



EMS DIVISION SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024 – 1:00 PM

LOMA LINDA EOC – 25541 BARTON RD. LOMA LINDA

MINUTES

EMS DIVISION SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Apple Valley Fire Protection District – Chief Buddy Peratt

Chino Valley Independent Fire District – Chief Jeremy Ault

Colton Fire Department – Chief Ray Bruno

Loma Linda Fire Department – Chief Jeff Gillette

Montclair Fire Department – Chief David Pohl - *Absent*

Ontario Fire Department – **Vice Chair**, Chief Mike Gerken

Rancho Cucamonga Fire District – Chief Augie Barreda

Redlands Fire Department – EMS Coordinator Carly Cripe

Rialto Fire Department – Chief Paul Truffa- *Absent*

San Bernardino County Fire District – **Chair**, Chief Joe Barna

Victorville Fire Department – Chief Bobby Clemmer

City of Yucaipa – Chief Grant Malinowski

CALL TO ORDER

- a. Flag Salute
- b. Roll call/Introductions

PUBLIC COMMENT

An opportunity provided for persons in the audience to make brief statements to the EMS Division Subsidiary Committee. (Limited to 30 minutes; 3 minutes allotted for each speaker)

There were no requests to speak.

INFORMATION RELATIVE TO POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Agenda items may require committee member abstentions due to conflict of interests and financial interests. EMS Division Subsidiary Committee member abstentions shall be stated under this item for recordation on the appropriate item.

No conflicts were announced.

CONSENT ITEMS

The following items are considered routine and non-controversial and will be voted upon at one time by the EMS Division Subsidiary Committee. An item may be removed by a Committee Member or member of the public for discussion and appropriate action.

1. Approve EMS Division Subsidiary Committee Minutes of September 10, 2024

Motion to accept Consent item.

Motion by: Carly Cripe

Second by: Chief Jeremy Ault

Yes – 10

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 2

CHAIR REPORT

- a. Operations Section Update
- b. Administrative Section Update
- c. Planning Section Update
- d. Logistics Section Update
- e. Public Affairs

NEW BUSINESS

2. Fund 5020 (EMS) Loan – **ACTION ITEM**

It is recommended that the CONFIRE EMS Subcommittee recommend the CONFIRE Administrative Committee approve a loan from Fund 5010 (Reserve) to Fund 5020 (EMS) in the amount of \$2,000,000.

The EMS Division will use the loan to fund ongoing costs and legal fees related to the County of San Bernardino Ground Ambulance contract.

Once the Administrative Committee approves the funds will be transferred from Fund 5010 to Fund 5020. There will be zero interest charged to Fund 5020 for this loan, and the loan must be repaid within two years from the fund transfer date.

Motion to recommend the CONFIRE Administrative Committee approve a loan from Fund 5010 (Reserve) to Fund 5020 (EMS) in the Amount of \$2,000,000. There will be zero interest charged and the loan must be repaid within two years from the fund transfer date.

Motion by: Chief Jeff Gillette

Second by: Chief Jeremy Ault

Yes – 10

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 2

3. Mutual Aid – **DISCUSSION ITEM**

No direction given.

Topic tabled until next meeting.

4. Contract Amendment for Temporary Employment – **ACTION ITEM**

On February 22, 2022, the Administrative Committee approved a contract with Priority Ambulance to provide emergency medical services in partnership with its member agencies. To further enhance operational flexibility, CONFIRE seeks to amend its contract with Priority Ambulance. This amendment would permit CONFIRE, and by extension, its Joint Powers Authority (JPA) member agencies, to temporarily employ Priority Ambulance personnel. These personnel will fill critical short-term staffing needs across CONFIRE and its member agencies.

If the Administrative Committee approves, staff shall develop an Administrative Policy illustrating the details and processes related to an overall temporary employment program. This amendment and policy will provide additional workforce flexibility and ensure that CONFIRE and its member agencies can maintain operational continuity during increased staffing needs.

There is no net fiscal impact to CONFIRE. CONFIRE will pay Priority an agreed-upon amount to reimburse them for the work performed by their employees for member agencies. The temporary Priority employees' costs will be reimbursed directly to CONFIRE by the member agency through direct invoicing or an increase to their respective agency fees, offsetting the amount paid out to Priority.

Motion to develop an amendment to the contract with Priority Ambulance for the temporary employment of Priority personnel for presentation to the CONFIRE Administrative Committee for approval.

Motion by: Chief Jeremy Ault

Second by: Chief Bobby Clemmer

Yes – 10

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 2

ROUND TABLE

CLOSED SESSION

**The EMS Subsidiary Committee entered Closed Session at 2:09 p.m.*

5. Review and update Existing Litigation – 54956.9: AMR Lawsuit

