

**Broward Regional EMS Council**  
**October 29, 2020**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

Call to Order

Ralph Marrinson, Chair, called Skype meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

Roll Call

Alison Zerbe called roll and quorum established.

Announcements:

Approval of Minutes from September 3, 2020:

**MOTION** to Accept the minutes of September 3, 2020.

**Motion made by:** Frederick Keroff

**Seconded:** Wayne Lee

**MOTION passed unanimously**

Recommendation for Appointment/Reappointment:

**MOTION** to Recommend Terrence Davis to Transport: Aircraft.

**Motion made by:** Bruce Caruso

**Seconded:** Frederick Keroff

**MOTION passed unanimously**

New Appointee of Commissioner:

Chief Jonathan Frasher for Appointee of Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness

Vacancies:

Advanced Life Support (ALS):

American Red Cross, Broward County Chapter

Appointee of Commissioner Beam Furr

Appointee of Commissioner Mark D. Bogen

Appointee of Commissioner Tim Ryan

Fire and Paramedic, Union Representative

Law Enforcement Representative, Union Representative

Send letters of recommendations/interest to Alison Zerbe regarding vacancies. A. Zerbe provided a link that must be filled out if you want to be appointed by commissioner.

[BoardAppointmentRequest - county commissioner](#)

R. Marrinson was eager to get these vacancies filled.

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**Committee Reports:**

EMS Grant – Alison Zerbe reported for Dr. Antonio Gandia

Grants meeting was held on October 7, 2020 for allocation of the FY2021 EMS Grants. Broward County was allocated \$94,010 for 2021. These funds are allocated annually from the State of Florida Department of Health. The entirety of part 2 chapter 401 of Florida Statutes pertains to these grants to expand pre-hospital care in Broward County. Funds primarily come from traffic citations to an EMS trust fund provided to Broward County.

They received four applications for the **FY2021 grant fund**. The Grant Committee recommended partially funding all applications.

1. 24<sup>th</sup> Annual First There First Care EMS Conference – recommended \$25,000
2. Broward County Pre-Hospital Training and Education – recommended \$35,000
3. Pre-Hospital Ventilator–Improving Survivability Tamarac – recommended \$8,010
4. Ballistic Protective Equipment – recommended \$26,000

*(Brief application descriptions, ranking and funding recommendations attached).*

The Grant Ranking Committee also has recommended allocating unexpended funds to the Ballistic Protective Equipment project, but that recommendation was premature because we need approval to rollover the funds. We will have to address unexpended funds at a future date.

All of this is contingent upon approval of recommendations by:

1. EMS Council
2. Board of County Commissioners
3. Sent to Florida Department of Health by December 16 for approval.

**MOTION** to Approve the Recommendations of the report of the Grants Committee

**Motion made by:** Bruce Caruso

**Seconded:** Joel Gordon

**MOTION passed unanimously**

A. Zerbe gave a brief report on the **FY2020** Grant projects.

1. 24<sup>th</sup> Annual First There First Care EMS Conference.
2. Broward County Pre-Hospital Training and Education
3. iSTOP-Improving Survival with Targeted Community Outreach and Pre-Hospital Care

All three projects required physical interaction and they have been delayed. A. Zerbe has reached out to the project managers. If they spend the funds by December 1, 2020

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they can keep the funds in this year, otherwise it goes into the FY2021 grant year. A. Zerbe has already requested that the funds for the First There First Care Conference be rolled into FY2021.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Governor has issued an executive order for virtual government meetings up to the end of this month. They will likely have physical meetings moving forward. If he renews or extends the executive order, A. Zerbe will inform the EMS Council.

**Good of the Order**

Nothing to report.

**Next Meeting Dates**

December 3, 2020

**Adjourned**

1:48 p.m.

## FY 2021 EMS GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS

Project Number	Project Name	Total Score	Funding Requested	Recommended Funding
<b>21-01</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Annual First There First Care EMS Conference	77.50	\$35,000.00	\$25,000.00
<b>21-02</b>	Broward Pre-Hospital Training and Education	71.50	\$70,000.00	\$35,000.00
<b>21-03</b>	Pre-Hospital Ventilator-Improving Survivability Tamarac	49.50	\$18,000.00	\$8,010.00
<b>21-04</b>	Ballistic Protective Equipment	63.50	\$52,680.00	\$26,000.00
	FY 2021 Grant Funds Available		\$94,010.00	
	Total Funded		<b>\$94,010.00</b>	
	Total Funding Requested		\$175,680.00	
	Total Unfunded		(\$81,670.00)	

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### **24<sup>th</sup> Annual First There First Care EMS Conference**

Funding Requested - \$35,000.00

Funding Recommended - \$25,000.00

The First There First Care Conference provides innovative EMS education to over 500 EMS Nursing Professionals working in pre-hospital and Emergency Department settings. It allows the opportunity for networking, trend and treatment tracking, and provides EMS and Nursing professionals continuing education credits to ensure that Broward County residents are receiving the best care possible.

### **Broward Pre-Hospital Training and Education**

Funding Requested - \$70,000.00

Funding Recommended - \$35,000.00

Broward Pre-Hospital Training and Education provides Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), an internationally recognized 16-hour CE program. PHTLS offers two options to take the course: a 2-day in-person, or a one day hybrid (online didactic and in-person simulation). Both improve trauma care by focusing education on critical thinking and provides opportunity for skills training. The course includes topics such as scene/patient assessment, shock, airway management, emergency management, education on special populations, and traumatic injuries. Each EMS agency will have the opportunity to send one representative to become a PHTLS instructor.

Dynamic Airway Labs has developed a 4-hour advanced airway course designed specifically for pre-hospital providers. The course includes both a didactic and simulation component. The didactic session will review critical airway management, pitfalls, and proper technique. The simulation session will use three-dimensional printed tracheas, simulation ski, and human interaction to practice both basic and advanced airway management.

**Pre-Hospital Ventilator – Improving Survivability Tamarac**

Funding Requested - \$18,000.00

Funding Recommended - \$8,010.00

Tamarac’s population continues to grow at a rate of 1% per year over the past 10 years (US Census Bureau). With significant population increase, cardiac arrest calls are also increasing. For 2020, Tamarac Fire Rescue (TFR) is up to 136 calls through August and annual snowbirds have not yet arrived (TFR In-house records).

The calls are followed by transport to a hospital or resuscitation center. During this critical time, a patient’s oxygen levels must be maintained for optimum survivability. TFR requires prehospital ventilators to improve its pre-hospital emergency medical response to meet the expanding number of transports while minimizing first responder fatigue.

Research shows for optimal outcomes, immediate chest compressions and if appropriate, defibrillation to restart the heart, are essential in the chain of survivability. This proposed device is an O-TWO Care vent. It would give TFR the ability to properly auto-ventilate the increasing number of patients requiring a pre-measured amount of tidal volume for tissue perfusion without increasing intrathoracic pressure.

This purchase provides for one pre-hospital ventilator for every front-line Advanced Life Support (ALS) apparatus plus one pre-hospital ventilation to be put in service for emergency activations. Broward Health, Florida Medical, and University Hospital & Medical Center strongly support the equipment as a critical for Tamarac’s first responders.

**Ballistic Protective Equipment**

Funding Requested - \$52,680.00.00

Funding Recommended - \$26,000.00

This is an opportunity for EMS agencies in Broward County to be supplied with body armor during incoming small and large scale city (violent) events, but not limited to active killer, domestic violence, and bomb threats. Ballistic Protective Equipment (BPE) provides an essential protective barrier between fire/rescue and EMS personnel who respond to active killer, and mass casualty events and a high layer of torso and head protection.

Wearing BPE during threatening events, is not a trend but a current mandated safety and protection policy for many fire/rescue and EMS agencies in Broward County. The intent of this proposal (and due to funding constraints) is for their Battalion Chief SUV’s to carry six sets of BPE each (not three), so that the Pompano Beach Fire Rescue (BPFR) Battalion Chief can immediately supply BPFR emergency responders or mutual aid agencies or mutual zones with immediate access to 12 sets of BPE. The grant would help supply front line ALS units with BPE on each unit. Currently, none of their ALS transports or non-transport vehicles carry BPE.