



EMS DIVISION SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 – 1:00 PM

LOMA LINDA EOC – 25541 BARTON RD. LOMA LINDA

MINUTES

EMS DIVISION SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Apple Valley Fire Protection District – B.C. Matthew Dowland
Chino Valley Independent Fire District – Chief Jeremy Ault
Colton Fire Department – Fire Marshall Ray Bruno
Loma Linda Fire Department – B.C. Nate Boucher
Montclair Fire Department – Chief David Pohl
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 Brian Park - *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)

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 February 13, 2024

Motion to accept Consent item.

Motion by: Chief Jeremy Ault

Second by: Chief Mike Gerkin

Yes – 11

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 1

CHAIR REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

2. Paramedic School – Chief Joe Barna – **DISCUSSION ITEM**

Information provided on Crafton Hills College hybrid program that is accepting applications thru April 15, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Uniform recommendation – **ACTION ITEM**

This proposal has no fiscal impact to CONFIRE EMS and Mobile Health or CONFIRE. All expenses related to employee uniforms for single-function paramedics and EMT's are part and parcel of contracts or agreements with Priority Ambulance. The uniforms will display "Services Provided by Priority Ambulance" to meet compliance with the California Civil Code.

Motion to present employee uniform recommendations to the CONFIRE Administrative Committee for consideration.

Motion by: Carly Cripe

Second by: Chief Jeremy Ault

Yes – 11

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 1

4. Ambulance Branding – **ACTION ITEM**

This proposal has no fiscal impact to CONFIRE EMS and Mobile Health or CONFIRE. All expenses related to painting, wrapping, and labeling the fleet are part and parcel of contracts or agreements with Priority Ambulance or those entities providing public-base ambulances. All items under consideration meet contractual requirements and conform

to legal requirements. ICEMA has tentatively approved the fleet branding to conform with contractual requirements.

Motion to present Ambulance Branding recommendations to the CONFIRE Administrative Committee for consideration.

***Please note: Public branding of “San Bernardino County Emergency Services” to be tabled for further discussion.**

Motion by: Chief Grant Malinowski

Second by: Chief Mike Gerkin

Yes – 11

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent –1

5. PPGEMT – IGT Funding – DISCUSSION

CONFIRE EMS is committed to reinvesting Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) dollars collected through the provision of services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries to strengthen the EMS system and give back to the community. CONFIRE plans to use GEMT funding to support the EMS system overall and healthcare innovations described in this proposal, thereby contributing to long-term system sustainability and future system advances. These funds are unique and not available to non-transport public providers.

As a PP-GEMT participating funding entity, CONFIRE has elected to make an intergovernmental transfer (IGT) to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) as a voluntary contribution to the non-federal share (NFS) of Medi-Cal expenditures for the PP-GEMT Program.

On February 28, 2024, the CONFIRE Board of Directors approved the mid-year budget which included the expenses for the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) before the contract implementation. All payments after the contract will be included in the FY 24/25 budget.

The expenses for the DHCS invoice before the contract implementation are \$960.34 per quarter. It is anticipated based on assumptions that quarterly payments after contract implementation are estimated at \$3,500,000. The funding will be allocated from the EMS Fund (5020).

This report has been received by the EMS Subcommittee as advisement of action taken by the CONFIRE Board of Directors.

6. Computer Workstation Purchases – **ADVISEMENT**

On February 28, 2024, the CONFIRE Board of Directors approved the mid-year budget adjustment, which included \$50,000 for computers, office furniture, and other related supplies for the new positions in CONFIRE. The positions will be co-located at the CONFIRE/Priority Headquarters office building.

This report has been received by the EMS Subsidiary Committee as advisement of action taken by the CONFIRE Board of Directors.

7. Staff Vehicle Purchases – **ADVISEMENT**

On February 28, 2024, the Board of Directors approved the mid-year budget adjustment, which included \$300,000 for four (4) Ford Explorer staff vehicles. CONFIRE staff has begun the procurement process with a local dealer.

The fiscal impact is not to exceed \$300,000. The funding will be allocated from the EMS Fund (5020).

This report has been received by the EMS subcommittee as advisement of action taken by the CONFIRE Board of Directors.

ROUND TABLE

*Further discussion on ambulance branding. **No action to report.***

*Discussion on the upcoming Valley Dispatch Center Groundbreaking Ceremony and CONFIRE's increased footprint in the facility. **No action to report.***

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the EMS Division Subsidiary Committee Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Regular Meeting: April 9, 2024

 /s/ Liz Berry
Liz Berry
Administrative Secretary I