



FIRE QA/POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2016

Present:

Jay Hannon, Jay Alley

Physician Advisor: Mark Zeitzer

METCOM: Louise Funk, Wendy Patterson, Sarah Smith, John Thompson

Next meeting:

September 7, 2016 @ 0900 hours

Location TBD

Meeting called to order at 9:10.

I. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Reviewed Meeting Minutes:

No revisions or corrections reported.

II. Calls Reviewed

The following calls were reviewed by the committee.

CFS: 1742

Call Type: CARD

Agency: DTF

See attached QA review form.

Discussion:

- It would have been good to ask the question if someone was there to help the caller with getting the patient into a position to perform CPR.
- Louise spoke to the group regarding the proposed new CPR protocol. This protocol would ask the caller if the patient is breathing normally and move right into compressions if not.
- Overall the call taker did well.
- Doctor Z advised to remove the question if the patient had any flu symptoms from all pre-arrival cards.

CFS: 8435

Call Type: Cardiac

Agency: MAF

See attached QA review form.

Discussion:

- The call taker did a good job, although it is not necessary to spend a lot of time determining the age of the patient. Overall no issues.
- Law enforcement arrived on scene quickly and was able to start CPR.

CFS: 3379

Call Type: OD

Agency: SVF

See attached QA review form.

Discussion:

- Call taking was performed well; no issues.

CFS: 8707

Call Type: Train Accident

Agency: WBF

See attached QA review form.

Discussion:

- Call taker should have asked which direction was the training going.
- Over all the call went well.

CFS: 4091

Call Type: UNC

Agency: JFF

Discussion:

- This was asked to be reviewed for the reason of discussion on the Allergic Reaction pre-arrival card. There was not a concern regarding call taking or dispatching.
- After much discussion the group consensus was the allergic reaction calls will stay ALRG (If there is difficulty in breathing, facial swelling or signs of shock); no longer UNC.
- UNC or BREA should be used if the patient becomes unconscious or has difficulty breathing.
- The BITES/STINGS pre-arrival card will also be updated to change the third bullet point to read ALG instead of UNC. This was approved by Doctor Z.

PAI Card Reviews:

Louise introduced the proposed new CPR protocol. The new protocol would reflect the following changes:

- No more instructions for breathing unless it involves and overdose, hanging or drowning.
- Compression only CPR instructions initiated if the patient is breathing normally or not.
- Doctor Z. reviewed the proposed new EMS intake and CPR protocol cards. Doctor Z. approved the cards but need to add:
 - And pinch their nose closed and give to breaths- when giving breaths.

Doctor Zeitzer instructed to remove the question about if the patient has any flu symptoms from all cards.

Doctor Zeitzer reviewed and approved the following pre-arrival cards:

- Abdominal Pain
- Allergic Reactions
- Assault
- Back Pain
- Bites/Stings
- Breathing Problems
- Burns
- Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest
- Chest Pain
- Choking (Heimlich card also approved by Doctor Z.)
 - The "YES" and "NO" columns need to be flipped to be consistent in how the information on the cards are laid out.
 - Add a question, is the patient pregnant at the beginning of step #2.
- Diabetic
- Drowning (near drowning)/Diving Accident
- Electrocutation
- Eye Injury
- Falls
- Exposure Heat/Cold
- Injuries
- OD/Ingestion
- Poison/Chemical Exposure
- Pregnancy/Childbirth/Miscarriage
- Psychiatric/Suicide
- Seizure/Convulsions
- Unconscious/Fainting
- Unknown Medical
- Medical Evaluation for Law

Pre-Arrival cards E24 and E29 will be reviewed by Doctor Zeitzer at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 1100 hours