

Florida Council of EMS Chiefs

Meeting called to order 0912

President Corky called meeting to order.

Cory R. spoke to group about the SP and where we want to be lead or be a resource as part of the plan.

If we have a suggestion for a change we need to make it and submit to Cory. The plan needs to be finalized by December 1st, 2011.

Corky discussed the proposed re-organization of the Florida Bureau of EMS as presented by Chief Bixler. The proposed change for us will be putting the Bureau under the DOH as a Office.

Florida Bureau of EMS is responsible for 60,000 EMTs and PM in Florida, touching over 4 million people a year. Compared to other Bureaus, i.e. Bureau of Tobacco Prevention has possibly more impact to the citizens of Florida. The Budgeting for the office may not change, but the status will change, as where EMS will be in the hierarchy of DOH. Question to group, does EMS need to be a Bureau or an Office.

If this change happens, 401 will have to be changed, could be a simple name change from Bureau to Office, but opening Statute opens everything to possible change.

Mike H. asked what would be the other negative impacts? Corky replied it will lessen our influence on Government.

Discussion was help on what the other Group Constituency's were doing, and if we want to take a position against the reorganization.

Chief Bixler (CB) stated he supports the re-organization, and legislation wants the government smaller and that is why we are re-organized as an office. Other States are all over the place, they call their Chiefs directors. Most States are far behind us. This re-organization has gone to the Legislature now, and it is the Surgeon General's Position and CB supports it as it sits. Legislation can adopt it as is, not act on it at all, or change it.

Corky question: Could it take place in the next Legislative period? CB – don't know

Last March FBEMS submitted a reorganization plan that was favorable to Legislation, but not to some Providers, and Legislation did not act on document. Dr Farmer, strong leader and good man, was directed by Governor to write a Re-organization. Dr Farmer wrote the re-organization. Jean Kline in a letter written to the Surgeon General stated outsourcing the licensure and inspection should not be outsourced. The Re-organization leaves those departments intact and won't be outsourced. CB stated FBEMS did have a lot of support in the re-organization.

Question: Who is the other group on the chart with EMS? CB – the response groups is a combination of Ray Runo emergency response and Rhonda White. Jean Kline should still be a division director. All division directors may have to reapply for their positions in the next year. In the re-org there will be 3

bureau chiefs and one director in our division. CB stated that the FBEMS is pretty much intact, other than the Chief's job description and going from a Bureau to Office.

Discussion held was on whether the intent was to flatten the organization chart as a whole. The FBEMS was not affected essentially except for the name change from Bureau to Office.

Motion: Chief Quillin: Corky contact other groups on their positions. Next in January decide whether to send a letter to Governor that we support the integrity of the FBEMS today,

Second: Bailey Motion Passed.

Chief Quillin won NAEMSMA EMS Executive of the Year, Congratulations!

Corky – Nowhere in the Org chart is the office of Trauma. It may go under OCHA, the same organization that verifies stroke centers. A different process than is now in place to regulate trauma centers. Presently there are 22 trauma centers in the state of FL. If we go to ACS system - 4 levels of trauma centers, this move may dilute the standard for trauma centers. EMS may have a huge stake in this on who will be caring for our patient.

Discussion was on held on budgets and Lake-Sumter losing Sumter County, lost 100 staff and 9 - 824 hour units, now reorganized as Lake EMS, Special District, not county employees.