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**State of Florida
EMS Advisory Council
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Disaster Response Guidelines Committee
Division of Emergency Medical Operations
Office of Emergency Operations & Public Health Preparedness
Minutes**

- I. Dr. Elias welcomed everyone and asked for introductions
- II. Dr. Elias called for approval of the minutes. The minutes received unanimous approval.
- III. Kathy Koch, Board Member of the Florida Air Medical Association, made a presentation on their amended Disaster Plan draft. Committee members provided feedback to Ms. Koch for consideration and inclusion in their plan.
- IV. Dr. Elias discussed Goal 7 of the EMS Strategic Plan. He explained the objectives that the Disaster Response Guidelines Committee is responsible for. It was noted that the Committee should seek to enhance training opportunities through the EMS Disaster Web Page. Included in such enhancements should be video and power point training with enhanced visual aids. Regarding Objective 7.7, it was noted that the EMS Medical Directors with pediatric emergency medicine specialties may be useful to the ESF 8 State Emergency Operations Center as it relates to the Haiti response.
- V. Dr. Elias discussed the status of the Cyanokits sustainment project. He noted that that we will again seek to gain funding this year for the Cyanokits through the Homeland Security Grants process. Further, Dr. Elias noted that a Cyanokit utilization survey was recently distributed to EMS providers. A sustainment project will be developed based on data received through the survey.
- VI. Bobby Bailey, with the assistance of Chief T.J. Lyon, provided an update on state level operations in Haiti. It was noted that the Florida USAR teams have made a significant difference by rescuing many people that were trapped in the rubble. It was noted that ESF 8 staff in South Florida have been doing an excellent job with deployed team vaccination support, receipt of repatriated non-injured citizens as well as providing medical patient reception areas, transportation and hospitalization for injured repatriated citizens.
- VII. Bobby Bailey provided an update on the status of EMS grant funded projects, specifically EMS Level "C" PPE and chemical antidotes. The next antidote to be distributed will be Diazepam Auto Injectors. The expected distribution time frame is April 2010.



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- VIII. Jeff Krenk provided an excellent presentation regarding EMS ventilator strategic planning.
- IX. Bobby Bailey provided a status update in H1N1 noting that the incidence of disease is diminishing based on survey data.
- X. Walter Liddell, Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) liaison on the EMS Advisory Council, made a presentation on a new training program that addresses crash scene safety. Mr. Liddell noted that this video has become part of the FHP standard curriculum for recruit troopers. He suggested that the training program be added to the EMT basic training curriculum as it serves as a valuable cross discipline training tool. The goal of the training tool is to increase safety and decrease injuries and deaths of emergency personnel at a crash scene.
- XI. Julie Downey asked about the status of the EMS Mass Casualty trailer Strategic Plan. Bobby Bailey noted that he and Corkey Young need to reinvigorate work on the plan.
- XII. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.