

UFLAC EMS Committee Notes from 8-28-18

- Active discussions about getting DHS approval to have an ALS Assessment compliment assigned to station without an Assessment resource. We are trying to get stations, that don't have an Assessment resource, equipment in the case a Ranked or Medic Working in a FF spot is on, that they can become ALS for that day. The hard part is done. We have an LOA in place to pay these individuals. The next hurdle is supplying the expensive equipment (LP15). It looks like we have enough to do this for a handful of stations, but not all.
- Preliminary EMS Budget request has been submitted to LAFD Administration. UFLAC EMS Committee has requested to participate and assist in EMS Budget proposals.
- Reviewed new EMS Surge Plan Bulletin coming out soon.
- Discussions on how to improve EMS Training
- Trying to increase the number of psych facilities APRU / SR4 can transport to.
- Working with ER's to ensure all of their nurses will sign ePCR for wasted Fentanyl. Some nurses don't feel comfortable signing for wasted medications.
- V Staffed ambulances last week were staffed approximately 60% of the time. EMS Bureau consistently reviews 800 locations and hours and makes adjustments as needed.
- EMS Committee inquired about the status of converting written F2 journals into a digital log.
- You may have seen the latest letter from the Fire Chief about the \$4.6 million SAFER grant and asked why it was used fir Truck 38 and E238 and not more ambulances. The SAFER great is only for replacement of Resources lost. By working with the IAFF LAFD has been able to secure 2 SAFER Grants in a row which is a huge win for us. LAFD Administration had tried to use SAFER Grant for requesting ambulances but was told by several advisors if we asked for ambulances we would not be awarded any grant funds.
- By the SAFER grant providing Fire Resources it will allow more money to be used for EMS Resources in the next budget. EMS Bureau has already put in preliminary budget requests for more EMS Resources in the next budget. The EMS Committee will work with the EMS Bureau to help secure funding for our much needed Increases in EMS Resources.