

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Tom Wright at 0900 hours.

Members in attendance were:

Tom Wright	Bend Fire
Bruce Turney	Black Butte Ranch Fire
Jeremy Ast	Sisters Fire
Ken Enoch	Sisters Fire
Jon P. Cloutier	Zoll
Rick Mjelde	Mt. Bachelor Ski Patrol
Dan Drayton	Redmond Fire
Scott Spaulding	Crooked River Ranch Fire
Dan Broyles	Redmond Fire
Camille Smicz	Deschutes County 911
Jim Dean	Crook County Fire and Rescue
Brian Bates	Central Oregon Community College
Paula Simone	Central Oregon Community College
Will Bean	Mountain View Hospital
Dan Daugherty	LaPine Fire Department

The minutes were approved as printed.

Tom gave the attached treasurers report. Ken Enoch moved to accept the report as printed. The motion was seconded by Scott Spaulding. The motion passed.

Under communications Tom read a letter from Mark Taylor who thanked ECEMS not only for his nomination for the State of Oregon EMS Community Service Award, but also he wanted to thank us for paying for his expenses to attend the awards ceremony.

Under Education, Brian Bates of the College EMS Program and Paula Simone of the Fire Science program presented the version of the new advisory committee structure that was presented to the Central Oregon Fire Chiefs Association. Under the plan the joint committee will have a few individuals from EMS and a few from Fire Science who will work on larger issues. ECEMS would be a source for EMS Task Force Work groups if a specific EMS issue needed investigated and COFIA would be the group that would work on Fire related issues.

Also under Education it was reported that Sisters Fire will host on December 5th a 12 lead class at 1300 hours. Redmond and Bend Fire will host a 12 lead class at station 401 on the 29th of November from 0800 to noon.

Tom asked Jon if he would work with Michelle of Airlife to train all of us in reading CO waveforms since this is a feature of the Zolls that most of us do not use.

Under Protocols it was noted that the new 2005 ACLS standards need to be placed in the protocols.

Tom reported that Marty Betsch and Tiffany Staffow at SCMC is interested in working with Fire Departments in the area to help them get HRSA funding for next year for disaster prep.

Under MCI/MPS Plan Dan Drayton reported that he is going to be attending the National Fire Academy this winter on MCI planning. After he returns he will put together a revised plan for all of the departments to look at.

Dan has also been working on a run card project for the Helicopter call down list in the event that Airlife of Oregon is not available. His work will have flight times available for multiple areas of Central Oregon for Reach from Corvallis, Lifeline from Portland, and Mercy Flights from Medford. He is only waiting on information from the National Guard in terms of their flight times in order to finish this project.

Dan's project brought up an issue from Camile of 911. She and Tom presented the following information. Based on the fact that COFOG is working to make operations standard in the Central Oregon area, she asked Bend Fire if they could make the entire Bend ASA an Auto Launch area. At this time there is no Auto Launch in the Bend ASA and as such, the Deschutes County 911 dispatchers need to remember not to Auto Launch Airlife in the no Auto Launch zone. Tom reported that at least 4 times the helicopter had been Auto Launched against Bend Fire's due to using the Incident Command System and not wanting unordered resources. Camile also stated that Dan's run card project would work better if Bend Fire would make their entire ASA an Auto Launch Zone.

Bend Fire reported that they would agree to this if Central Oregon wide the following would take place. Prior to the 911 Centers calling the AirLife Dispatch Center for an Auto Launch, we would like the 911 dispatcher in their first statement to tell the responding crew that this call meets Auto Launch criteria and to ask if they want the helicopter to be contacted for Auto Launch. This step would be done in the first 30 seconds of the dispatch when the first information about the call was passed to the responding crews and it would allow the responding crew to say yes or no.

This procedure would meet Bend Fire's concern about unordered air resources being dispatched in an urban environment as well as in the wildland areas.

Camille noted that over the past several months that the 911 dispatchers had on their own started to do this anyway.

Lively discussion followed with Sister's Fire presenting a very good argument of why the Auto Launch program as designed worked very well for them, and how the change that has taken place caused their crews to think that a helicopter was in route on a recent MVA when in fact it had not been Auto Launched. Bend and Crooked River Ranch presented arguments against the Auto Launch Program and Sisters and Crook County Fire and Rescue presented arguments for the program as designed. The subject of medics

making changes to an approved protocol with possible liability issues was presented as well.

All parties involved in the discussion determined that Auto Launch may or may not be a good operational procedure based on each department's need.

The group decided and gave direction to Camile that effective at once, the 911 dispatchers were to go back to the Auto Launch program as designed and was to dispatch Airlife for all calls that met Auto Launch criteria. In addition the dispatchers were not to use Auto Launch at all for any call in the Bend Fire ASA.

Tom reported that although the BC's at Bend Fire were opposed to Auto Launch, that they had approved an Auto Launch area to the far east, south and west of the Bend urban area. Tom also reported that the project had been put on a back burner when it became clear that we were going to have to redraw and renumber many run cards. Rob Strong also had other higher priority projects involving mapping that he had to work on. When the old district numbers were assigned to the run cards, the large districts were all in the desert or the forest, but as Bend has grown into these districts, we did not have easy lines to set up new grids for the Auto Launch run cards. Tom stated that he would support the direction of ECEMS and would have Rob Strong move this project back to the front burner where we would have Auto Launch in specific regions of our ASA. Many of Rob's projects had gotten completed and Rob should be able to work on this project again. Tom stated that all of the management team at Bend Fire would support trying the modified Auto Launch in the non-urban Bend Fire ASA on a trial basis, however we had to have new districts drawn and new run cards developed first. Camile stated she would support Bend Fire in any way that she could if we needed her assistance.

Tom also brought up an issue of who can call for a helicopter. Bend Fire has no issue with Ski Patrol on the mountain calling or Search and Rescue calling Air Life. We have had some issues with DCSO deputies responding from Sisters to Brothers for an MVA and the police were Auto Launching Airlife well before they arrived at the scene. Tom stated that he was only aware of the police calling for an Auto Launch 3 times without someone being on scene to see what was actually present. Tom believes that this issue will go away for sure once Bend gets a non-Auto Launch urban zone established. If the patient meets the criteria the Auto Launch Zone, there will be no need for police to attempt to Auto Launch a helicopter when they are miles from the scene. Tom stated that Bend Fire will work with not only the DCSO on this issue but with ODOT as well. Bend Fire does not object to the police or ODOT ordering a helicopter, but Bend Fire wants them to be on the scene first to do an evaluation. In all three of the incidents that DCSO was involved in, a helicopter was not needed.

On the subject of CPAP and EZ-IO, the rep from Vita-Care made a presentation on both subjects and stated that he would extend the discounted pricing of \$168.00 on the EZ-IO beyond the November 27th date. He also reported that training bones could be purchased from sawbones.com.

On the subject of next year's officer slate the following individuals were nominated:

President	Mike Mooers
VP	Dave Pickhardt
Secretary	Dusty Miller
Treasurer	Tom Wright

Elections will take place at the December ECEMS meeting on December 5th, 2006.

Tom reported that the Oregon Health Division would be having a public hearing on some of the proposed OAR changes on December 6th at the Portland office. Most of us had received a post card with that information. The biggest rule change that will effect all Paramedics is that the exam every four years will be removed starting with the 2007 recert period.

Department Round table took place and Tom Wright then adjourned the meeting.