

Southern Marin Emergency Medical Paramedic System
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021
APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marin County – James Devitt; Southern Marin – Peter Fleming; Tiburon – Tom O'Neill; Belvedere – Dr. Thomas Cromwell

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Pearce, Deputy Chief Welch, Battalion Chief McTigue and TFPD Executive Assistant Chaput (Interim Board Clerk)

ABSENT: Mill Valley – Jim Wickham

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Interim SMEMPS Board Clerk Nicole Chaput conducts roll call due to meeting being conducted via teleconferencing:

Devitt – Present

O'Neill – Present

Wickham – Absent

Fleming – Present

Cromwell – Present

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes, Wednesday, May 5, 2021

B. Finance Report

C. Approval of Payments

D. Collection Reports

M/S Fleming, O'Neill to approve the Consent Calendar

Vote by roll call:

Devitt – Aye

O'Neill – Aye

Wickham – Absent

Fleming – Aye

3. PUBLIC OPEN TIME for items not on the agenda

No public present.

4. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Liaison Chief's Report

Administration

The Final Budget has been prepared and will be available for Board action at the August meeting. The Budget reflects the opportunities and challenges being faced by the agencies in addition to recommendations from our auditor.

The Admin and Ops Chiefs are reviewing Q1 and Q2 results of the trial study on ambulance and staffing deployment for SMEMPS operations. Several measures are being monitored toward the benefits and impacts of this proposal.

We are also monitoring potential disruptions to our supply chains, particularly from Asia. Presently, we are on solid footing with supplies; however, we may make advanced purchases as advised by the Ops Chiefs.

B1514 Bret McTigue and B1515 Todd Overshiner Operations Update:

- The Regional Academy graduated 22 new recruits in June. Thank you to Chief Matt Barnes (SMFD) for again taking the lead as the Academy Coordinator. Our EMS Education Team (Bridget Peterson, Bret McTigue, Heather Price Fair, and Dr. Mark Bason-Mitchell) assisted with the EMS orientation of the new recruits. Every Friday of the academy, Bridget conducted specific Policy classes to prepare the new Medics for their Paramedic accreditation exam.
- EMS Monthly Education is ongoing. During the summer, SMEMPS outdoor trauma-related incidents trend up. The refresher training focuses on these call types.
 - Topics include:
 - Trauma - April
 - Fireline EMT/ MEDIC Medical - May
 - No EMS Classes in June but SMEMPS participated in the RT130 Refresher Wildland Training Burns in San Rafael and Novato.
 - Environmental Emergencies - July
 - With the Fiscal Year complete, the final rescue items were purchased for R-9, including new rope rescue items, struts (for vehicle accidents), and traction splints for all SMEMPS ambulances and engines.
 - Public Events are being scheduled. SMEMPS continues to assist with event planning and medical staffing. The Dipsea Race (November) and the Sound Summit (October) both have plans to resume.
 - Ambulance replacement update: M10 (Tiburon) is on order with no ETA due to COVID shortages on numerous components.
 - M6 cross staffing trial is ongoing: Admin Chiefs and Operations Chiefs reviewing data and will continue to evaluate.

Heather Price Fair, R.N., B.S.N., CQI Specialist - Highlights:

- SMEMPS has been awarded four Bacon awards since January 1, 2021. We recognized four paramedics for identifying a STEMI in the field when the EKG machine did not
- USCG, CHP and SMEMPS Crews were recognized for their great teamwork on a Bridge Jumper who survived in June. We have not had a survivor in over a year.
- Crews have had over 7 STEMI patients in the last six months including a patient that was a severe burn, and an aortic dissection that was flown to Stanford after being treated at MarinHealth, and a cardiac arrest who regained pulses and later went to the Cath lab.
- MCSO and crew were recently recognized for their excellent care of a person who was biking and suffered a Cardiac Arrest. An off-duty physician who gave bystander CPR witnessed this. MCSO applied an AED and shocked the patient prior to EMS arrival. The patient was successfully resuscitated and quickly transported to MarinHealth where he was taken to the Cardiac Cath Lab. He has since woken up and is recovering from his heart attack after being transferred to Kaiser San Rafael.
- Crews continue to provide excellent Stroke care including a patient transported by M10 who gave an early stroke alert on an 86-year-old female who the day before her symptoms celebrated her 86th birthday. After rapid transport to a Stroke Center, she received alteplase, a clot busting medication, and was discharged home intact.
- We have several new paramedics and EMTs that have recently gone through the academy taught by our educator Bridget Peterson, Dr. Bason-Mitchell and myself. They have been running some great calls in the field.
- American Heart Association should be giving results on the Mission Life Award soon. I put in our application and data a few months ago. This award recognizes our crews for their excellent care in cardiac, stroke and STEMI patients.

Discussion.

5. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AND FINAL BUDGET F/Y 2021-22

A. Approve Resolution #2021-02, Final Budget F/Y 2021-22 (Action)

Discussion.

M/S O'Neill, Fleming to approve Resolution #2021-02, Final Budget F/Y 2021-22

Vote by roll call:

Devitt – Aye

O'Neill – Aye

Wickham – Absent

Fleming – Aye

6. RESOLUTIONS

A. Approve Resolution #2021-03, amendment to fees for first responder, ambulance transportation fees, Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS) (Action) Discussion.

M/S O'Neill, Fleming to approve Resolution #2021-03, amendment to fees for first responder, ambulance transportation fees, Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS)

Vote by roll call:

Devitt – Aye

O'Neill – Aye

Wickham – Absent

Fleming – Aye

7. BOARD COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

M/S Fleming, O'Neill to adjourn

Vote by roll call:

Devitt – Aye

O'Neill – Aye

Wickham - Absent

Fleming – Aye

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.