

EMS Committee Meeting (2-26-19)

EMS UPDATE

- Discussed the Current EMS Update and the need for additional education
- UFLAC and EMS Bureau worked together to amend the PDP. UFLAC sent several changes to EMS Bureau based on information from the field and EMS Bureau listened.
- New PDP was just released and all members need to be familiar with the changes.
- Committee would like to see more training for EMT's as well as Paramedics on all the changes in the EMS Update.

PILOT PROGRAMS

- AD-15 is projected to be in service April 22, 2019 and will have 2 medics assigned to it. AD15 will be for Pysch calls and Inebriates. AD-15 will have the ability to make arrangements to get patients to a pysch facility or a sober center.
- SR-4: getting close to a Letter of Agreement to make SR-4 a 3/12 schedule. This will only be for 1 year unless extended and limited to only SR-4 for now. Nurse Practitioners and PA's prefer to work a 3/12 schedule and many of our members have shown interest in it.

EMS SURGE / DOWNGRADE POLICY

- Committee would like Metro to announce in MDC and Radio when we are in a downgraded mode and advise companies to call for BLS transport for BLS calls.
- BLS Companies need to be understanding if a Rescue calls them to downgrade.
- Paramedic Rescues to be understanding if an 800 calls them to check a BG or do a 12-Lead.

BUDGET

- We will receive 2 new 800 ambulances in the next budget.
- UFLAC wants to work with EMS Bureau and E Ops to fight for even more 800 ambulances in the next budget.
- RFP is out for new Defibrillators and possibly new ePCRS's
- Bike Medics to have funded authorities and budget needs to be worked out with LAWA
- TEMS Medics will likely be under EMS Bureau and we would also like to see them have funded positions and a budget.
- We will be getting new gurneys that all have the heavy lift attachments and capabilities.
- Stations need to notify the shops and Metro if your heavy lift gurney's are broken. We currently have 16 Fire Stations with functioning heavy lift gurneys.

MEDICAL SUPPILES

- Received several Facebook complaints about EMS Supplies and found that most of the complaints was from lack of communication.
- Some stations are putting in 2-3 orders per month and then stating they don't get all the supplies they requested.
- Need we will have accountability for all meds used and soon EMS Captains will have a cache of meds needed and not just controlled narcotics.
- Certain station and Battalions have larger numbers of allowed medications per order. If you have a specific need for more medications each month then call and talk to Medical Supplies.
- There is a national shortage of certain medications. If LAFD is running short it needs to be communicated to the membership.

TRAINING

- EMS Committee would like to see more ACLS, PALS, and PHTLS training.
- Target Solutions has posted good case studies but we would like to see more of them.
- We soon will have Nurse Educators in every Bureau and we are looking forward to new training after EMS Update is completed.

JAILS

- No update with the County Jails
- Still would like to see LA County handle more of their calls at their internal clinic.
- LA County should be paying LAFD for transports
- LA County needs to budget for jail transports.