



**MINUTES**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM**

**PRIORITY DISPATCH TASK FORCE**

**June 5, 2013 – 09:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chief Scott Vivier, Henderson Fire Dept. (Alt Chair)  
Steve Herrin, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue  
Brandon Hunter, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance  
JoEllen Hannom, RN, CCFD

Derek Cox, EMT-P, LVF&R  
Tony Greenway, EMT-P, AMR  
Scott Morris, EMT-I, NLVFD

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chief Troy Tuke, Chairman, CCFD

Scott Fuller, EMT-I, LVFR

**SNHD STAFF PRESENT**

Mary Ellen Britt, Regional Trauma Coordinator  
John Hammond, EMS Field Rep  
Linda Newton, OPHP

Kelly Morgan, MD, EMS Consultant  
Judy Tabat, Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

Christian Young, MD, Boulder City Fire Dept  
Monica Manig, EMT-P, Henderson Fire Dept  
Frank Simone, EMT-P, North Las Vegas Fire Dept  
Eric Dievendorf, EMT-P, AMR  
Tracy McCabe, MWA  
Zack Allen, AMR  
Steven Carter, EMT-P, AMR

Eric Anderson, MD, MedicWest Ambulance  
Gerry Julian, EMT-P, Mercy Air  
Mike Teague, EMT-P, AMR  
Jim McAllister, EMT-P, LVMS  
Scott Miner, MWA  
Brandon Buckner, LVAPEC  
Penny Pukall, LVAPEC

**CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

The Priority Dispatch Task Force convened in Conference Room 2/2A at The Southern Nevada Health District on Wednesday, June 5, 2013. Acting Chairman Scott Vivier called the meeting to order at 09:01 a.m. The Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Chief Vivier noted that a quorum was present.

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public on items listed on the Agenda. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Acting Chairman Vivier asked if anyone wished to address the Task Force pertaining to items listed on the Agenda. Seeing no one, he closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

## **II. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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Acting Chairman Vivier asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the May 1, 2013 Priority Dispatch Task Force meeting. Motion made by Member Morris, seconded by Member Cox and carried unanimously.

## **III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) ProQa Version 12.2 Upgrade (for possible action)

- a) Card #12: Convulsions/Seizures
- b) Protocol F: Post Delivery Instructions

Acting Chairman Vivier turned the meeting over to Steven Herrin from the Fire Alarm Office (FAO) to give a report on their upgrades and added Henderson Fire will give their report.

Card #12: Convulsions/Seizures

Member Herrin stated that at the last meeting it was decided to hold out on approving this protocol until they get an idea of how many of those Alpha calls turn into a Code 3 response. AMR reported 114 12-Alpha calls in a one year period and every single one of those calls were upgraded. Las Vegas Fire & Rescue reported the same. Member Herrin stated that after conferring with Chief Vivier and Dr. Slattery, staying on the phone when someone is in aura and feels like they are going into seizure may be very valid based on the number of times we've upgraded those calls. The decision is to tell the operator to stay on the phone if the person is in aura unless 911 call waiting goes off. With that and it's perfectly advisable and authorized by the Academy to use what's called the emergency disconnect protocol. The operator assesses a reasonably stable patient that just feels like they are going in, they tell them they have to get off and take another emergency call but they give them the caveat that says if anything changes or worsens, to call back.

Acting Chairman Vivier stated that Henderson's numbers were similar. He advised that they didn't look at the upgrade from Alpha to Delta on initial dispatch, they looked on the numbers that were initially dispatched as an alpha and then returned and what that return rate was. Our returns were code 1 but we believe that the information presented is valid.

Member Morris made a motion to accept Card #12 as written from the Academy, seconded by Member Greenway and carried unanimously.

Protocol F: Post Delivery Instructions

Acting Chairman Vivier stated that this specifically had to deal with the 39<sup>th</sup> instruction that the call takers gives after delivery specifically for controlling bleeding. They have had some discussion from their communication centers and communication professionals and they believe here are no issues with these instructions and that they should adopt the instructions as written from the Academy.

Member Morris made a motion to approve Protocol F as written from the Academy, seconded by Member Herrin and passed unanimously.

## **IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY**

None

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussions of those comments, about matters relevant to the Task Force's jurisdiction will be held. No action may be taken upon a

matter raised under this item of this Agenda until the matter itself has been specifically include on an agenda as an item upon which may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Chairman Tuke asked if anyone wished to address the Task Force. Seeing no one, he closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Task Force, Acting Chairman Vivier adjourned the meeting at 09:07 a.m.

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