



Northwest Georgia
Emergency Medical Services

Council Chairman – Randy Pierson

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Vice Chairman – Lana Duff

Northwest Georgia Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Council
Office of EMS Region 1 Headquarters
Council Minutes
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The meal was sponsored by Redmond Regional Medical Center EMS

Minutes

Russell McDaniel welcomed everyone to the Floyd County Regional Office he then asked David Foster to make roll call. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present. The first order of business was approval of the previous minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes as circulated by Larry Owens, seconded by Jeff Putnam and the minutes were approved.

The status of the council report was given by David Foster with the new members effective today January 20, 2011.

The three at-large positions are filled by Jim Cutcher, Richard Eberhart, and Randy Pierson the positions will expire (1/2012).

The re-appointments and appointments by county are as follows:

Bartow County: Larry Owens, re-appointment, Chris Elzy, appointment.

Catoosa County: Lana Duff, re-appointment, Scott Radeker, appointment.

Chattooga County: Glenn Downs, appointment. Herbert Dodd 1/2012.

Cherokee County: Chief Danny West, re-appointment, Billy Hayes, appointment.

Dade County: Dr. William Pullen re-appointment, Alex Case 1/2012.

Fannin County: Darrel Payne re-appointment, Lonnie Oliver 1/2012.

Floyd County: Robert Early re-appointment, Chad Taylor appointment.

Gilmer County: Kelly Buddenhagen re-appointment, Eric Irish appointment.

Gordon County: Bud Owens, re-appointment, Courtney Taylor 1/2012.

Harralson County: Craig Norton, re-appointment, Doug Brock 1/2012.

Murray County: Larry Ballew, re-appointment, Mike Etheridge 1/2012.

Paulding County: Capt. Kevin New, re-appointment, Joey Pelfrey 1/2012.

Pickens County: Darly Prince appointment, Sloan Elrod, 1/2012.

Polk County: Matt Denton re-appointment, Curtis Vincent 1/2012.

Walker County: Paul Arnold, appointment, Gennie Garrison 1/2012.

Whitfield County: Rick Cobb, re-appointment, Jeffery Putnman, 1/2012.

Mr. Russell McDaniel commended the efforts put forth to having such a good out-come with the majority of all council positions being filled in the Region.

The report of the Executive Committee was given by Chair-Russell McDaniel. The chair reported that the Executive Committee discussed reports from the various representatives. The executive committee voted on and recommends that due to all of the at-large positions expiring at the same time in 1/2012. The committee would like to alternate those positions with at least one of the at-large positions having a one year term, for one year. After that one year term the position will go back to a two year term. The chair made a motion to approve the recommendation from the executive committee. The motion was approved and passed.

Dr. Mabley gave the EMS Office report she shared that at the state level for Public Health/EMS there will be a transition of education and curriculum. First there will be changes in the levels, second is the scope of the different levels, third will be the transition process. One of the main changes will be new levels with the scope of practice for all First Responders, EMT- B, EMT- I, EMT-P. After the change is made on 1/2012 to certifying new Advanced EMT's in lieu of I-85, the state will no longer issue new I-85 licenses. I-85's will continue to be re-licensed after that date.

The new changes and new scope of practice will come out in a format page/document for each individual level. All new changes will come from the state office of Public Health/EMS and you will be able to view this on February 15, 2011. Dr. Mabley will also make sure that each council member receives a copy.

The additional skills needed for the national registry will be on the website.

New drugs and medications for national registry will be on the website.

Dr. Mabley discussed with the council her new position at the state level, due to the new position, she has resigned her position. Dr. Mabley recommended to that council chair and regional program director select a new Regional Medical Director.

EMSAC Report – None to report

David Foster gave the training report; he congratulated everyone on the council, he was very pleased with the amount training that was done throughout the region. There were over two hundred separate courses taught throughout the region, trained over four thousand personnel, attendee's with the courses, with three thousand hours. We are at ninety-seven percent compliant with returned rosters.

EMS-C Report - Kelly Buddenhagen gave the report; she stated they have not met since the last council meeting, nothing new to report. The next meeting will be in February.

GAEMS Report – Randy Pierson gave the report; he stated that the board meets quarterly, but lately the board had been meeting monthly. Mr. Pierson discussed that at the Savannah Conference last year the members stated they would like to receive more information and kept in the loop more with changes throughout the year from the board. The board has had one general meeting in Macon this year. At the meeting the board discussed new changes with the website to help get new information out to the Regional councils and members. Some of the other board members will actually be visiting the Regional councils. The board will continue to have annual meetings in order to get a better flow of information.

Mr. Pierson stated that it was very active last year for the board and there are a lot of new things on the horizon for the 2011 year. There will be a Changes Conference coming up on April 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th. it has been moved from Augusta to Atlanta. The training officers are highly encouraged to attend. The Savannah Conference has been moved from September to August, 2011.

1. The trauma commission has met, things that will affect the services are grants received by GAEMS. The equipment and First Responder grants: if you applied for equipment, you will receive grant.
2. The First Responder grants: were ranked through a competitive process. The first sixty were funded. The money for the grants came from the trauma commission. Something new coming from the Trauma Commission will be Regional trauma advisory committees. The GAEMS supports the new committees as long as it is under Regional Trauma Commission.
3. Deadline for laptop grants will be at the end of January.
4. State Awards banquet will be May 19th. in Forsyth, the packets should be going out in January.

Nominating Committee Chairman Russell McDaniel gave the nomination committee report as follows:

The committee met at 9:00 a.m. today to consider nominations for officers of the council and for recommendations.

The committee recommended Lana Duff for Vice Chairman. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was passed.

The committee recommended Randy Pierson for Chairman. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was passed.

The recommendation for the Executive Committee was as follows:

Courtney Taylor

Robert Early

Bud Owens

Larry Owens

Lonnie Oliver

Craig Norton

There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was passed.

Mr. McDaniel relinquished the chair to Mr. Pierson. Mr. David Loftin presented Mr. McDaniel with a plaque.

Mr. Pierson stated as newly appointed Chairman he would not be jumping into the committee assignments today, he would like to have time to review them. Mr. Pierson stated he would be appointing a new EMSAC representative and a new EMSC representative in the next few weeks.

The Chairman made a request for anyone that would be interested in serving on one of the committee's please let him know. The Chairman made a request for a new Medical Director, the position is vacant, if anyone would like to serve, please let him know.

Awards Committee – Larry Owens

The Awards Committee recommends that all {award packets} be sent directly to the Regional office. This is for security protection and to maintain the integrity/privacy for all agencies.

The Awards Banquet will be March 17th. 2011 at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville Georgia. The banquet will be sponsored by Southeastern Supply. There will be a meeting forthcoming with the awards committee and the Southeastern Supply representative to discuss arrangements for the awards banquet. The Awards committee discussed and agreed at the December meeting to renaming the Pediatric Call of the Year Award to the David Loftin Pediatric Call of the Year Award. Mr. Loftin has put countless hours and time into the Pediatric program. Mr. Loftin's focus on this program has been enormous through his career. David Loftin is very deserving to have the award renamed in his honor.

EMS Day at the Capitol- Chairman Randy Pierson

The legislative EMS day at the capitol is February 16, 2011.

The day will start with a breakfast; there will be a speaker that morning, meeting with legislator's that day. GAEMS board meeting will be that afternoon and dinner that evening. A flyer is on the GAEMS website for the RSVP's. Mr. Pierson encouraged the council to attend, that is a chance that we have to discuss with our legislators what we would like to see happen and what we would like to see done and how it affects our services in this region.

Next meeting location/Sponsor – April 21st, 2011 – The Region 1 Office has conference room reserved. Mr. Pierson would like to have meeting in other counties if available. Kelly Buddenhagen stated she will be checking to see if the meeting can be held in Gilmer County.

Robert Early shared information from the All Hazard Council, he stated there is a new Grant process coming up and he would like everyone to be aware of it. The grants are due February 16, 2011. Mr. Early did not want everyone to find out last minute. Mr. Early discussed the grant process he stated that each would need to apply for something that would affect your Region, GEMA Region 6. If you have a good solid idea you need to prepare it in a digital copy that you can e-mail, or a thumb drive, please send to him or Scotty Hancock. Mr. Early ask for input from the council and would be glad to share with the All Hazard Council.

Chairman Randy Pierson made a motion to adjourn was second by Jeff Putman. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Peace, Recording Secretary