

**PINELLAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

September 15, 2016

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council met at EMS & Fire Administration, Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, at 10:00 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Mayor Travis Palladeno, Mayors' Council (Madeira Beach) – Chair
Capt. Eric Dinan, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue
Chief Jeffrey Parks, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association
Capt. Michael Leiner, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Ashley Hoskins, Pinellas County Health Department
Rev. Dean Young, Citizen Representative
Beth Rawlins, Citizen Representative
Ray Neri, Citizen Representative
Joy Lewis, Citizen Representative
William Holmes, Citizen Representative
George McCarthy, Citizen Representative
Chief Bob Markford, Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers Association
Dr. David Weiland, Pinellas County Medical Association – Vice Chair
Mark Postma, Sunstar Paramedics

Absent:

Chief Robert Weiss, Clearwater Fire Department
Chief Joseph T. Connors, Clearwater Fire Department
Anne Scofield, Citizen Representative
Kelly Cullen, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter
Susan Byrd, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter
Dr. Eric Carver, St. Petersburg College
Dr. Kenneth Webster, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society – Secretary
Kathleen Litton, Independent Fire District Elected Official
David Root, Independent Fire District Elected Official

Staff Present:

Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director
Craig Hare, Director, EMS & Fire Administration
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate EMS Medical Director
Carl Brody, County Attorney's Office
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:

Mayor Wanda Dudley, Mayor of Kenneth City
Chief Rob Angell, Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers Association
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics
Jeremy Tinter, Sunstar Paramedics
Julie Bacon, All Children's Hospital
Carol Bissinger, Bayfront Health St. Petersburg
Bill Lewis, Citizen

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Palladeno called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Roll was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum present. There were 14 voting members in attendance.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No statements from citizens were made.

RECOGNITION/AWARDS

Mayor Palladeno and Mr. Hare gave recognition and presented certificates to the following:

Madeira Beach Station 25 – Received recognition for greater than 90% Turnout Times. They are the only first responder agency currently achieving such impressive times. On hand to accept the award was Madeira Beach Firefighter Dominic Bueller.

Ambulance Bus Deployment - Greg Woodrum, Steven Glatstein, Keith Murray and Shawn Tatham were all recognized for their efforts in fielding three Special Operations Ambulance Buses.

Service Award – Sandy Brooking, Special Operations Coordinator with the EMS & Fire Administration, was recognized for 25 yrs. of service.

REPORTS

Director, EMS & Fire Administration:

Mr. Hare introduced Kenneth City Mayor Wanda Dudley, South Pasadena Mayor Max Elson, and Dunedin Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski. All three mayors along with newly reappointed Madeira Beach Mayor Travis Palladeno will be representing the Pinellas County Mayors' Council on the EMS Advisory Council.

Mr. Hare briefed the EMS Advisory Council on the Water Rescue Grant Program that would be going before the EMS Authority for approval in September.

Mr. Hare provided details of a recent hospital evacuation due to a lightning strike at the Medical Center of Trinity in Pasco County. 209 patients were evacuated and 10 different agencies responded to assist.

EMS Medical Director:

Dr. Jameson briefed the EMS Advisory Council on the following topics:

- The new CME program is going very well. The next step is engaging our approx. 800 EMTs with their own CME program offerings specifically directed to them. Conducted a survey of the field providers asking them what/how they feel we can improve. There was a response rate of over 700 responses.
- Provider Wellness – PTSD, Cumulative Stress Disorder, and the need to manage critical incident stress with our responders. Toured the Franciscan Center in Tampa. They have an extremely well put together retreat program for first responders. The program is impressive and has a great success rate. Pinellas County has secured grant funding for clinicians to attend future workshops.
- Research and partnership with the University of South Florida - An EMS fellow, Dr. Juliana Lefebre has already began working in our system and we have already submitted our first piece of research for forum.

- Synthetic opioids – The system is seeing more and more. More training with law enforcement has been conducted.

Sunstar:

Mr. Postma briefed that Sunstar Paramedics saw a large increase in transport volume over the summer months.

Mr. Postma briefed that Sunstar would be increasing the size of their fleet to help address the increased call volume.

First Responders:

Chief Parks and Chief Angell briefed the EMS Advisory Council on the following statistics and activities:

- Increase of 7.3% in calls from January 2016 to August 2016
- Discussed zone report and increase in calls in each zone
- Progress of Water Rescue training
- Active Shooter Program
- Hurricane awareness training to all departments
- SPC task force location program

OPEN FORUM

There was a brief discussion on the research, technology and funding for aerial drones.

There was discussion about the importance of having AEDs in all buildings and police cars.

There was discussion about meeting with citizens regarding how to respond to active shooters.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on December 15, 2016 at 10 A.M. at the EMS & Fire Administration, Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Palladeno adjourned the meeting at 11:05 A.M.

An audio recording of this meeting as well as any correspondence received is on file at the Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration.