



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

AIRWAY MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

February 1, 2012--10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

K. Alexander Malone, MD, Chairman, NLVFD
Jeff Buchanan, EMT-P, North Las Vegas Fire Dept
Larry Johnson, EMT-P, American Medical Response
Derek Cox, EMT-P, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue

Chief Troy Tuke, Clark County Fire Department
Chief Scott Vivier, Henderson Fire Department
Eric Anderson, MD, MedicWest Ambulance
August Corrales, EMT-P, CSN (Alt.)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Henderson, MD, Henderson Fire Department
Michele McKee, MD, UMC Hospital

Scott Scherr, MD, Sunrise Hospital
Nancy Cassell, EMS Professor, CSN

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Rory Chetelat, EMS Manager
John Hammond, EMSTS Field Rep
Judy Tabat, Recording Secretary

Mary Ellen Britt, Regional Trauma Coordinator
Trish Beckwith, EMSTS Field Rep
Kelly Buchanan, MD, EMS Fellow

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Eric Dievendorf, EMT-P, American Medical Response
Steve Johnson, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Brian Rogers, EMT-P, HFD
Jarrod Johnson, DO, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Sam Scheller, EMT-P, Guardian Elite
Gerry Julian, EMT-P, Mercy Air
Chris Van Aken, Stryker
Sandra Tewell, Mesa View Hospital
Nathen VanWingerden, CSN
Stephen Russell, CSN
Ronald Myers, CSN
Heather Hitchcock, CSN

Scott Morris, North Las Vegas Fire Dept
Gina Schuster, EMT-P, Community Ambulance
Sarah Morrison, EMT-P, LVMS
Christian Young, MD, Boulder City Fire Dept
Jo Ellen Hannom, RN, CCFD
Tony Greenway, EMT-P, AMR
Maureen Riggs, Mesa View Hospital
Chris Baker, TriState CareFlight
Chris Carrier, CSN
Daylon Woolbright, CSN
Andrew Powers, CSN

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Airway Management Task Force convened in the Clemens Conference Room at the Ravenholt Public Health Center at 10:19 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alex Malone, MD. He stated that the Affidavit of Posting, Mailing of Agenda, and Public Notice of the Meeting Agenda were executed in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Chairman Malone noted that a quorum was present.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Malone stated the Consent Agenda consisted of matters to be considered by the Airway Management Task Force that can be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Task Force member request. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

Minutes Airway Management Task Force Meeting December 7, 2011

Chairman Malone asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2011 Airway Management Task Force meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Discussion on Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI)

Tabled

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

Dr. Malone started off the discussion by stating that airway management is a very difficult, stress provoking procedural aspect of the pre-hospital provider. In a previous meeting the idea of an airway management algorithm was brought up and Dr. Malone reviewed some of the pros and cons of doing this in Southern Nevada. He felt that there will be a standardization of the way the crews approach airway management and that it will help alleviate stress regarding a very individualized patient and provider experience. He added that for cons, there really weren't any that he could for see, except the difficulty encounter trying to offer universal education entering compliance but felt that is true of everything they do. He showed several examples of airway algorithms and added that if an airway algorithm is employed they would be able to look at different criteria from a QI perspective to see where problems and successes are occurring.

Chief Vivier stated that he supports the idea of moving to an algorithm 100%. He felt that it would allow them to explore those treatments that we want to promote as well as de-promote.

Dr. Malone asked the Task Force what would be the optimal way to develop an airway algorithm. Mr. Hammond stated that he, along with Dr. Buchanan and Ms. Beckwith has been researching other EMS systems particularly Wake and Alameda Counties in regards to a new algorithmic format for all the SNHD protocols. Dr. Malone suggested also looking at the Department of EMS for the State of Alaska and well as Idaho.

Mr. Corrales volunteered the CSN EMS department if there is any need for testing and training of the each individual method. Dr. Malone thanked Mr. Corrales and asked if there were any other comments.

The Task Force agreed with the idea of forming an airway algorithm and will add it to the agenda for the next meeting in 2 months.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Chairman Malone called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 10:30 a.m.