



Emergency Medical Services
Trust Fund Advisory Board Meeting

Minutes of August 19, 2005 meeting - "DRAFT"

The annual meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund Advisory Board was held on August 19, 2005, at the Volusia County Fire Training Center on Tiger Bay Road, Daytona Beach, Florida. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present:

Captain Mike Coffin, VCSO Aviation
Mr. Mike Mellon, EVAC Ambulance
Mr. Lou Mercer, Director of Emergency Services, Daytona Beach Community College
Mr. Paul Neeley, EMS Chief, representing Volusia County Fire Chiefs' Association
Dr. Tracy Weiner, M.D., Hospital Emergency Department Directors
Mr. Matt Zavadsky, EMS Director, Volusia County Public Protection

Visitors present:

Tracy Foelker, Sr. Staff Assistant, EMS Volusia County
Jeaniene Jennings, Purchasing Agent, Volusia County
Dusty Lembrich, Budget Analyst, Volusia County
Russ Rafferty, Port Orange Fire Rescue
Cpt. Susan Whitlock, EMS Manager, Volusia County Fire Services

The Chair opened the meeting with introductions. He then called for approval of the minutes from the previous meetings of August 11, 2004 and June 20, 2005. Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

The Chair provided the most current information of the available funds for FY 2006. He reported the following:

Anticipated carryover from FY 2005	-	\$ 12,442.60
Anticipated Interest		2,500.00
Anticipated Award for FY 2006	-	<u>112,473.00</u>
		\$127,415.60

He explained the reasoning behind the decrease in the allocation amount from last year was due in part to decreased traffic violations directly related to the hurricanes.

Matt then brought up the issue of South Daytona Fire Rescue going to the RCC for dispatching therefore giving up the dollars allocated to them. They recently decided and confirmed in writing that they would be staying with the ECC. They had \$4,500 already included in the Award Allocation for FY 2005. Matt requested that the committee let the allocation stand. Mike Mellon stated as long it was already allocated to keep it as is. All members agreed.

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Paul Neely expressed the Fire Chiefs' Association's recommendations as follows:

- Upgrading from BLS to ALS
- AED Program
- Upgrade data collection
- Advanced Airway Management Program

Paul also asked the members to consider a program whereas each agency could receive 50% grant funds and put in 50% of their own funds. Matt thought that would be a good idea to keep open for further discussion at a later time.

The Advanced Airway Management Program was brought up for discussion. Mike Mellon feels that this class should continue. He recommends increasing the allocated amount of \$5,125.00 up to \$7,125.00 to cover additional costs of FY 2004-2005 years program. Matt discussed the analyzed data of Intubation success rates that shows a 44% success rate Countywide. Dr. Weiner questioned whether the class will increase those success rates and how will it be tracked. Matt went over the data collection and how we can track not only by agency but also by individual paramedics. After the discussion ended, all members agreed that the Advanced Airway Management classes should continue and agreed that the amount of \$7,125.00 should be allocated.

The next priority, initiated by Mike Mellon, was the upgrade of LIFEPAK's for EVAC and Deltona Fire Department. He also stated that data collection is essential and supports upgrading software for Daytona Beach Fire Department and Volusia County Fire Services. All members agreed.

Matt brought up the discussion of placement of AED's before the LIFEPAK decision was made. He talked about the difference between individual requests and grant requests. He explained that in the past the Advisory Board takes requests for AED placements and makes allocations. When taking individual requests we lose countywide input. He suggested we take 35 AED's and add them to the award allocation and let the members have the decision of placement. Paul Neeley expressed that the members should either support the individual agencies or make it countywide. He also expressed financial concerns and stated this should not be a top priority of the committee at this time. Dr. Weiner felt that having so many AED's in the public sector was keeping the public from performing necessary CPR and having a decrease in survival rate. Matt contradicted that statement by explaining that an AED was used 12 times in the past 2 years by a civilian with 10 of those people surviving and that the committee should consider the allocation of more AED's. Mike Coffin felt that due to the limited funds that the placement of AED's not be a top priority for the group. All members agreed.

Matt then went to the next priority of ALS upgrades. He expressed that in the past agencies have asked for an additional ALS unit and have been declined, yet Deltona wants to add a station to an area that is already ALS. Mike Mellon supports the upgrade for Deltona stating that he can get a LIFEPAK for EVAC for \$16,000 each. He is requesting 3 LIFEPAK's for EVAC and 1 for Deltona. Lou Mercer agrees. Matt suggested that each of those agencies receive 50% of the money requested for upgrade in software. Mike Coffin recommended increasing it to 75%. All members agreed.

Motion was made by Matt Zavadsky that the recommended dispersement of funds as follows:

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Deltona	\$20,000 for (1) Lifepak
EVAC	\$48,000 for (3) Lifepaks
Daytona Beach Fire Dept	\$22,215 for data collection software (75% of request)
Volusia County Fire Services	\$30,000 for Firehouse software (75% of request)
Volusia County Medical Director	\$7,200 for Advanced Airway Management Program

Lou Mercer seconded the motion. All members were unanimous.

Since there was no further business and no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.