

Emergency Medical Dispatch

Agenda/Minutes

The Emergency Medical Dispatch constituency group of the EMSAC had its inaugural meeting on April 17, 2008 at 0900 in Cocoa Beach.

Attendees:

Chair: Jim Lanier (Communications Division Chief, EMSA)

Jeffrey Prevatt (Deputy Chief, St. John's County Fire Rescue)

David Kainrad (Administration Manager, Lee County Public Safety)

Elliot Fisch (Atrus, Inc)

George Frasca (Sun City Center ES)

Tracy Burger (Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers)

A primary point of discussion was the focus and mission of the group as it relates to the Strategic Visions Plan for 2008-2010. Inclusion of the dispatch goals and objectives as key processes will be an important consideration of each meeting's agenda and or workgroups.

Attendees provided email addresses and a copy of the Final Draft of the Strategic Plan will be sent out as an attachment to them.

Emphasis was placed on the group's goal to establish recommended best practices and evaluation of the current dispatch topography in the State. This in turn should work well within the framework of the State Plan.

Pending legislation regarding the certification of dispatchers by the DOH was discussed. Consensus is that there are a lot of unanswered questions and more information will be gathered and distributed to the group as it becomes available.

Conferences such as Florida NENA/APCO in May and the NAED Navigator next week will be a good forum to get the word out of the EMD group's reconstitution to build participation.

Mr. Fisch with Atrus provided the group an overview of his company's services which allows rapid recognition of an AED located near a cardiac arrest through integration with an agency's CAD and notifies trained users while EMS is enroute and dispatch is providing Pre Arrival instructions to the caller.

Mr. Kainrad had a suggestion to consider combining TAPS and the EMD meetings at the next EMSAC in July. Jim will follow up with Lisa Walker and/or Desi Lassiter to explore this option.

Framework of the constituency group will be kept somewhat informal for the foreseeable future, with no official entity established with dues structure, officers, etc. This will allow for the greatest growth and flexibility.

Regards,



Jim Lanier