

EMS Communications Meeting Minutes 9/27/2011

Reviewed updates, including those from Carlton Wells, regarding Strategic Visions Plan goals 10.1-10.3.....included on Agenda

R Cash---provided update on State PST Certification

- Final curriculum is released—test is based on this curriculum
- Reminder that October 1, 2012 is deadline for those who are not grandfathered in before the test is officially released—to take the test for certification.
- Certified Law Enforcement and Firefighters need to certify as PST's by April 1 2012 to not have to take the test—this year's legislative sessions may have challenges to this provision reference F/F and LEO.
- Pilot testing occurring this afternoon at EMSAC meetings
- Reference testing: candidates can take test (3 versions) up to 3 times with a month in between tests-then have to repeat 232 course and retest
- Test should be available in Spring 2012 only the DOH (Department) will be allowed to administer test. In January, DOH will release a preliminary test site/schedule for 2012. First phase of testing will occur in Tallahassee with DOH staff proctoring for one week. Next phase will continue to have one week of testing in Tallahassee but DOH staff will also be providing tests in regional locations. Phase III will involve established regional locations.
- Currently, only cashier's checks or fund transfers can be utilized for payment to take test/certify (no Purchasing Cards or Purchase Orders)
- Test will be Scantron answer format until eventually moving to pure computer based testing.
- Discussion of EMSAC Comm encapsulating a broader scope of discussion-potentially more of a working group for the PST Community (not just PST Cert, EMD and TAP)

Discussed briefly some of the issues that are coming to the forefront of PST environment

- LTE/4G
- LightSquared impact on Phase II cell phone accuracy (GPS)
- FCC requesting input on 9-1-1 issues
- D block (Federal allocation of broadband to Public Safety)
- NPSTC meetings in Orlando end of this week for interoperability issues

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Discussed broadening scope of EMS Communications working group to still include technology issues, however also have a continuing dispatch education component each meeting, and discuss PST operational issues in depth.

Respectfully,

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Jim Lanier