

AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Minutes	Air Ambulance Services Committee Meeting
Date	Sep. 7 th , 2021
Time	10:00 am
Location	665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, Tennessee
Participants	Robert Tester (Chairman); Mitch Hathaway; Kevin Nooner; Mr. Hunter, Mark Pierce; Jan Weathered; Director Brandon Ward, and Assistant Director Hansel Cook Absent: Terry Neal, David Ellis; Robert Kerner; Ray Lauer; Anita Perry; Eddie West (to be removed); Nita Jernigan (to be removed)

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Chm Tester	Roll Call	<p>Conducted by Chairman Tester; of the 9 members 8 were present and quorum was declared.</p> <p>Member Services and their designated representatives moving forward:</p> <p>LIFEFORCE Air Medical-Robbie Tester HEART- Mitch Hathaway UT LIFESTAR-Terry Neal Vanderbilt LIFEFLIGHT-Kevin Nooner HCA SkyLife-Matt Owens Air Evac LIFETEAM-Mark Pierce Hospital Wing-Jan Weatherhead State OEMS-Nita Jernigan and Mike Duck</p>			
	Minutes	<p>Previous meeting minutes dated March 22nd, 2021, were presented and reviewed. Mr. Pierce made the motion to accept and was seconded by Mr. Nooner.</p> <p><u>Roll Call Vote</u> Robert Tester (Chairman): Aye</p>			

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		<p>Mitch Hathaway: Aye Kevin Nooner: Aye Mr. Hunter: Aye Mark Pierce: Aye Jan Weathered: Aye</p> <p>Motion Passed</p>			
	<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Committee Restructuring: New list outlined in roll call above. Any member service can designate a proxy in the event their representative is unable to attend.</p> <p>Director Ward: Clarified the member must email Chairman Tester, Director Ward and Tori Ferguson directly regarding the use of a designee in place of the member.</p> <p>A discussion lead by Director Ward was held on the status of the latest Aero-Medical Rules. They have been submitted to the Attorney General's Office by the OEMS for legal review. Once the review is complete, the changes will require an additional review by the Air Ambulance Committee to ensure the changes are up to date. No timeline was established due to attorney changes along with OEMS staffing changes. They will not make it before the board in December of 2021.</p> <p>Rulemaking-Tabled.</p>			

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		<p>Drone Activity- Mark Pierce and Air Evac have seen an increased use in disaster events. Director Ward discussed the news drones in Nashville. The future of drones as discussed. Good coordination was noted by Chairman Tester with commercial operators in Chattanooga. The hobbyists continue to present problems.</p> <p>LZ Control.com does it need to stay on the agenda question raised by Chairman Tester? Mark Pierce stated that it was sent out as company directive, and they have updated for their area. Director Ward voice the future interest of the State to support the effort.</p> <p>No requirement from the State to reinspect helipads post construction.</p> <p>Chairman Tester mentioned sharing Special Use Approaches with THP.</p> <p>COVID discussion Chairman Tester. General discussion was held in regard to staffing issues. Director Ward noted the infection rate was up but the hospitalization rate is declining. Finding beds for patients continues to be a challenge, leading to longer transport times, often out of state. Supply Chain continues to be an issue in availability and cost. Federal Vaccine Mandate Discussed.</p>			

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	<p>New Business</p>	<p>Air Medical Strike Team discussion. A plan was developed and exercised in 2016 according to Mark Pierce. There were challenges with the plan that warrant review. Director Ward would be the point of contact for deployment, so he voiced his interested in the development of the plan. A one-day retreat was recommended by Chairman Tester for the committee to revisit the current plan and to make changes according to the State’s needs.</p> <p>Date to be set during the December 2021 Air Medical Services Committee Meeting.</p> <p>Kevin Nooner led a discussion about new arrival and departure procedures under development for the airspace around Nashville, requesting feedback from the member programs.</p> <p>Mitchell Hathaway led a discussion about the removal of the Kendrick traction device from the approved devices list for the State OEMS.</p> <p>Director Ward requested a map of the State’s current air medical resources.</p> <p>National EMS Memorial Service was mentioned by Chairman Tester. He took</p>			

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		the opportunity to thank all of the services that participated.			
		A motion to adjourn was receive from Mr. Hathaway and was seconded by Mark Pierce. Motion passed on voice vote.			
		Next meeting: December 2021 Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am			