EMS Equipment Committee Meeting Minutes

**August 3rd 2020**

**Online Meeting**

**Members present:** Jeremy Pendergraft, Ryan Beckers, Andrew Ball, Francisco Lerma, Rob Davis, Derek Blenkarn, Evan VanAuken. IV Catheter trial AO Mike Doucette.

NEW BUSINESS

* Smith’s Medical Representative Anna Lewenthal gave a presentation and answered questions regarding a proposed new IV Catheter model called *Via-Valve*. AO Mike Doucette attended to answer questions regarding the physical trial of the IV Catheters that occurred on MA22, MA302, MA304, ME22, and ME302 throughout July 2020. The physical trial resulted in relatively positive findings from all involved and recommended the new catheters. Questions/Concerns raised about more room in sharps containers from a plastic protection housing, pricing, training, and utilization by private ambulance companies to restock with this type of catheter.
* BC Kelly Andersen will be added to the Committee. She could not attend due to a last- minute strike team assignment.
* We have been invited to attend the Apparatus Committee Meeting on August 12, 2020. We will participate to keep them updated of our upcoming projects so they can make room on new Apparatus specifications. We will have Pendergraft and Blenkarn attend. Blenkarn will continue as the liaison to the Apparatus Committee.
* The Committee will work on some leniency on standardization when it comes to putting new concept items on newly purchased Apparatus to help phase in new items without requiring a Department-wide changeover and purchase. This will aid in the fiscal hurdles of moving towards new EMS devices.
* The proposal to have the BC EMS bag replace the BLS bag is tabled after receiving information that the COVID-19 IMT has purchased approximately 30 “Coronavirus evaluation packs” that could meet specification to be repurposed as Fireline Paramedic or Fireline EMT packs. We would need direction from Management on whether the Fireline medic pack would replace our standard compliment of ALS medical gear on Type 1 and 3 Apparatus when they are deployed on a strike team.
* Pendergraft and Overton attended a demo of a Telemedicine System recommended by Curtis Hagman’s office. The devices were $75,000 each. The devices do not seem applicable in the 911 environment. ICEMA medical direction seems to prefer the PULSARA app system.
* Auto-Pulses have been placed on ME74 and ME79*.* They were positioned in accordance with our standardized placement.
* New agreement on Zoll Monitors included a reduction in cost $410 due to the fact that we do not use the case. Zoll still offered to send us the case. We will use those cases when a monitor must be sent in for repair so that our customized case is not lost.
* Narcs on strike teams and confusion about ALS gear on Type 1 assignment

Old Business

* The recommended BVM Hepa Filter Device through the IMT has been moved forward to be included in our permanent standardized inventory. They are currently on back order. As soon as they are off back order we will send out an informational email to have all personnel begin to order them.

[https://www.a-msystems.com/p-17-viromax-viral-bacterial-filter.aspx?variantid=21?utm\_source=gps&utm\_medium=dotfeed&utm\_campaign=link&gclid=CjwKCAjw1cX0BRBmEiwAy9tKHlRVFF4UBjPh2nN9JQMwAF\_08dPiYpjGtyC6puYU21lRTFV3hDTxeRoCL5cQAvD\_BwE](#_top)

* Andrew Ball will contact Mike Brimmer to get more information about the accessibility of XBO page and its integration with our organization of a hub station concept and vending machine placement.
* The Addendum to Ops Directive 3050 and accompanying equipment projectis putting together a Training video and PPT preparing for implementation. We have also coordinated the purchase of Equipment through the EMS BC’s through their respective AC’s*.* Pendergraft will work with Gorman to set up some dates/DB to film the Training video.
* The ICEBOX rollout for Divisions 3 and 4 are complete. We will work on Division 5/6 next, and 1/2 Preparing for Division 5/6 rollout. Work with BC Andersen or AC Corbin to organize purchase.
* The NyCanCo EZIO case is available for order from the Warehouse.
* The OTS bag is available through the Warehouse. We have not informed personnel as we are awaiting approval from AC Hubbell. Due to Management changes we are waiting to confirm that AC Hubbell will continue with the AOR of EMS.
* The Bike Medic program that was presented by Alexy will be guided through the Special Event programs coordinated by Tony Sicilano and Mike Brimmer.
* We will send out a recruitment for an additional AO and Suppression member of the Committee.
* The Air Splint proposed by Osekowsky had been tabled due to fiscal issues surrounding the purchase of these devices. This device is agreed to be very affective, but there are many issues with the operational capability. We will consider adding this to a standard order form new Apparatus as a way of incorporating it slowly or place it on the Warehouse Ordering List as an optional device if Stations can afford it in their budget. We will inquire from the Apparatus Committee what their approval process is to add devices to new Apparatus specification.

***Meeting adjourned at approximately***- 1205 on 08/03/2020

***Next meeting will be on:*** The next meeting will tentatively be on 10/05/2020. Online only.