



Maine EMD Project

EMD Advisory Committee

27 July 2006

Minutes

- 1) Introductions
 - a) Committee Members:
 - i) David Kingdon, State EMD Coordinator (Maine EMS)
 - ii) Stephan Bunker, State 911 Operations Manager (Maine ESCB)
 - iii) Linda Dunno, PSAP Rep: Non-EMD user (Hancock County 911)
 - iv) Linda Lasko, PSAP Rep: MPD user (Knox County 911)
 - v) Peter Bragdon, PSAP Rep: NECI user (Androscoggin County Sheriff's)
 - vi) Kathy Blagdon, PSAP Rep: PowerPhone user (Lincoln County 911)
 - vii) Brian Gregoire, Line EMD (Brunswick Police)
 - viii) Tim Beals, EMS Agency Manager (Delta Ambulance)
 - b) Participants in Discussion:
 - i) Michael Smith, Somerset County Communications
- 2) EMD Rules Hearings
 - a) Distributed and discussed current draft of the Summary of EMD Rules testimony from last week's hearings
 - b) Discussed logistics of providing and supporting CPR classes. There should be many classes available locally, but SB's bureau will support additional courses as necessary, and may be able to reimburse for locally taken classes, but these should be Maine-EMS approved courses and individuals and/or agencies should check in with SB in advance of the course. PB advises for folks to watch out for too many variations, e.g. on-line programs.
 - c) Reminder re: written comment deadline 08/02/2006 at 17:00. Address all comments to DK, contact info available on website.
- 3) Described Assistant Attorney General's response to latest inquiry re: PSAP vs. non-PSAP issue; will distribute with these minutes.
- 4) Distributed drafts and began the Committee review of the Maine EMD "Priority Reference System" that encompasses criteria for DLS Protocol; QA, Training (including instructor and testing); as well as the Maine EMD "Functional Position Description" and the "Continuing Education Requirements" all referenced by the Rules.
 - a) DLS Protocol – **see attached, updated version.**
 - i) Committee consensus to table "aspirin PAI" and advise the Maine EMS Cardiac Advisory Committee of our concerns, including complications, overdose, medication error, choking, terminology confusion, age range, etc.
 - b) Training (& Instructor + Testing) Criteria – **see attached, updated version.**
 - i) Committee agreed on the approach for augmenting existing, Maine EMS approved programs:
 - (1) Work with vendors to modify their protocols and/or training program, including distribution to the trainers our Protocol & Training criteria, as

well as other possible materials such as the “Card-by-Card” analysis, to orient them to our areas of emphasis;

- (2) New EMD students: To build consistency across the state, each new course will begin with the distribution of materials such as the Maine EMD Protocol & Training criteria as well as, whenever possible, a face-to-face orientation from a Maine representative: SB, DK, or a designee – perhaps a *committee member*? 😊;
 - (3) Already-trained EMD applicants for Maine certification: providing their training history, etc. qualifies them for a certification, they will receive that certification conditioned on them reviewing enclosed material that will include the same documents referenced above.
- 5) Open Discussion
- a) Members requested that SB & DK work on some outreach and information to PSAPs regarding courses that will be offered and other logistical information that they will need as they work towards EMD compliance. DK also raises the importance that EMD Director appointment be achieved by PSAPs very soon
 - b) Application forms will be developed, as parallel tracks to existing Maine EMS license application forms. DK is working on this.
 - c) Questions were raised about the need for background checks. DK checked with Drexell White, Licensing Agent at Maine EMS, and confirmed that **Maine EMS must conduct the background checks** due to its responsibility in licensing Maine public safety providers. He described how national and state laws actually would *prohibit* use of criminal databases by PSAPs if the use were related back to state licensing. This has come up before, and apparently it does need to be a separate process. SB will work to find out if the typical \$15 fee will be the responsibility of the individual applicant, the PSAP, or the ESCB.
- 6) Adjourn
- a) Next meeting: **Thursday, August 17th at 9:00am, Criminal Justice Academy** (old Oak Grove Coburn Academy building off Rt. 201 in Vassalboro)