

# EMSG Meeting Notes

May 30, 2003

**Core Member Participants:** Kim Christensen, Fergus Laughridge, Jeff Scussel, Jeff Hatch

**Chair:** Gene Madden.

**Absent:** Sherrie Collins, Dia Gainor

**Participating Technical Expert:** Bruce Cheeseman, ID EMS  
Bobby Golden – Executive Secretary

## OLD BUSINESS STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE:

Action Item	Assigned to	Due Date	Action Taken
List of IMS and MEDL in the other geographical areas	Kim Christensen		Kim has the list for DOI and is working on the USFS & others 4/11/03 Kim has a list and will mail to Bobby to clean up
Feed back on draft RM-51 chapters on training and certification	All	5/30/03	Still needs to be done
Mail out the 100 & 500 (NFES 1760 & 1835) kit contents listing, both for in region and out of region	Kim Christensen	5/30/03	Kim will get this out
State MEDL lists, mailed to Kim	Gene Madden		

## AGENDA ITEMS:

- Charter Approval
- Story in the June Wildland Firefighter magazine
- Response back from the National Registry
- NPS-51 – feedback on the draft
- Recommending direction on EMT's crossing state lines
- Joint SHWT meeting in Las Vegas week of Oct 6th

## NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Action Item	Assigned to	Due Date	Action Taken
Jeff Hatch did not receive the NPS-51 document	Bobby Golden	6/8/03	Completed Mailed 6/3/03
The draft we received is it the latest?	Kim Christensen	6/13/03	
Idaho has developed a letter to be used for EMT's crossing state lines and will send to Bobby	Bruce Cheeseman	6/13/03	Completed Bruce mailed to Bobby on 5/30/03. Bobby mailed to group 6/2/03
When MEDL list is received Bobby will clean up and mail out	Bobby Golden	6/13/03	
Madden to attend July meeting with State EMS directors. Fergus to mail the logistics	Fergus Laughridge	6/13/03	
Sanitize notes for posting onto the web	Bobby Golden	6/13/03	

Kim Christensen - Meeting started without Gene Madden present

Charter – The Safety & Health Working Team approved the charter for the formation of the Emergency Medical Services Group (EMSG). There were a few minor changes to the charter. The most significant was the number of committee members, changing from 7 to 8 to specifically include the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) and that a member could fill more than one slot. This was done so that Gene will be representing both the SHWT and NASF on the committee.

Story on the new EMSG – Should be in the Wildland Firefighter Magazine in the June issue.

Gene received a response back from the National Registry to allow the EMSG website to link to their site.

- **No comments have been received back on the NPS-51 draft – Please send to Bobby**

Jeff Hatch – says he did not receive his copy of the draft

- **Bobby to remail a copy**

Bruce Cheeseman – The statement in the NPS-51 concerning the national registry, it is not a certification but only a validation.

Kim Christensen – Talked with the NPS and was informed that it is being rewritten and wanted to know if the one we received is the rewrite?

- **Kim will e-mail Sherrie to find out for sure**

Recommending direction on EMT's crossing state lines

Kim Christensen - Do the EMS directors really want to receive the calls?

Bruce Cheeseman – Yes, it is imperative that the EMS offices be called..

Fergus Laughridge – The Medical Unit Leader should be ones to make the call not individual EMT's. At some time you should be able to get to the web site for the phone numbers.

Jeff Hatch – Yes it is the responsibility of the Med Unit Leader to call. Says they should try to fill within the state before hiring out of state EMT's. If there are only IMS personnel on the fire then the IMS Manager would be responsible for making the calls.

Kim Christensen – a letter needs to be drafted to send out through the logistics and other areas, such as safety, to get this information out.

Fergus Laughridge – If there becomes a problem in calling other EMS directors then they can give Dia or himself a call so they can make the contact with their peers to fill them in on the issue.

Jeff Scussel – In Montana it has shifted from the State EMS Director to the Montana Medical Board. For this season there is a variance to their statute. It is an unofficial

variance as of yet there is no actual letter. IMS personnel will notify the board as will the MUL.

Laughridge – He has looked for such a letter on Montana’s websites and has not been able to locate one.

Jeff Scussel – that is because there isn’t one

Bruce Cheeseman – Idaho has developed a letter that is to be used when EMT’s cross into their state.

- **He will email to Bobby who will make sure all members receive a copy**

Laughridge can get something out.

Cheeseman – This will be a limited service request and only to be used for a specific time.

Laughridge – does it specify the level of practice?

Cheeseman – ID board of Medicine is broad and doesn’t address this in the letter.

Jeff Hatch – Is it something we can fax from the fire after is filled out?

Cheeseman – Yes but it would be good to have a days notice before they arrive into the state.

Scussel – There is nothing in place with the dispatch system to know the level of their quals only their names until they arrive onto the fire. Montana will be notified by a phone call. Most fire tours are for 14 days with some extensions but the fire may last longer than 14 days so there will be different individuals arriving on the fire to replace those already there.

Laughridge – So we may have to extend beyond the specific dates specified?

Cheeseman -I got a call from an EMT unit that is putting together teams to go out on fires and I asked him how he was going to address the crossing of state lines. He told me that they feel they don’t need to address it as they are hired by the federal government and feel that they feel this isn’t an issue.

Laughridge – I have gotten the same type of calls and there are a lot of people out there with the same idea. So the sooner we can get these falsehoods addressed the better off we are going to be.

Christensen – Several conference calls ago I was asked to come up with a list of MEDL’s from all areas. There are 270 plus, what am I to do with the list? It is rather long and may have individual only one to a page. The ROSS system doesn’t consolidate the names and they are seeing that some of the reports need to be worked on to get the information needed

- **Kim to mail to Bobby who will clean up and get out to the group**

Scussel – Who is handling the mailing lists?

Bobby – I am

Scussel - Dr David Welch called and would like to be put onto the mailing list, his phone number is 602-390-1046, email is [dcwdo@aol.com](mailto:dcwdo@aol.com)

Christensen – the web site should be up and running in about 5 days.

Gene Madden joined the group at 1140 – He was on his way into the office on his day off when he came upon an accident and that is why he is late.

Gene Madden – The SHWT would like to have a joint meeting and they were wondering if Portland or Seattle would work for this group.

Per the group they would like to leave it at Las Vegas if possible due to the costs to travel to the other locations.

Gene Madden – the dates could be the week of Oct 6, to meet either the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup>,

Laughridge – the beginning of the week would be better for both he and Dia.

All Agreed

Gene Madden – will drop Broyles a note

Scussel – Need to take into consideration that R1 is still fairly active in fires in Oct.

Madden – The working team has approved him to attend the meeting with Fergus's group in July

- **Fergus to get Gene the logistics and details of the meeting**

Madden – The SHWT is comfortable in posting the meeting notes onto the web.

This group still wants the notes sanitized before posting.

- **Bobby to handle and mail to Gene for posting**

Madden – has anyone done anymore with the bullets that were drafted and mailed out after the last conference call?

Cheeseman – they have written a one page document to let the other EMS directors know what is going on.

Laughridge – There is a Regional Western Directors meeting on 6/6 and he will discuss this with them

Madden – When the document is done send to this group as there are a ton of logistic chiefs wanting to know what is happening with the medical issues on fire.

Is HIPPA an issue for wildland fire? Will it effect what we do?

Laughridge – On any medical reports that show treatment and it is retained is very important. Privacy/security of those docs is critical and very strict.

Madden – since these are shared with comp & claims unit and other appropriate agencies something needs to be put out there. This could go onto the website.

There is another item that the SHWT is working on and that is to develop a refined list for the NWCG glossary on medical issues. I will be making some changes and once it is started it will be sent out to the group in draft form for review.

Some issues were that they only listed EMT's and they did not break it down to EMTB, EMTI, EMTP etc. IMS was not listed and it should be . NWCT is looking at getting a draft out by Aug so it can be accomplished by fall.

Scussel – on the IMS need to list R!, R6 and R10 and to state that at present there are no other areas with the IMS teams.

Cheeseman - heard a rumor that another region was thinking of starting up an IMS program.

Madden – the glossary should be a good working tool to help understand what medical service is available

Cheeseman – Idaho will be unable to attend the 6/13 conf call.

Madden – should that be our last call till Sept?

Scussel – would like to keep the conference every three weeks

All agreed

The next conference calling dates are:

1. Friday, June 13, 2003 10:00 Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 Eastern
2. Friday, July 11, 2003 10:00 Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 Eastern
3. Friday, Aug 11, 2003 10:00 Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 Eastern
4. Friday Aug 29, 2003 10:00 Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 Eastern

## COMPLETED ACTION ITEMS

Action Item	Assigned to	Due Date	Action Taken
Mail out the Fire Summary (NFES 1815) that was typed up after discussion with Chuck Whitlock a member of the SHWT	Bobby Golden		Completed 3/20/03
Dr Spencer Hall offered his assistance. Will find out if he will be a good SME	Dia Gainor		Felt he can be a SME contact as well as many others 4/11/03
Combined May meeting with SHWT	Gene Madden		Postponed until Oct. 2003. 3/28/03
List of IMS in the Northern Rockies	Bobby Golden		R1 IMS list mailed to core group 3/10/03
National Park Service has in place a template for EMT standards and will be mailing it to the core group.	Sherry Collins		visited with Randy Coffman from NPS and will try to get the NPS-51 document to us 4/11/03 mailed out a draft to the group
Look into EMAC as a way to manage our situation.	Dia Gainor		Jeff Hatch sent out a document on WY EMAC
Write a letter asking for permission to link the National Registry to the web site, and explain why we are linking to their site.	Gene Madden		Completed
Need to try and get the two NPS chapters on training and credentialing	Sherrie Collins		Faxed to Bobby 5/2/03 Hard copy mailed to all 5/5/03 Faxed to Gene Madden 5/27/03
Putting information onto the NWCG Safety & Health website to pass onto people wanting to know the status of what this group is doing.	Kim Christensen		Not a problem just need to see what needs to be on the site 4/11/03
Draft the headers for the standards	Dia Gainor and Fergus Laughridge		Completed .Mailed to the group 5/2/03
Story on EMSG creation for Wildland Firefighter Magazine	Gene Madden		Completed and sent to Wildland Firefighter
Letter to William Brown, Exec. Dir. @ NREMT for approval to link their website for info	Gene Madden		Completed. Letter sent to National Registry and received approval from NREMT
Bruce asked for the email EMSG list	Bobby Golden	5/5/03	Completed 5/5/03
FAX/Mail DRAFT RM-51 to all members	Bobby Golden	5/5/03	Mailed hard copy 5/5/03
See if Dr Jui would like to join in on the calls	Bobby Golden		Message sent to Dr Jui 3/4/03 Follow up message 3/10/03
Upon reviewing the NASEMSD site Dia found out that there were no phone numbers so she will send us an electronic list.	Dia Gainor		Completed Association headquarters is working on the list 3/20/03
Call the MT EMS director Ken Leighton-Boster for a copy of his new rule given to Jeff Scussel	Dia Gainor and Fergus Laughridge		