/backfill/volunteer stipend continues to be a stumbling block in this process for non-municipal based entities. Dave Koscuk has asked CRCOG if they could develop a best practices approach to dealing with this issue jointly with your municipality, to date no answer has been received. The main problem is these monies must be paid directly to the municipality. It would then be the services problem to get the monies from the municipality. Rather than have 40+ agencies all trying to develop a mechanism to achieve this, it could be beneficial for CRCOG to take the lead. Dr. Shaw will be discussing this issue further at the ESF Chief's meeting this month.

SMART System Training for Hospitals:

Bob Kenny made note at the February ESF-8 Meeting that those folks that have gone through the T-t-T SMART program may train their local hospital folks.

Outreach to other Regional EMS Sections:

Dave Koscuk has made an effort to bring other Regional EMS section leaders into the group for purposes of information sharing. It is evident that no other regions' ESF-8 is as robust as Region 3. Contact information was obtained, no participation is anticipated

EMS Strike Team Document Draft (Attached):

A page by page review of the document occurred. Some information is still required from Bob Kenny, Art Groux, and Brenda Murphy. A brief discussion was held on getting buy in from the smaller services and any added pressure this would create.

Resource Typing Presentation:

Art Groux attended a session with DEMHS regarding Resource Typing. DEMHS will be typing all of EMS, Fire, Police and Public Works Resources. Art has a full presentation for distribution (attached)

Open:

Larry Gorman asked about the deadline to integrate SMART Tags into your system. Dave Koscuk will research what the date was and advise. (See DPH letter attached)

Larry Gorman asked some questions regarding NIMS compliance. Dave Koscuk mentioned Dan Scace put out a training matrix several months ago, he will dig up and distribute. (See attached)

A request has been made to again send out the Region 3 EMS Inventory from 2 years ago (See attached)

Jean Gauthier recommended that a representative from TN Dispatch be invited to participate in the group.

Meeting adjourned at 1130 hours. Next meeting Tuesday 3/25/08 @ 1000 hours Ambulance Service of Manchester. C. Centrella the Region 3 DEMHS Planner will be here to conduct a SWOT Analysis. Please see the attached document regarding SWOT analysis prior to the meeting.