

EMS Board Conference call

January 24, 2018

1:00-1:45pm

Roll Call- Bailey, Bourgeois, La Cour, Peters, Watson, Smith. Also on the call were three representatives for the Professional Fire Fighters Organization- two from Shreveport Fire Department and one from Bossier City Fire department.

There was a good bit of discussion on the following topics:

- Concern from members about covering the same material over again with no conclusions, discussed the templates but most had not submitted any recommendations for qualification or nominations.
- Time frame for implementation of possible board?
- LDH request that all agencies consider fees structure and recommend fee increases to the LDH in an effort for agencies to be self-sustaining. There was also some preliminary discussion about the need to increase fees with Senator Mills.. Susan was asked by LDH for a projection for the BEMS which may be discussed on Feb 6th.
- Feasibility of proposing legislation this session- fiscal or otherwise? (Jeff and Gary both understood that there was an initiative underway to propose this coming legislative session.)
- Who would draft? Who would sponsor?
- Support or opposition to proposed legislation, opportunities for educating the stakeholders, need for more information regarding the direction of the subcommittee. Fire representatives stated they would need to bring the information back to their administration to discuss with their delegates whether they could support such a proposal. In order to do so they will need to be brought up to speed on what has been discussed in our past meetings. , such as a matrix, model, criteria and fiscal impact.
- Gary suggested that LAA was willing to support the Board proposal and would work with others to garner additional support.
- Evon stated the possibility of a board was discussed the past weekend at the LANREMT board meeting and they are supportive of the board and revision of the fees.

- Future actions/discussions with the EMS Task Force on Feb. 6th in Baton Rouge. Kirk as chair of the Task Force stated that there would need to be vetting by that group prior to any further action since the sub-committee reports to them.

The meeting did not seem to be progressing with any new or expanded thoughts, and it was determined that we needed to have a face to face meeting to discuss and come to consensus on the above.

Gary was asked to contact Donna to set the meeting up in conjunction with the LAA Strategic Planning meeting scheduled in Woodworth on the Jan.30 and 31st.

Next Steps:

Meet in Woodworth on Tuesday January 30th from 10:am – 12 noon prior to the LAA meeting.

Finish recommendations for the composition of the board, qualifications, criteria and nominations. Members should look at the Commission list and refine, submit suggestions to Donna prior to Feb.6th Task Force Meeting.

Establish a reasonable time frame for the legislative proposal for the new Board and/or movement of the Bureau within LDH or elsewhere in the interim.

Provide critical information to the EMS Task Force on Feb.6th, Donna will compile a written report.

Develop a rough draft of proposed legislation.

Materials requested for the meeting- Donna will provide copies for those who will be attending:

Summary of SCR40

Copy of substitute bill for re-location of BEMS proposed in 2011? (Evon will look up actual date and notify Donna)

Commission Criteria- RS 40:1133.3

Copy of MOU for Human Service District/ Board structure and function