

Affiliate Meeting Minutes February 3, 2010

There were 25 people in attendance with 14 agencies represented.

Thank you to Illinois Fire Store (Mark Guymon & Nick) for sponsoring the meeting.

They displayed shirts, coats and several new products.

Committee Reports

Communication – Dave Dato would like any input to the changes for wireless broadband. You can email him at ddato@waucondafire.org. Greg has already requested transmission for 12 leads.

Strategic Planning –implementation plan has been approved.

Education – Life support classes have been scheduled, skills review dates have been scheduled and will be posted on the web site.

EMS/Hospital Relations – Lori Pegg wanted to say what a great job EMS does. Jan wanted everyone to be patient with the ED while they get used to their new paperwork. You cannot replace equipment used on a refusal from the ED. There have been a few sharps containers that were left in the ED that were too full and the lid couldn't close. Please be careful when leaving a sharps container. When you are replacing outdated meds please don't try to replace them all at once. There are a few floors that will be changing with the remodel. Advocate BroMenn will notify everyone when those changes take place.

Data Collection – no new Code Red issues at this time.

Protocol/Policy/Procedures – EZ IO procedures have been approved by the state. Region 2 are in the process of standardizing all protocols. They are working on the Cardiac protocols at this time. The state will be doing the BLS level protocols.

Equipment Evaluation – nothing to report

Quality Council/QI Program Update – Reminder for agencies to be sure to get documentation faxed to hospitals within 8 hours of the run. - encourages description in narratives to help paint a clearer picture of what occurred. - reminder that next Case Review is Feb. 17, 2010 at 0700- Cardiac Reviews.

Hospital Preparedness – working on SURGE planning

Old Business

H1N1 procedures have not been approved by the state as of this date. Some of our trained EMS providers have helped give vaccinations. The mass vaccination clinics are winding down and soon vaccines will be on an appointment basis only.

New Business

EMS Update

- Advocates for EMS - Health Reform: Medicare increases for rural EMS remain in the bill and are not issues of contention.
- IDPH - (IDOT) is looking to recognize and give an award to Ems personnel, paramedics and firefighters who have been involved in motor vehicle related crash lifesaving heroic activities.
- House Bill 4774 -DUI chemical testing - Illinois Fire Chiefs Association has sent a letter of opposition.

EMS department will be moving to a new location on Feb. 25th - 705 East Street, Bloomington

Next meeting will be held on March 24th at 6:30 at our new location. Meeting adjourned at 8:30