

EMS Committee Meeting

9-27-18

EMS Equipment

- We need better equipment such as Littman Stethoscope
- Need to put pressure on Dodge to fix RA's faster
- Need improved gurney's which we heard are coming soon
- Better disaster litter's
- Bike Medics now have handheld phone MDC's
- In bidding process for new 12 lead EKGs
- We should have a modern needle thorocostomy kit.

Assessment Resources

- Discussed if Truck or Engine should be Assessment at a Task for and who makes the decision.
- Discussed timelines for getting more Rotational Assessment resources.
- Until we get new 12 lead monitors and clarification of MF LOA making BLS Resources ALS is on hold.
- Goal is to have every station rotational in the next 3-5 years.
- 2-3 more resources will be upgraded to ALS this year.
- We currently have 24 non assessment stations.

EMS Education:

- We would like to see more ACLS, PALS, and PHTLS taught on duty or at least offer in house off duty.
- Lots of changes in EMS Update and we need to ensure everybody get proper training for the update.
- We need more significant EMS Call reviews. The ones posted on Target Solutions have been very informative.
- Need to ensure Treatment errors are corrected through education not discipline.
- LAFD is looking to hire another Nurse Educator and we are hoping they will increase their capabilities .

LAPD

- Need to educate LAPD more on when to call LAFD
- When can LAPD do 5150?

- LAPD should assist with combative patients even if not in custody.
- LAPD needs education on Narcan
- Need to look at LOA between LAPD and LAFD.

APRU

- APRU is interviewing for a new NP or PA
- So far getting good feedback on the APRU's. EMS Bureau will review the statistics along with EMS Committee.
- APRU's have saved RA's from doing hundreds of transports so far.

Telemedicine

- Fire Chief attended a Conference in Houston about telemedicine and brought back lots of good info.
- Looking to have a 1/2 time Physician.
- Will soon have vouchers for taxi, uber, left, ect.
- Possibility of doing FaceTime with Metro dispatchers
- Want to increase Community Paramedicine
- Want to increase number of Pysch facilities we can transport to.

EMS Bureau

- Need permanent funding for bike medics
- TEMs is now part of EMS Bureau and also needs funding

EMS Budget

- We have not seen preliminary EMS Budget yet but will be meeting with EMS Bureau in the near future to discuss it will them and ensure they get what they requested at a minimum and hopefully more.
- EMS Committee would like to actively campaign to increase EMS Resources in the budget. We will be making this recommendation to the UFLAC Executive Board. UFLAC does not set budget but we believe we can have a more active role on influencing it and we can support and work with EMS Bureau to push for additional funding.

Jails

- On-going major concern for us.
- We receive NO money for transports from the jail.
- Need to work with County Board of Supervisors or DHS to fix this problem.