

# Ambulance Service Advisory Board

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## Meeting Minutes of Rules and Regulations Committee

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

### Attendees

Jason Umbenhauer, Chairman, Kent County EMS  
Jason Rhodes, HEALTH OEMS  
Michael DeMello, RISFC  
Bethany Gingerella, RI Fire Chiefs  
Randall Watt, Newport County EMS  
Paul Casey, House Appointee  
Steven Encarnation, Woonsocket Fire

- 1) **Establishment of Quorum** – 5 Members present
- 2) **Call to Order** at 11:08 hours by Jason Umbenhauer, Chairman
- 3) **Review / Consent of Agenda** - Motion made by Michael DeMello, seconded by Jason Rhodes to approved agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes from the July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting** - Hearing no additions or corrections, the minutes of the July 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 minutes are approved by the committee as presented.
- 5) **Old Business**
  - a. **QI Program for Ambulance Inspections** – Chief Rhodes stated that there are no real updates on this project. He is awaiting ImageTrend's development of the new checklist module for StateBridge prior to moving forward. This is expected to happen in September.
  - b. **Service Inspections to be included with Annual Ambulance Inspections** – Chief Rhodes stated that CEMS is working on a more finalized draft of the manual for the committee to review.
  - c. **NFPA 1917/CAAS/KK Ambulance Standards** – Chief Demello discussed with the committee his research and review of the NFPA and CASS standards. Chief DeMello states that the Fire Chiefs Association

has been made aware of the proposed changes to the regulations. Chief DeMello feels that it is in the committee's and the Ambulance Advisory Boards best interest to adopt the NFPA 1917 standard without alteration. Amendments can be made at a later time to address issues like, lettering/stripping and Non-Transport Vehicles. The intent is to have the full board approve the adoption of the NFPA standard and begin the process of changing the Regulations for a 1/1/2017 effective date.

Michael DeMello made a motion to “send to the full Ambulance Service Advisory Board the committee’s recommendation to adopt the NFPA 1917 Standard in its entirety, including annexes, for vehicles ordered after 1/1/2017.” The motion was seconded by Paul Casey. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- d. **Updates to the Ambulance Inspection Manual** – The Chairman stated that the 2017 protocol revision is expected to be officially released on 9/1/2016. The chairman stated that he feels it is in the best interest of the committee to begin discussing changes after everyone has had a chance to review the new scope of practice and medication formulary.

#### **6) New Business**

None

#### **7) Good of the Order**

- a. Paul Casey voiced some concern about the 30 minutes of CPR before moving patient that will be included in the new protocols. Paul Casey asked for some Public outreach from the CEMS or HEALTH to ease the public's perception on the change. The committee discussed several additional options available at a local level.
- b. Chief Rhodes asked the committee to begin work on a complete revision of the Rules & Regulations. Chief Rhodes feels that this is very overdue.

#### **8) Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 12:14