

San Luis Valley RETAC
Meeting Minutes February 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order by J. Babcock, President at 1830.

Attendance:

Beverly Martinez	Rio Grande Hospital
Larry Zimmer	Saguache County
Dave Pote	SLV Exercise Design Team
Lorrie Crawford	Citizen Corps
Doug Davie	Rio Grande County
JB Alexander	Mineral County Ambulance
Jim Clare	SLV Firefighters Assoc
Lora Hughes	South Fork Ambulance
Rodney King	Conejos County Ambulance
Moira Howard	SLV Emergency Prep. & Response
Phyllis Uribe	Swedish Medical Center
Jackie Montano	Monte Vista Ambulance
Billie Norsworthy	Costilla County EMS
Jim Felmlee	Center Fire
Mark Werts	Saguache County Sheriff's Dept
Lisa Werts	American Red Cross
Denise Trujillo RN	SLV RMC
Jon Montano	SLV RETAC
Pam Gripp	Baca-Crestone/SEMTAC
Deb Haverfield	TSJC
Beth Quinlan	SLV Emergency Preparedness
Bill Brinton	SLV Emergency Preparedness
Denise Stong	Conejos County Hospital
Darren Black	Del Norte Ambulance
Norman Haug	Rio Grande Hospital

Introductions:

- Moira Howard – a new member of the San Luis Valley Emergency Preparedness & Response for Public Health.
- Chris Montera & Allen Hughes
- Jim Clare – SLV Firefighters Assoc representative
- Lora Hughes – South Fork Ambulance

Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2006 M/S/P Alexander/Felmlee

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

1. Data Reporting: Chris Montera and Allen Hughes discussed the new CDPHE EMS Data Collection System. This system is an alternative approach to Healthware Solutions. SEMTAC authorized a data collection program to be designed over 3 years. There are 3 different ways to report to the state. They would like for agencies to test the data ability and try the new system.
2. Eagle Air Med – New fix wing air medical company being housed in Alamosa.
3. Pandemic Flu – PPE for influenza:
 - a. Handwashing
 - b. Gown
 - c. Mask – protect from cough
 - d. Goggles – protect eyes
 - e. Gloves
4. NIMS 700 Training available on Friday from 10-2 PM at Alamosa County.

5. SEMTAC report is available in your agenda packet. Rule 500 discussed. The grace period may change from 6 months to 90 days for new persons.
6. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Rodney reviewed the financial report found in the agenda packet. JB Alexander questioned the internet charges and Jon will look into a different internet. The credit card expense is for the computer purchased. The financial report was M/S/P Alexander/Gripp.
7. **FACILITY ROUND TABLE REPORTS:**
 - a. Rio Grande Hospital: ER and trauma have been steady.
 - b. Saguache County – Larry reported nothing new.
 - c. Rio Grande County Commissioner – Doug reported that some things are improving. The SLV Firefighters Association and HAZMAT are up and regrouping. 911 is having some problems but an attorney is working on that to improve.
 - d. Mineral County Ambulance – JB reported no snow and that there is an increase in broken hips in Creede.
 - e. SLV Firefighters – Jim had nothing to report.
 - f. South Fork Ambulance – Lora had nothing to report.
 - g. Conejos County Hospital – Denise reported that they had 58 trauma patients in the month of December, 4 transferred, 1 admitted and in January they had 44 traumas with 4 transfers and 1 admission.
 - h. Swedish Medical Center – Phyllis stated that Health One is upgrading their web based education.
 - i. Del Norte Ambulance – Darren reported that in 2005 they had 265 runs which is down by 65 runs from the previous year. The new ambulance is being built and they recently purchased 2 new hydraulic lift gurneys.
 - j. TSJC – Deb reported that the EMS symposium is completed and went well; classes are starting in March. There is an ACLS class March 3-4.
 - k. Monte Vista Ambulance reported that they had 1 explosion with 1 DOA;
 - l. Costilla County Ambulance – reported that they are excited for their new ambulance at the end of March.
 - m. Center Ambulance/Fire – Jim reported that they had 230 runs for 2005 with runs decreasing. They are losing their Physician Advisor on April 1st.
 - n. ARC is gearing up for the Firewise Program.
 - o. Baca/Crestone – Pam reported the Mardi Gras dance on February 25 in which the profits EMS personnel who lost home. They had 8 runs reported.
 - p. Conejos County Ambulance – Rodney reported that they have been slow with 20 runs over December & January but 67 runs since January 11th. They are starting their 1st responder training with the fire departments which work out well for each other. They are also waiting for new pagers.
 - q. Homeland Security – Jeff reported that the 2005 grant is finishing, he has radios for South Fork and Del Norte. The programming of the radios is a bottleneck problem and takes time. The 2006 grant draft has been turned in with the final grant due on April 4th.

OLD BUSINESS

1. GPS Units/Dual Head Radio – 42 units of GPS have been ordered and now awaiting the money to complete the purchase. The dual head radios are being installed and some problems have been noted and are being fixed.
2. Pre Hospital Destination Protocols were passed at the state level. Jon would like to improve them next time that they need revisions.
3. Exercise Design Team includes Jim Clare, Lorrie Crawford, Rodney King, and Jon Montano with a few other persons from other agencies. This team designs, conducts and evaluates exercises to be compliant with Homeland Security requirements for funding. The first one is planned to be on March 1st with Alamosa and Conejos County to practice with the DTR and communication between agencies. For more information, contact a member.
4. Website Development is being completed. The new address should be www.sanluisvalleyretac.com. Ideas that are being thought about include a home page, meeting

information, calendars to show trainings and meetings, advisor committee page, a grants page and possibly county plans for emergency in the future.

5. Jon's Probationary Status was reviewed by the executive committee and the committee agrees to move Jon to permanent status. M/S/P Alexander/Trujillo

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dissemination of Information needs to be passed to everybody in your agency. Please put RETAC on your agenda.
2. Plan Profiles are due March 1st. As the money comes into RETAC from the state it goes into a fund. Should RETAC pay the agency as their profiles are completed? This fund is collecting interest. Should we let the fund stay and collect interest and gain savings??
3. Disaster trailers: Jon is trying to get trailers for counties that do not have trailers.
4. NIMS 700 training has been completed in Center for the Fire/Ambulance. The training takes about 2-3 hours and the test is passable. If your agency is interested, please contact Jon.
5. Grant Review committee will be Pam, Rodney, Ted, Jim, Beverly and Moira. The grant review will be April 6th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Community College of Aurora has converted one of their large classrooms into the inside of a home for EMS to "practice" in. Information is in the agenda packet.
2. Jon would like to update the physician advisor list. Call Jon with the information on your physician advisor.
3. Thank you Deb for all the work on the TSJC EMS Symposium; Heart Safe donated 2 AED trainers to TSJC.
4. EMS Cruise for training. Information in agenda packet.
5. Rule 500 is included in the agenda packet.
6. Rodney announced that new at the school in Conejos is a PDA mannequin for training. They are starting the EMS class for high school students.
7. Meeting dates for RETAC will be changed to the odd months on the 2nd Thursday of the month.
8. SLV Emergency Flu Exercise was written about; a copy of the news release is in the agenda packet.
9. SLV REC has a high voltage demonstration trailer to assist in training people about electricity and what happens if you come into contact with a live electric line. For more information, please contact Jim Clare.
10. Dr. Haug mentioned with the upcoming fire season that the forest service will not let ambulances assist if they have not been certified. If services would like to assist in case of fires, you need to start working on certification.

The meeting was adjourned at 2030 M/S/P Zimmer/Alexander. Next meeting is March 9, 2006.