



# Emergency Medical Committee

Meeting Notes – September 21st, 2023



Primary Members	Agency	Y/N	Alternate Member	Agency	Y/N
Ronald (Ron) Sandling	FWS	Y	Edward (Eric) Fransted	FWS	Y
Brian Sikes	NPS	N	Mark Hnat	NPS	Y
Dr. Michelle Curry	USFS	Y	Dr. Jennifer Symonds	USFS	N
Tyler McCowan	Chair/BLM	Y	Kevin Norton	BLM	N
Michelle Moore (retired?)	BIA	N			
Shaughn Maxwell	IAFC	Y			
Larry Grubbs	NASF	N	Micahel Joel	NASF	Y
	DOD		Carmen Thomason	NWCG Liaison	Y
Richard Smith	USFA	Y	Blake Abbott	Secretary	Y
Associate Members	Agency	Y/N	Advisors	Agency	Y/N
Rachael Alter	NASEMSO	N	Dr. Andrew Southard	BLM	N
Kaili McCray	OWF	N	Robert (Bob) Ehrlich	USFS	Y
Dr. Brett Rosen	CALFIRE	Y	Bruce Hicks	Other	Y
Alan Sinclair-IMU Subcommittee Chair		N	Debra Anderson	USFS	N
Todd Miranda- REMS Task Group Lead	Sedona FD	Y	Evan Sterling	BLM	Y

**Guests:** Steve Otoupalik,

	Topic	Action Item	Presenter	Notes	Action/Decision
1	NWCG UPDATES –		Carmen Thomason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition with Katie O’hara in the next month or so.</li> <li>• Updating the EMC webpage.</li> <li>• BIA currently not represented at the EMC board due to Michelle’s retirement.</li> </ul>	<p>Wait until after November 10<sup>th</sup> to make or suggest edits due to the new server having more capable features.</p> <p>Can NWCG help us through discussions with FMB/ BIA to come up with a replacement for Michelle</p>
2	Recall processes		Robert Ehrlich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NWCG already has an alert system in process which utilizes a colored border that indicates the severity of attention by either a green, yellow or red striping. This has been utilized in the past as well as the utilization of the equipment and technology group to pass messages to folks in the field or in the Cache systems.</li> </ul>	Continue to utilize the NWCG alert system to prevent redundancy.
3	First aid kit revision		Robert Ehrlich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While we continue to evaluate the personal 10,20 and even 100 person medical kits and the standardization of said kits there should be consideration to the prioritization/ order to which the kits are evaluated and reorganized.</li> <li>• Example of BLS and ALS Inventory requirements from another provider can be found @ <a href="#">SECTION 700   S-SV EMS Agency (ssvems.com)</a> .</li> </ul>	<p>Prioritizing in the order identified with the least complex and most widely utilized kit being:</p> <p>Personal kit 10 Person kit 20 Person kit 100 Person kit</p>
4	Contractors		Dr. Michelle Curry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the VIPR system now having contractors under it there are still concerns and issues coming to agency personnel to field questions regarding the contractors and at some points some valid concerns which agency representatives have had discussions with the VIPR contracting officials to resolve.</li> </ul>	

5	<b>REMS update</b>		Todd Miranda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should we come up with a guideline to aid in the field of how to properly identify compliance of heart rate monitors which are being brought to incidents from medical providers which will help MEDL personnel to ensure compliance.</li> <li>• Contractors are currently having compliance issues due to what the presumed standard of medical care “Wilderness medicine” vs the actual medical standards. It varies from state to state and by personnel based on their medical director at the moment.</li> </ul>	<p>Help with trying to facilitate finding someone to aid from Equipment Standards Group.</p> <p>Through the continued efforts of coming up with medical compliance standardization from EMC and others there will be continual issues at first but EMC as a whole feels positive about the direction it is headed and the ability of the REMS teams to conform to costs associated with compliance.</p>
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**Next Conference Call Executive session planned for prior to the next EMC general meeting.**

**Date:** Not applicable for the date range of 9/21/2023 – 10/19/2023

**Time:**

**Next EMC Conference Call**

**Date:** October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Time:** 11:00 MST