

Teller County EMS Council Minutes  
January 16, 2024  
Northeast Teller County Fire Station #1  
Directly Following the County-wide Communications Meeting

**Call to Order:** 11:15

**Members/Agencies Present:**

Eric Murray (SWTCEMS)	Michelle Wolff (TCPHE)
Susan Bernstetter (LGFPD)	Chris Hawkins (FMFPD)
Dave Hansher (UPRHSD)	Tim Dienst (UPRHSD)
Dave Rial (NETCO)	Joe O'Connor (CCFD)
Tucker Freed (S&R/Victor FD/Coroner)	
Jessica Flohrs (TCOEM)	Sean Keenan
Kevin Tedesco (TCSO)	James McLaughlin (UPRHSD)
JT McLeod (DVPD)	Twana Denton (CPFD)
Steve Murphy (GMFFD)	Jerek Bickford (UPRHSD)
Cindy Rousseau (FMFPD)	Chris Walters (FFPD)
Dave Quick (FFPD)	Mike Ortega (Victor FD/CCFD)
Roger Coker (TCSO)	Sean Keenan (Medical Director)
Mary Higgins (TCPHE)	Tyler Lambert (NETCO)
Daniel Baker (UC Health)	Ron Fitch (UC Health/PPRH)
Abbie Yarger (MCFPD)	Courtney Wadham (TC Coroner)

**Approval of Minutes:** Dave Hansher motioned to accept, Susan seconded, passed.

**Public to be Heard or items not on Agenda:** None

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Teller County EMS Funds: \$10,000.00
- Teller/Plains to Peak RETAC: \$ 73,810.83
- Teller EMS Training: \$ 5,391.80
- Teller Wilderness Taskforce: \$45.68
- Total: \$89,991.24

There is a \$366.18 discrepancy with the RETAC funds that Tim and Kim are working on.

**New Business:**

- Approve and adopt proposed TCEMSC Bylaws by vote and roll call (need 2/3 to approve):
  1. Yes / No / Not Present - Southwest Teller County Emergency Medical Service
  2. Yes / No / Not Present - Ute Pass Regional Health Services District
  3. Yes / No / Not Present - Cripple Creek Fire Department
  4. Yes / No / Not Present - Divide Fire Protection District
  5. Yes / No / Not Present - Florissant Fire Protection District
  6. Yes / No / Not Present - Four Mile Protection District
  7. Yes / No / Not Present - Green Mountain Falls Fire Protection District
  8. Yes / No / Not Present - Mountain Communities Fire Protection District
  9. Yes / No / Not Present - Northeast Teller County Fire Protection District
  10. Yes / No / Not Present - Victor Fire Protection District
  11. Yes / No / Not Present - Dr. Timothy Hurtado

12. Yes / No / Not Present - Dr. Sean Keenan
13. Yes / No / Not Present - Teller County Search and Rescue
14. Yes / No / Not Present - The Teller County Office of Emergency Management

The proposed bylaws were accepted.

- Officer Elections and Vote: After a discussion about each agency talking to their employees/volunteers about the open positions, Joe O'Connor motioned to keep the same officers through the first quarter. Tyler Lambert seconded, and the motion passed.
  - Chair (Current: Dave Hansher, UPRHSD)
  - Vice-Chair (Current: Jessica Flohrs, TCOEM)
  - Secretary (Current: Eric Murray, SWTCEMS)
  - Treasurer (Current: Tim Dienst, UPRHSD)
- Representative and Alternate for Each Agency report to the Chair due by January 31<sup>st</sup>:

A roster was passed around to fill in the agency representative and alternate. Please provide that by the close of business on January 31, if not done so already.

#### **Reoccurring Business:**

- Reimbursement Request: None. Florissant FPD needs to provide some additional paperwork for a reimbursement request.
- Plains to Peak RETAC Report: No report.
- Medical Director's Updates: Dr. Keenan: They are working on guideline updates and there will be training provided for the changes made. They are closer to having UPRHSD carry whole blood which will be stocked at PPRH. The goal is to have two units carried by the UPRHSD supervisor on duty. There will be public service announcements put out about this project as it gets closer to being operational. The OneDose app is an option for the guidelines that Plains to Peaks RETAC is exploring, and they may be able to pay for the app. They have a QMC program in place and it is as inclusive as possible. Every agency is allowed to have a representative included. They are using Just Culture for the process and meet once a month. The information discussed in the QMC is protected and non-discoverable.

#### **Old Business:**

- Ambulance Authorization to Operate in Teller County Update: It is with the County attorney for review.

#### **Taskforce/Standing Committee Reports:**

- O2 Taskforce: 15 battery units are in. They will order Pelican cases for deploying the batteries. TCPHE ordered and received battery tenders and fire blankets that will be issued with each unit. They will only be used during emergencies for medical equipment only. Residents borrowing the battery units will be educated that they need a backup plan other than these units. A letter signed by the County Commissioners will be sent to all the oxygen companies that serve Teller County inviting them to a meeting with the Taskforce.
- MCI Taskforce: TCPHE purchased supplies to restock the trailer, and they plan on getting shelving for the trailer.
- Awards: None

**Agency Reports/General Discussion:**

- TCSAR: They have avalanche and snowmobile training coming up.
- PPRH: The emergency room renovation will continue for another six weeks, and they are adding behavioral health rooms. The orthopedic surgeon has quadrupled the ortho business at the hospital. Ron said there are two bills they are closely watching that will have a large impact on them, if passed. They have a second general surgeon identified and they filled the primary care position in Cripple Creek.
- LGFPD: They have ice rescue training coming up.
- TCPHE: The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual suicide awareness symposium is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Woodland Park Community Church. The Teller County Board of County Commissioners announced a plan to build a new County Central Service Center in Divide, with a planned opening date in late 2026 or early 2027. The new Central Service Center will be designed to be a “one-stop shop” for County services, housing the Departments of Human Services, Public Health & Environment, DMV, Community Development, and Veterans Services, and potential satellite offices for other County services.
- UPRHSD: Their PRN NP Darlyn Baker started working for them and they hired six community paramedics. Their home program is operational again in conjunction with Deanna McNulty, DNP, with Florissant Primary Care. They are working on a grant to bring in urgent care and more behavioral health services to Woodland Park within 24-36 months. They have a 30-foot Winnebago for popup telehealth, behavioral health, and MCIs to treat walking wounded. The Community Integrated Health Care Service license program is scheduled to sunset with DORA. DORA has recommended keeping it, as it is. February 18 is EMS Day at the Capital.
- Mountain Communities FPD: They had their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary recently and have one person in EMT school.
- TCOEM: Let Jessica know if there are any agency needs for the arctic cold front and winter storm that is approaching.

**Next Meeting:** March 20, 2025, after the TCFA meeting (approximately 10:30 AM)

**Adjourned:** 12:39 PM