



Emergency Medical Committee

Meeting Notes – March 21st, 2024



Primary Members	Agency	Y/N	Alternate Member	Agency	Y/N
Ronald (Ron) Sandling	FWS	N	Edward (Eric) Fransted	FWS	N
Brian Sikes	NPS	N	Mark Hnat	NPS	N
Dr. Michelle Curry	USFS	Y	Dr. Jennifer Symonds	USFS	Y
Tyler McCowan	Chair/BLM	N	Kevin Norton	BLM	Y
Vacant	BIA		Jarrad Clift	USFA	N
Shaughn Maxwell	IAFC	Y			
Larry Grubbs	NASF	Y	Micahel Joel	NASF	Y
Vacant	DOD		Katy O'Hara	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	N
Dr. Brett Rosen	CALFIRE	Y	Bruce Hicks	Other	N
Alan Sinclair-IMU Subcommittee Chair		N	Debra Anderson	USFS	Y
Todd Miranda- REMS Task Group Lead	Sedona FD	Y	Evan Sterling	BLM	Y

Guests: Ron George, Tim Blake, Steve Otoupalik, Nathan Hess and Malcolm McFarland

01/18 Meeting Notes

	Topic	Action Item	Presenter	Notes	Action/Decision
1	First aid kit update		Kevin Norton, Nathan Hess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid kits are currently with a contractor who is working on the EMC’s detailed items and building prototypes. EMC will have an opportunity to review the prototypes and give feedback to contracting before a final product is concluded. • The current NFES/NSN (catalog item numbers for the cache) could remain the same for the Crew Kit as they haven’t changed a significant amount. The IFAK NFES/NSN will probably change due to the complete rework of the kit. 	
2	REMS Update		Kathryn O’Hara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next steps for REMS, it is currently with NWCG Publications team making edits for a PMS draft. The draft will be presented to the NWCG Executive Board at their April meeting. Unless there are complications with the draft identified the plan is for the Executive Board to have a decision between their meeting in April and May. • Any known feedback needs to be compiled and submitted by April 5th. 	
3	Rum Creek/ Big Swamp corrective action coordination plan		Tim Blake, Kathryn O’Hara, Malcolm McFarland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Taskings were given divided equally between EMC, NIAC and RMC after the conclusion of two serious accident investigations the taskings are as follows: • RMC tasking, evaluate the need for a tool (i.e., job aid, check list or module) for Agency Administrators on understanding risk acceptance and mitigation, including the employment of rapid extraction resources. Consideration can be given to existing processes and plans utilized by Incident Management Teams (e.g. 215a and Incident Strategic Alignment Process). • EMC tasking, consider whether additional factors should be included in the Medical Incident Report section of the NWCG Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG), PMS 461 (e.g., height of canopy, length of line). Evaluate and update as necessary the Medical Plan (ICS 206 WF) to improve the understanding of the medical capabilities of aircraft (e.g., long line, short-haul, hoist, aircraft configurations). Review and validate After Action Review (AAR) standards for emergency medical service (EMS) providers to ensure information is collected, shared, reviewed, and documented by all EMS providers including incident medical responders, non-incident transportation, and advanced care providers. 	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIAC tasking, establish standards for mission prioritization for medical extraction aircraft, create an Airops summary form (ICS 220 WF) to include medical extraction capabilities. Define mission profile requirements for short haul extraction sites. Ensure consistency between ICS 206 WF and ICS 220 WF. • Through a joint effort with EMC, NIAC and RMC representatives a joint group will be identified to discuss the taskings and come up with recommendations to be presented back to the respective committee board members for consensus of a package to move forward to NWCG Executive Board. Current RMC reps Franstead, Rodeffer and Vitwar have been identified to be in the joint group. • Malcolm mentioned knowing there is an interest from others outside the group who are involved with field operations that have expressed interest in the ICS 206WF. 	
4	EMC Awards		Dr. Curry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The timeline for EMC awards group is attempting to expedite the awards due to the upcoming EMS week in May. • Most of the nominations were based on initiative to create training materials and supporting programs and not as many facilitated rescue awards. 	<p>EMC committee voted and agrees to move forward to create a package.</p> <p>Awards group will notify the recipient/s agencies Human Resource representative to ensure it is ok to proceed with identifying the recipients of the awards.</p> <p>The documentation will need to be concluded and given to NWCG by Wednesday March 27th to meet the deadline of the briefing packet of the Executive Boards topic's of their meeting in April to be completed before the EMS week deadline of announcing the awards.</p>

5	Additional Notes		<p>Deb Anderson, Dr. Curry, Larry Grubbs, Katy O'Hara, Kevin Norton, Dr. Rosen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Service recognized the Emergency Medical Services program with the Forest Service Chief award for their hard work and dedication. Incident Medical Specialist training next month and are going to open the training to others outside of IMS but need EMS continuing education and the training will intend to facilitate the EMS test for EMS providers in Forest Service Region 6. • Forest Service is currently monitoring their EMS providers who need to renew their NREMT CE's by March 31st. Protocols were updated on the protocols app a few weeks ago with one more update to be pushed around early May for the 2024 fire preseason updates. • REMS document has been passed to NASIF and once there is feedback Larry intends to move it forward once NASIF has review it. State of Alabama is putting together a medical program with Larry assisting them with the process and advising with the processes which EMC has been through previously. • New NWCG website is live, if there are any issues with the web page coordinate with EMC chair to pass to Katy. • BLM OMSP currently in training season with the facilitation of a couple Initial EMT and also EMR courses in the coming weeks. Working on the Eastern states of BLM to come on board with OMSP. • Currently discussions are happening about the potential for California's State EMS employees to be moved to a statewide authority vs local level which would possibly enable Federal Agency responders to practice through a single point of contact at the state level vs local agencies in their reporting location. 	
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Next Executive Session Conference Call

Date: Not applicable for the date range of 03/21/2024 – 04/18/2024

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