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YUMA COUNTY FIRE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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Thursday, Jan 27, 2022 – 1130 A. M.
Hosted by ZOOM

Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Call to order 11:30 am by President Louie Carlos
- II. ROLL CALL SIGN IN SHEET:** Dusty Fields, Clemente Ballesteros, Javier Hernandez, Louie Carlos, Greg Lopez, Kayla Franklin, Enrique Lopez, John Louser, Ryan Johnson, Mark Rivera, Steve Irr, Steve Legros, William Unterseh, Favio Rivera, Mark Bentley
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:** No guests
- IV. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve December's meeting minutes by Dusty Fields and seconded by Clemente Ballesteros
- V. TREASURER'S REPORT:**
 - Javier Hernandez was working from home so no balance was available. He is working on invoicing for the upcoming year. The only charge was the annual PO box fee.
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - None
- VII. COMMITTEE REPORT**

Training / Safety –

- Dusty Fields will delete the recurring Zoom meeting for the training committee and will create a specific meeting for whenever the committee meets. Someone needs to lead this committee, please bring nominations for that to the next meeting.

EMS Committee – (John Louser reporting)

- The EMS committee met yesterday via Zoom –there was a good turnout, and most agencies were represented. Things that were discussed included: Operations, PPE, Training, and Pre-Hospital updates. Highlights of what was discussed:
- Operations: Some departments are seeing an uptick in call volume right now. Every agency had a decrease in migrant responses. YRMC's ER is feeling a strain due to patient volume. There will be traveling nurses arriving in to help alleviate some staffing issues for them. The small, independent east side hospital is slated to open in March or April. YRMC's ER in east county should be open in April
- PPE: All agencies are currently fully stocked; backorder might be an issue to come on smart bags, vendor info was shared on email. Romeo seeing some crews just wearing surgical masks – wanted to pass on that N95 and KN95 are the desired PPE level, be mindful of cleaning equipment, avoid cross contamination. Please pass that along to crews.
- COVID testing: Most agencies received a donation from the Regional Center for Border Health for rapid testing of department members.
- Training: Joe Waterford (AWC) has a paramedic program starting at the end of April until the following April that will run Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. He has a paramedic refresher in the March/April timeframe – needs at least 6 students. He can run a special class for anyone that has at least 6 students. Discussion was made for a single Fire/EMS director at AWC. Benefits were discussed for single point of contact, streamline some processes, if that was something that is desired, possibly input from the YCFOA forming a letter in support of that would be helpful. Javier liked the idea of a

single point of contact at AWC, so students won't lose a semester in transition phases between fire and EMS academies. The EMS committee supported it, but it needed to go to the association for review/input/vote. A motion for "new business" to discuss this during the next meeting was made by Steve Irr; John Louser seconded it.

- Prehospital side: Major skills were run this past month; it went well but there is room for improvement. One area is use of the BOUGIE introducer. All agencies were lacking in that area. Training on that needs addressed, or info provided on why it doesn't work. Major skills/tape and chart – discussion was had on the current two-day format. The county has outgrown that model; different delivery options might need to be discussed for training delivery. Train the trainers might help. There was an idea to make this a 3 or 4-day group. Ideas were given to move it around to different areas of the county so some people won't have to travel so far. Resource coverage needs were discussed. More instructors would be needed.
- Jesse Aguirre has 19 EMT students will be scheduling ride time starting in March
- DHS has a new training program manager – he should be invited to a future meeting

Legislative –

- Steve Irr has a meeting with the president of AFCA and the president's forum, which will be happening at the end of February. Email Chief Irr if you have questions, concerns, ideas, or issues, and he can support the region. He will report back in April what comes about from that meeting. A replacement for that committee will be needed in April due to Chief Irr's retirement

Mutual Aid –

- Chief Fields had a Zoom meeting with the Chief at Buckeye and he is leading a charge on working with conjunction with DEMA on integrating the current mutual aid plan with how they access the emergency operations center in the state. It is still up in the air how they will go about that, there has been a lot of leadership change, and not a lot of direction at the moment. They are in a holding pattern until leadership is reorganized. Nothing has changed on the current plan for using the regional dispatching, Chief Fields will update if there are any changes.
- Winterhaven/Imperial County – AMR took over transport, but have had some staffing issues to cover that area – YFD and RMFD had been helping cover that area. AMR is aiming to staff a unit in that area when they can.

VIII. BUSINESS

- **Unfinished BUSINESS**
 - YRMC operability – Louie Carlos forwarded the after action report to everyone that he could remember. Does the group want to meet and discuss that document? Steve Legros was open to meet – an invite will be sent out.
 - Meeting every other month for the coming year? Vote – all aye – no nays – will start scheduling every other month. Feb Zoom meeting is on, and then Meet in March – Rural Metro to host
- **New BUSINESS-**
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IX. ACTION ITEMS –

- None

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER –

- Greg Lopez asked who has the picture that was taken on 9/11 at the commerce center, Steve Irr shared that RMFD has the picture.
- Steve Legros said that YFD is demoing equipment on station alerting – if you are interested let him know and he will share options and vendors

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

- Dusty Fields motioned to adjourn at 12:07 pm and William Unterseh seconded it. The next regular meeting will be held via ZOOM on Thursday, February 24th, 2022 at 11:30 am. A link will be sent out prior to the meeting.