

**MASON COUNTY EMS&TRAUMA COUNCIL
BASE STATION MEETING MINUTES
MGH Learning Center
Case Review
September 15, 2011**

ATTENDANCE:

MCMO: Marie Baca, Bill Barger, Shawn Beaton, Phil Berg, Mariah Frey, Nate Miller, Brandon Searles, Kym Yates
Dist 2: Jeromy Hicks, Thomas Morrow, Scott Wilson
Dist 4: Mary Prentice, Greg Seals
Dist 5: Abel Deffinbaugh, Garry Davies, Victor Feist, Mark Frazier, Debbie Gau, Dan Griffey, Brandon Heggie, Jim Hepper, Eric Moore, Samantha Pellegrino, Jeff Snyder, Rob Williams, Justin Zipperer
Dist 18: Gail Cochran, Toni Fain, Mike Sexon
Others: Carol Sinclair
MPD: Joe Hoffman

ISSUES and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Mason County EMS and Trauma Council would like to extend their thanks:
1. A big congratulations to Jess Fulkerson who won the Martha Reed Award for the Best All Around MES Provider of the year.
 2. A big thanks to Josh Whitner, at MGH, who will be helping us get our base station videos online. Posting of videos is graciously done by MGH on their own time on their schedule. There is about a 3 week turn around.
- B. How are you on your OTEPs?
1. We are past the middle of the year. All paramedics and EMT/IVs techs must have six OTEPs per calendar year, if Mason County is their primary county to maintain their protocols.
 2. Check the spreadsheet listed on the website to see where you stand.
- C. Web site and Video Library:
1. The video library is current through June.
 2. July Basestation video was corrupted. The sound did not come through. There will be no video credit available for this OTEP. You may only get credit if you were present.
 3. April's ACLS OTEP was recorded for announcement purposes only. If you were not present at this OTEP, you can not receive credit for watching the announcements. However, if you have taken ACLS from an outside source, send a copy of your current card to Tamarah, so you can receive credit for it.
 4. September and October will be ending their 6 month cycle and will be expiring starting the end of March. If you need a test, please contact Tamarah.
 5. Videos will be available online for six months. Dr. Hoffman will not be burning DVDs of the videos. So watch them online, before they expire! Once you have completed the video, please contact Tamarah at tamhoffman@aol.com for a test.

D. Flu Shots:

1. MGH has secured some doses for EMS personnel.
2. Please pick up your district flu shots.
3. Dr. Hoffman would like to get all EMS personnel vaccinated- starting with first out, then down the line to volunteer EMTs. As soon as possible.

E. EMS Holiday Party:

1. EMS Holiday Party will be at Dr. Hoffman's house on December 10th at 3:00 – till we throw you out.
2. All EMS personnel and their families are welcome to join us.

F. EMTALA:

EMTALA (Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act): Once an ambulance has arrived on the CAMPUS of the hospital, they CANNOT be turned away. The crux is EMTALA applies to hospitals not ambulances. The medic's responsibility is to not take your patient from the campus once you have arrived to the campus of the hospital.

1. Once you have ARRIVED ON CAMPUS YOU CANNOT BE DIVERTED AWAY.
2. BE AN ADVOCATE FOR YOUR PATIENT, GET YOUR PATIENT INSIDE THE HOSPITAL AND CONTACT YOUR BASE IMMEDIATELY. IF THERE IS ANY CONFLICT, have the physician call me.
3. The only exception to this act is taking your patient inside this hospital places them in imminent danger i.e. fire, hurricane Katrina, mad man with a gun etc.

G. QI Updates:

1. This month's review was on AMAs.
2. The biggest deficiency was documentation within the PCR of discussion of the risks of refusing care and transport.
3. Adequate completion of AMA release itself was a big deficiency. WORK ON THIS!

H. Upcoming Meetings: the third Thursday of every month 2PM-6PM, MGH Learning Center

1. October – Issues in Trauma with Dr. Jurovich , chief of Trauma, Harborview. PLEASE JOIN US.
2. November- Pediatric
3. December - Pharmacology
4. January - PTHLS I
5. February PTHLS
6. March – Trauma Practical