

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

August 26, 2015
MINUTES

The Pinellas County EMS Management Committee held a meeting at the EMS & Fire Administration, Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, at 10:00 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Craig Hare, EMS & Fire Administration
Chief Robert Weiss, Clearwater Fire & Rescue - Chair
Chief Joe Accetta, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association
Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director
Chief Bob Markford, Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers Association
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics
Ruthie Doles, Regional 9-1-1 Center

Also Present

Carl Brody, County Attorney's Office
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration

Call To Order

Chief Weiss called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Roll was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum. There were seven members present.

Discussion of Future Initiatives

Chief Weiss opened the discussion by clarifying the role and function of the EMS Management Committee and stating that because there are a number of EMS Advisory Council members that are non-clinicians it would be good to focus on data analytics to better demonstrate best practices and show that the EMS System is functioning as it should.

Mr. Hare suggested creating a comprehensive Fire and EMS annual report as a way of documenting system performance in a way that mayors and citizens can understand and that can be used both internally and system wide to describe the work that is taking place.

There was a lengthy discussion amongst the group that covered such topics as narcotics control, service levels, mobile healthcare, Community Paramedic Program, partnering with other departments for potential funding alternatives, community awareness initiatives that include social media, fall prevention, mental health counseling for first responders and critical incident stress training as well as creative ideas such as Tai Chi classes.

Chief Weiss recommended that County staff confer with County Administration to develop a process thru which program needs could be identified and included for consideration within the County's budget process timeline. This would allow the EMS Advisory Council to make timely recommendations to the EMS Authority concerning EMS program needs. Chief Weiss further recommended that County staff draft the process and bring it back to the EMS Management Committee for discussion and presentation at a future EMS Advisory Council meeting.

Mr. Hare said that staff would draft a process and bring it back to the EMS Management Committee for review and discussion at the next meeting on September 9, 2015.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for September 9, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. in Conference Room 130 at the EMS & Fire Administration, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

Adjournment

Chief Weiss adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A.M.

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