



EMS DIVISION SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 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 - *Absent*
Loma Linda Fire Department – B.C. Jeff Gillette
Montclair Fire Department – Chief David Pohl – *arrived @ 1:09*
Ontario Fire Department – **Vice Chair**, Chief Mike Gerken
Rancho Cucamonga Fire District – Chief Augie Barreda
Redlands Fire Department – EMS Coordinator Carly Cripe
Rialto Fire Department – Chief Paul Truffa - *arrived @ 1:18*
San Bernardino County Fire District – **Chair**, Chief Joe Barna
Victorville Fire Department – Chief Bobby Clemmer
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)

There were no requests to speak.

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 May 14, 2024

Motion to accept Consent item.

Motion by: Chief Jeremy Ault

Second by: Carly Cripe

Yes – 8

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 4

CHAIR REPORT

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

NEW BUSINESS

2. FY 24/25 Budget Adoption – **ADVISEMENT**

The EMS Division Subsidiary Committee was presented with a copy of the CONFIRE FY 2024/25 Fund 5020 approved budget.

3. \$2,000,000 loan to Fund 5020 (EMS) from Fund 510 (Reserve) – **ACTION ITEM**

The County of San Bernardino has awarded CONFIRE the Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Ground Ambulance Services, Interfacility and Critical Care Transport Services for Exclusive Operating Areas contract. To begin providing ambulance services effective October 1, 2024, as required per the agreement with the County, CONFIRE's EMS division will need funding to incur start-up costs for salaries and benefits for support staff. Fund 5010 (Reserve) will provide Fund 5020 (EMS) a loan not to exceed \$2,000,000.

The funds will be transferred from Fund 5010 to Fund 5020 once it is approved by the Administrative Committee. There will be zero interest charged to Fund 5020 for this loan and the loan must be repaid within two years from the date of the transfer of funds.

Motion to recommend the Administrative Committee approve the loan from Fund 5010 (Reserve) to Fund 5020 (EMS) in the amount of \$2,000,000. There will be zero interest charged to Fund 5020 for this loan which must be repaid within two years from the date of transfer of funds.

Motion by: Chief Mike Gerkin

Second by: Chief Bobby Clemmer

Yes – 10

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 2

4. Implementation Fund – **ACTION ITEM**

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

Implementing our ambulance service entails initial investments in equipment procurement, staff recruitment, and training, among other essential aspects. CONFIRE staff recognizes the need to establish an implementation fund to facilitate the smooth launch of our ambulance services in collaboration with our partner, Priority Ambulance. Given Priority Ambulance’s pivotal role as our partner, their strategic investment in the fund will allow us to pool our resources, leveraging contributions to ensure the timely and efficient collaborative support of system development.

Staff recommends CONFIRE utilize our legal counsel, Kingsley Bogard, to develop an agreement with Priority Ambulance to establish an implementation fund, which will provide supplemental funding for costs associated with implementing the ambulance services.

The fiscal impact of this recommendation is estimated to be \$200,000 in revenue for the EMS Fund (5020)

Motion to recommend the Administrative Committee approve CONFIRE’s legal counsel to develop an agreement with Priority Ambulance for an implementation Fund.

Motion by: Chief Bobby Clemmer

Second by: Carly Cripe

Yes – 10

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 2

5. ICEMA Protocol 4100 – **ADVISEMENT**

MPDS (Medical Priority Dispatch System) card updates were presented to the EMS Division Subsidiary Committee for review. MPDS is an internationally used patient triage system which prioritizes calls based on their urgency. A final draft of the MPDS card updates will be presented to the Administrative Committee for review and implementation.

6. Ambulance Build Progress – **ADVISEMENT**

The implementation team traveled to the Priority Ambulance’s OnDemand Specialty Vehicles assembly plant in Mississippi to experience firsthand the production line.

