



EMS DIVISION SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 – 1:00 PM

LOMA LINDA EOC – 25541 BARTON RD. LOMA LINDA

MINUTES

EMS DIVISION SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Apple Valley Fire Protection District – B.C. Matthew Dowland
Chino Valley Independent Fire District – Chief Jeremy Ault
Colton Fire Department – Fire Marshall Ray Bruno
Loma Linda Fire Department – B.C. Nate Boucher – *Arrived at 1:07*
Montclair Fire Department – Chief Ryon Dierck
Ontario Fire Department – **Vice Chair**, Chief Mike Gerken
Rancho Cucamonga Fire District – Chief Augie Barreda - *Absent*
Redlands Fire Department – EMS Coordinator Carly Cripe
Rialto Fire Department – Chief Brian Park - *Absent*
San Bernardino County Fire District – **Chair**, Chief Joe Barna
Victorville Fire Department – EMS Manager Steve Casarez
City of Yucaipa – Chief Grant Malinowski - *Absent*

CALL TO ORDER

- a. Flag Salute
- b. Roll call/Introductions

PUBLIC COMMENT

An opportunity provided for persons in the audience to make brief statements to the EMS Division Subsidiary Committee. (Limited to 30 minutes; 3 minutes allotted for each speaker)

INFORMATION RELATIVE TO POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Agenda items may require committee member abstentions due to conflict of interests and financial interests. EMS Division Subsidiary Committee member abstentions shall be stated under this item for recordation on the appropriate item.

No conflicts were announced.

CONSENT ITEMS

The following items are considered routine and non-controversial and will be voted upon at one time by the EMS Division Subsidiary Committee. An item may be removed by a Committee Member or member of the public for discussion and appropriate action.

1. Approve EMS Division Subsidiary Committee Minutes of March 12, 2024

Motion to accept Consent item.

Motion by: Chief Jeremy Ault

Second by: B.C. Matthew Dowland

Yes – 8

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 4

CHAIR REPORT

- a. Operations Section Update
- b. Admin. Section Update
- c. Planning Section Update
- d. Logistics Section Update
- e. Public Affairs

OLD BUSINESS

2. Ambulance Branding – ACTION ITEM

It is recommended that the EMS Subcommittee review and discuss the proposed branding and livery option as presented and make recommendations for consideration by the CONFIRE Administrative Committee.

This proposal has no direct cost to CONFIRE EMS and Mobile Health or CONFIRE. All expenses related to painting, wrapping, and labeling the fleet are part and parcel of agreements with those entities providing public-based ambulances.

Motion to present the Public-Based Ambulance Livery to the CONFIRE Administrative Committee for consideration.

Motion by: Chief Jeremy Ault

Second by: Chief Mike Gerken

Yes – 9

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 3

NEW BUSINESS

3. Consultant Agreement – Viewpoint Advocacy – ADVISEMENT

The contract with Viewpoint Advocacy will enable CONFIRE to navigate complex public relation scenarios, disseminate timely and accurate information, and ensure alignment with regulatory requirements and community expectations. Viewpoint Advocacy will support CONFIRE's operational objectives and uphold its commitment to transparency and accountability.

The fiscal impact will not exceed \$72,000 for the next 12 months and is offset by reduced legal expenses. The funding will be allocated from the EMS Fund (5020)

The EMS Subcommittee receives this report as advisement of action taken by the CONFIRE Board of Directors.

4. Dispatcher Positions – ACTION ITEM

CONFIRE EMS is scheduled to start ground ambulance transportation services on October 1, 2024.

Recognizing the crucial need for efficient coordination within our ambulance system, staff proposes adding five Full-Time Employee (FTE) Dispatcher positions to fulfill the Ambulance System Status Coordinators role. These coordinators will play a pivotal role in ensuring seamless communication and coordination among emergency response units, hospitals, and other healthcare facilities. The current dispatching staff cannot handle the increased workload.

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$543,300 for five (5) FTE dispatcher positions. The funding will be allocated from the EMS Fund (5020)

Motion to recommend the addition of five (5) FTE Dispatcher positions to the CONFIRE Administrative Committee.

Motion by: Chief Jeremy Ault

Second by: Carly Cripe

Yes – 9

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent –3

ROUND TABLE

CLOSED SESSION

5. Review and update anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation Government Code section 54956.9(d): AMR Lawsuit
The EMS Subsidiary Committee came out of Closed Session at 2:08 p.m.

No reportable outcome from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the EMS Division Subsidiary Committee Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Regular Meeting: May 14, 2024

 /s/ Liz Berry

Liz Berry
Administrative Secretary I