

October 11, 2006

Florida Association of EMS Educators Meeting

Call to order: 9:00 AM

The meeting began with a welcome from President Danny Griffin. He announced that the minutes will be available on the list serv and that Louis Mallory is working on a member directory for the web site.

Ricky Stone from the Bureau of EMS asked that programs check their contact information on the state web site and send him any corrections. He then introduced new bureau personnel including RC "Pipp" Pippin, Inspector, Steve McCoy, Training Coordinator, and announced that Shelly Lewis would be coming on as a new inspector soon.

Betsy Hines, of MQA announced that the 2005-2006 paramedic exam results were being sent to the training centers. She stated that the average paramedic exam score for that time period was 83.75%. She asked that training centers provide some input on what sort of test data they want to receive. She stated that the new Advanced Cardiac Life Support changes will be reflected in state board tests beginning January 1st, 2007.

Rob Holburn announced that the first draft of the EMS Instructor Certification proposal was available for review and would be discussed at the afternoon's EMS Advisory Council/ Education Meeting.

Danny Griffin discussed his work on NHTSA's new standards project. He discussed the project's change in focus from the previous curriculum, specifically that the new curriculum will contain more broad statements about expected results. He stated the project will be complete in October 2008.

James Palazollo, of the ASPIRE study gave a presentation discussing that study and the Zoll Autopulse's positive effects on outcomes among cardiac arrest patients.

Dr. Linda Swisher discussed the recent proposed changes in Florida Statute 401, and asked that the Bureau give constituents more advanced notice regarding proposed changes to the statutes.

Danny Griffin voiced a concern that when the 401 changes mentioned the current national curriculum that in several places they failed to include the words

"or their successors" to indicate that the upcoming changes in the curriculum would be considered in the statutes.

Danny Griffin closed by reminding the group that the January meeting will be held in Jacksonville with Fire-Rescue East. He urged members to sign up early for rooms due to the increased demand.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.