

## NLCERA EMS Update to NW Chiefs – Minutes

August 18, 2021

Location: Chief Rau weekly Zoom Link

### Discussion/Agenda items:

#### 1. NLCERA EMS Contract

- a. PFA Fire Chief, Derek Bergsten, is developing his EMS vision for PFA. More on timelines and how this will affect the NLCERA as it develops.
  - i. Chief Vander Velde described the current work in progress regarding PFA's EMS vision being developed by Chief Bergsten. Updates will be shared in monthly NW Chiefs meetings.
- b. Chief Vander Velde continues to work with UCHealth to address all aspects of EMS contract compliance according to the new contract format.
  - i. Chief Vander Velde presented an overview of the current work happening within EMS: 1) EMS academies being conducted by UCHealth for their EMT and Paramedic staff to establish a high level of EMS competence. These EMS academies are open to all NLCERA member agencies, and attendance would be required for all four weeks Mon-Fri, 08:00-17:00. NLCERA member agencies will receive this same information over a longer period through monthly trainings from UCHealth. 2) Much work is happening within the other pillars for reporting, such as QA and Training to provide patient care feedback information and high levels of training to the NLCERA members.
    1. Chief Vander Velde asked if there are any issues with training or other needs?
      - a. Responses were positive regarding the training being provided by UCHealth.
      - b. No other issues noted.

#### 2. Updates to the NLCERA website

- a. The promised website updates are now live on the [www.NLCERA.org](http://www.NLCERA.org) website:
  - i. The new NLCERA EMS Contract Map and response times are loaded onto the website "Maps" area.
  - ii. The EMS Operational form now has "incident address" added on the incident number line for when you are requesting response feedback by the CAD number.
    1. Having the incident address gives us a quick check on the response number accuracy.

#### 3. NLCERA EMS Compliance for July, 2021

- a. The final July 2021 NLCERA EMS Response Pillar data report is not due to PFA until August 20, 2021. This report will be sent out to the NLCERA members when received.
- b. ReadyOp test for August 18, 2021 will be at 16:00, and will be text and email only.

- i. Reminder to send any top three leadership changes in the ReadyOp contact information to [bill.salmon@poudre-fire.org](mailto:bill.salmon@poudre-fire.org).
  - c. Bill described the work with UCHealth and First Watch to validate and Beta test the online compliance utility (OCU) that is used to track the EMS response compliance. The OCU is very close to being fully validated using the July data.
    - i. The July data report may be delayed pending programing updates but will be distributed to NLCERA member agencies when received by PFA.
- 4. EMS Mileage Reimbursements
  - a. Please remember to submit mileage reimbursement requests using the NLCERA.org mileage reimbursement form.
  - b. Please make sure each invoice has a unique "invoice" number.
  - c. Please contact [bill.salmon@poudre-fire.org](mailto:bill.salmon@poudre-fire.org) with reimbursement questions or issues.
- 5. NLCERA EMS Advisory Committee
  - a. The NLCERA EMS Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for August 18, 2021 was postponed until October 27, 2021.
  - b. PFA is in the process of rebuilding the EMS division and will be better positioned with updates for the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - c. Chief Vander Velde provided an update regarding the need for more time to establish PFA's EMS vision and role moving forward with the NLCERA EMS Advisory Committee.
- 6. Other/Questions:
  - a. Paramedics in the NLCERA:
    - i. Chief Vander Velde described the efforts with UCHealth to clearly authorize and validate a paramedic's ability to function under the NLCERA medical director's license. This has been a need for some time and will be clarified for all NLCERA member agencies.
    - ii. Bridget Question: The GVFPD has a nurse, can this person be allowed to function on emergency scenes in the NLCERA?
      - 1. Evan advised that in their system a nurse attended a bridge to EMT course which gave them the EMT license as well as being a nurse.
      - 2. Chief Vander Velde will follow-up with Dr. Tremblay regarding the nurse to EMT serving in the NLCERA.
      - 3. Bill requested Evan share the information regarding the program used by their nurse to obtain EMT status.

Please send NLCERA EMS Contract administration questions to ([rick.vandervelde@poudre-fire.org](mailto:rick.vandervelde@poudre-fire.org) or [bill.salmon@poudre-fire.org](mailto:bill.salmon@poudre-fire.org)).

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