

**PINELLAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

December 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
Chief Anthony Tedesco, Clearwater Fire Department
Chief Ian Womack, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue
Chief Tom Jamison, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association
Gayle Guidash, Pinellas County Health Department
Mayor Max Elson, Mayors' Council (South Pasadena)
Mayor Wanda Dudley, Mayors' Council (Kenneth City)
Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski, Mayors' Council (Dunedin)
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
Kelly Cullen, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter
Chief Bob Markford, Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers Association
Mark Postma, Sunstar Paramedics
Dr. Eric Carver, St. Petersburg College
Dr. David Weiland, Pinellas County Medical Association – Vice Chair

Absent:

Capt. Michael Leiner, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Capt. Brian Browne, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Anne Scofield, Citizen Representative
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:

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

Also Present:

Chief Joe Accetta, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association
Chief Rob Angell, Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers Association

John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics
Chief Shelby Willis, Largo Fire Rescue
Chief Guy Keirn, Pinellas Park Fire Department
Chief Rich Ganci, Pinellas Park Fire Department
Julie Bacon, All Children's Hospital
Lt. Jeremy Newton, Seminole Fire Rescue
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics
Jeremy Tinter, Sunstar Paramedics
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 19 voting members in attendance.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens that wished to speak.

RECOGNITION/AWARDS

Mayor Palladeno and Mr. Hare recognized First Responders from Clearwater Fire Rescue who responded to a recent lightning strike incident on Clearwater Beach.

INTRODUCTION - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMAND STAFF

Mr. Hare introduced Sandy Brooking, Special Operations Coordinator, who provided an overview of the Pinellas County HazMat team and introduced Lt. Jeremy Newton from Seminole Fire Rescue, HazMat 30. Lt. Newton and his team demonstrated a full radiation call response in gear.

REPORTS

Director, EMS & Fire Administration:

Mr. Hare introduced and welcomed new EMSAC members Mayor Wanda Dudley (Kenneth City), Mayor Max Elson (South Pasadena) and Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski (Dunedin). These mayors represent the Pinellas County Mayors' Council.

Mr. Hare briefed that the County had entered into agreements with the City of Clearwater, the City of Largo, the City of Pinellas Park, the City of St. Petersburg and Lealman Special Fire Control District to provide additional funding.

Mr. Hare said that the Ambulance Service Agreement, Amendment 1, had been approved by the EMS Authority and would allow for Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance service.

Mr. Hare reported that the EMS Ordinance updates had been approved that would allow for wheelchair/stretchers van transport within Pinellas County. Mr. Hare said the next step would be to amend the EMS Rules & Regulations to allow for stretchers van service.

EMS Medical Director:

Dr. Jameson briefed the following:

- The Continuing Medical Education transition is going well.
- The 2017 Medical Operations Manual has been completed and approved and training is currently underway.

- The standardization of medical equipment bags had been concluded and will be distributed to the field in the coming months.
- In 2017 there will be a number of initiatives that focus on data driven system improvements.

Sunstar:

Mr. Postma reported that 10 new BLS ambulances had been ordered and should be fully operational in March.

Mr. Postma provided a handout that showed the increase in transport call volume and stated the trend has been a 10% annual increase.

There was discussion of not using acronyms during meetings so that everyone could understand. This idea met with mixed approval. Mayor Bujalski made a motion that an orientation program be created for new members and that a Sunshine Law briefing be provided. Ms. Rawlins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

First Responders:

Chief Accetta introduced Chief Tom Jamison who would be replacing Chief Jeff Parks as Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association (PCFCA) representative.

Chief Accetta announced that Chief Bob Markford is retiring after decades of service to the system.

As the incoming PCFCA representative, Chief Jamison asked the Council what types of information they would like to be briefed on at future meetings. One suggestion that was made was to brief suicide rates and Mayor Bujalski said she would like to see the first responder statistics broken down by city/district.

Active Shooter Exercise – Chief Rich Ganci/Richard Schomp

Mr. Hare reported that ballistic vests and helmets had been purchased and deployed to all first responder units as well as active shooter medical bags for our tactical paramedics.

Chief Ganci gave a presentation on lessons learned from the recent Active Shooter Exercise. He discussed such areas as law enforcement threat neutralization, tourniquet care, casualty collection points and the role of medical personnel in hot/cold zones.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Hare briefed on proposed bylaw updates that would allow for County Commissioners to select and appoint citizen representatives that would connect citizen members with their district. The bylaw will be presented to the Council in March.

Julie Bacon from Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital shared information regarding their transportation program and thanked the EMS & Fire Administration for their help.

Mr. Brody reminded the Council that the next meeting is the annual meeting where Officers and Executive Committee members will be elected. He requested that any nominations be forwarded to Mr. Woodrum who will bring them forward at the next meeting. Mr. Woodrum clarified the position up for reelection are Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary as well as two positions on the Executive Committee.

Mayor Bujalski requested an update on the Water Rescue program and Mr. Hare stated that he would provide a short briefing at the annual meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on March 16, 2017 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 12:00 P.M.

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