



Tactical EMS Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2008

Committee Members Present: Mark Resanovich, Chair; Dr. Thomas Collins; Dr. Carol Cunningham; Jeff Funai; Bob Neidhart; Dr. Stephens

ODPS / Division of EMS Staff Present: Heather Reed Frient; Chuck Milam; Ellen Owens; John Sands

Others Present: Chief Mark Burgess, EMS Board Chair; David Fiffick, EMS Board; Michael Grossman, Mifflin Twp F.D. / Gahanna SWAT

Call To Order:

The regular meeting of the Tactical EMS (TEMS) Committee was called to order at 3:07 PM by Mr. Resanovich.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Chuck Milam, second by Dr. Collins to accept the minutes of the August 19th, 2008 meeting. Ms. Owens advised Dr. Kim had been added to the list of attendees for the meeting. Minutes accepted as amended.

Mr. Resanovich provided an overview of discussions that took place at the August meeting. It was decided an all day work session would better serve the need to move this project forward. The meeting will be held October 20th at Ashland Fire Department starting at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will replace the regularly scheduled meeting on October 14th.

Mr. Resanovich reported on a tactical exercise conducted in his area. Mrs. Frient had attended to get a better perspective on how TEMS is different from the civilian EMS role. Mrs. Frient provided her perspective on the exercise.

Mrs. Frient introduced Michael Grossman who is a Battalion Chief with Mifflin Township Fire Department and a medic with the Gahanna SWAT team. Mr. Grossman reported that he trains regularly with the SWAT team and has completed all the courses.

The committee worked on revising the draft scope of practice with the concept of it now being at the Paramedic level only. Mrs. Frient advised legislative language can be more open, listing a few items and indicating additional scope to be established in rule. The hours would also be established in rule by the Board. The rules would then be more specific.

The group agreed we are not trying to create an advanced care Paramedic. The focus is on when and how to perform skills in a TEMS environment.

Mr. Resanovich asked that the committee come to the next meeting prepared to discuss continuing education requirements and the scope of practice. The issue of grandfathering will also be discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm.

Next meeting: November 18, 2008 - 3:00 pm - ODPS Rm 134