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Northwest Georgia Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Council  
Office of EMS Region 1 Headquarters  
Rome, GA

## **Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Council**

### **Executive Committee Minutes**

**April 21, 2011 10:00**

**Pickens County EMS – EOC Building**

**Jasper, GA**

Present:

Members:

Chairman: Randy Pierson (Floyd County)

Vice Chairman: Lana Duff (Catoosa County)

Robert Early (Floyd County)

Sloan Elrod (Pickens County)

Larry Owens (Bartow County)

Staff:

David Foster (Region 1 Acting Director/Training Director)

Monique Wheeler (Region 1 Administrative Assistant)

## **Minutes**

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 Robert Early and the minutes were approved.

Awards Banquet Report-

David Foster stated he was very pleased with the organization of, as well as the turn- out at this year's Region 1 EMS awards banquet. It had the highest attendance thus far in its history. There were



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282 EMS professional and families in attendance. He would like to thank Tommy Sanders with SE Equipment for his sponsorship and Larry Owens for arranging the facility.

- Some changes to consider-

We have had suggestions to mirror the State awards packets and categories. This should make it simpler to apply for State awards after submitting Region packets. All region awards will be submitted electronically next year. Only one hard copy will need to be submitted (if the services desire) and that will be for the Service of the Year nominees to display at awards banquet.

Awards Committee was asked to attempt to merge the Regional and State packets next year. The electronic submission really sped up process of sending the nomination to evaluators this year. Also, the awards committee has been asked to find a venue, with Tommy Sanders assistance, for the awards next year. Please contact David Foster if you would like to host next year's awards and you are one of our northern most services. We want to keep it moving around.

- Changes in Region One Council Memberships-

There have been two new appointments made for Haralson County. The members being replaced are Craig Norton and Doug Brock. Carlton Firestone with Ambu Care and Chief Brian Walker with Haralson County Fire Department have been placed in those positions. Craig Norton's position on executive committee was also open. Sloan Elrod was the next highest in votes during the last nomination session and David and Randy proposed to place Sloan in that position rather than hold another vote. All executive council members present agreed and Sloan Elrod has filled that position at this time.

- At Large positions-

The new ones being filled will be as follows; one will be a one year term and 2 will be a two year term so as to stagger term ends this will be effective January 2012. The one year term will be the person who gets the least number of votes of the three.

- Appointments of Committees-

Bud Owens has been reappointed to EMSAC

Dr. McDougal has accepted position of Region 1 Medical Director

Randy Pierson has been appointed to Trauma Commission

Kelly Buddenhagen will serve on EMS-C Committee

- The Region One Education Committee-

This has really not been a very active committee thus far. It is the desire of the council chair for this committee to become very active. Kelly Buddenhagen will be chair and committee members will consist of Jim Cutcher and Glenn Downes. The idea is to bring all services training officers together and have a meeting in Rome or Cartersville with the committee and training personnel from each service. This committee will then establish training needs as well as training resources in our region so that we may utilize what we have built upon to strengthen the educational foundation we have

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already built. If one service has an instructor in a course and another service needs that course they may make resources available to one another.

## -Attendance-

David Foster and Randy Pierson have been reviewing the by-laws regarding the attendance policy. It states that if a member is voted off the council due to a lack of attendance the commissioner of that area can turn right back around and reappoint that same person. They would like to make a motion to change that by-law. The change would be that the commissioner would be notified if the member is voted off and that they are not allowed to be reappointed for 2 years. This has happened numerous times in the past and is redundant. A motion was made to take the proposal to the full council and approved by the executive committee with a motion made by Larry Owens and seconded by Robert Early.

There has been some question as to why the executive and council agendas mirror one another and there will be some changes forthcoming.

## - Region One EMS Medical Director-

Dr. McDougal asked for opinions on doing a tiered response. The idea is to run a truck with two EMT-I's and have an advanced response unit respond out with them on ALS calls. There will be an extensive QA process involving 100% of all calls ran under this program. Also, to be on the Advanced Response Unit the Medics will be handpicked according to their standings with the service. There will also be more training required including EMD for all dispatchers. Please get with Dr. McDougal for further questions or comments on this matter

## - Motion to Adjourn-

Motion by David Foster seconded by Larry Owens

Meeting adjourned at 1100

Respectfully Submitted by;  
Sherry Peace, Recording Secretary