

**Broward Regional EMS Council**  
**Thursday, March 1, 2018**  
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Call to Order	Ralph Marrinson, Committee Chair, called meeting to order at 1:35pm	1:35pm
Announcement	No Announcements	
Roll Call	Staff called the roll and established quorum.	
Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2018	<u>MOTION TO</u> Accept the minutes made by Dr. Frederick Keroff and seconded by Joanne Richter.	MOTION passed unanimously
➤ Announcements	Alison Zerbe, Staff, announced that the EMS Grant-funded Resuscitation Academy is taking place March 6, 7, and 8. Hosted by the Davie Fire Rescue; flyers were available at this meeting. They can reach out to Chief Gonzalez if any questions about registration.	
➤ Council Vacancies in need of recommendations	A. Zerbe, stated the committee has the following vacancies (pending the Sunset outcome).	
➤ Recent Appointments/ Reappointments:	A. Zerbe, announced that Dr. Wayne Lee was already appointed by Commission.	
➤ Recommendations for Appointments/Reappointments:	R. Marrinson said that there were ten recommendations on the agenda. Motion to approve was made by Dr. F. Keroff and seconded by Chief Joel Gordon.	MOTION passed unanimously
➤ Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Executive Committee</li> <li>❖ EMS Grants</li> <li>☆ Public Information, Education</li> </ul>	<p>R. Marrinson had nothing on Executive Committee.</p> <p>Zeff Ross had nothing on the EMS Grant Committee.</p> <p>Chief J. Gordon referred, for discussion, to the shooting at Stoneman Douglas. There is a public information issue in Broward County. Region 7 has an asset, the mobile jic; a mobile information center that is deployable throughout the region whenever there is a significant emergency. It's supposed to be available upon request from the home agency. Along with that there is a separate process in place to deploy additional PIOs in a support role, as needed. That process was primarily driven by Mike Jackles when he was employed with BSO. Since his departure there has been some "wrangling" back and forth with those processes.</p>	

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	<p>Brought to Chief J. Gordon's attention at the airport drill a couple of months ago, he was asked how they would get PIOs if they needed them in a hurry? Chief J. Gordon answered that they have a process in place, but, he was cut off by BSO deputy who said that process was not in place anymore. He said that if you need PIOs you will have to call them yourself. Chief J. Gordon then asked how to get the mobile jic, and again the answer was "You will have to call them yourself."</p> <p>Chief J. Gordon commented this came up again at the shooting; we all waited for that call and the call never came. He later found out that the BSO PIOs made the call to their colleagues. They got help and did a good job. They also discovered the mobile jic also was there without any of the mobile jic operators being notified.</p> <p>The issue appears from what was relayed to Chief J. Gordon that for some reason the Sheriff has taken control of that asset and has 'pretty much' shutdown the callout procedure they were using. Chief J. Gordon wasn't sure if that was true and he was trying to source that out. He had spoken to all the other sanctioned operators for the mobile jic and those who are supposed to be responsible for deploying the PIOs. Everybody said the process has been dismantled.</p> <p>Chief J. Gordon was relaying this information for the council to be aware. When going back to their PIOs, as of right now, if they need help he is not sure how to make that happen.</p> <p>On a larger scale, through the region, they are in the process of rewriting the jic guidelines which are part of the deployable assets and is part of the state's CCMP. It's going to update that process once they figure it out.</p> <p>Chief J. Gordon asked if anybody has any better insight on what they do today, if they must mobilize. He wants input on that.</p> <p>Chief Joseph Fernandez commented it should not be about the person Mike Jackles; it's a position and a function. Chief J. Fernandez doesn't know anything the Sheriff has said or done to undo that process. The caretaker is Coral Springs he believes it is Mike Mossier. It should still be alive but they need to update the plan. Who is responsible for "ringing the bell" and calling the people out? Chief Fernandez doesn't believe they have removed their</p>	<p>Follow up input on trauma mobile jic.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Medical Issues</li> <li>* Infectious Exposure</li> <li>➤ EMS Review</li> </ul>	<p>SB280 – Telehealth – establishes standards of care for telehealth providers.</p> <p>SB408 – Licensures of cardiac programs establishing additional criteria that must be included by Agency for Healthcare Administration. Rules relating to adult cardiac care services at hospital seeking licenses for level one programs.</p> <p>HB1165 and SB1876 – Trauma Services bill; revises trauma service areas. It started out as the allocation of trauma centers allowing the DOH to dictate how many trauma centers are in a certain area. It’s been reworded from the last time the EMS Council discussed it. It requires the Department of Health to establish a Florida trauma system advisory council by a certain date. There is a lot that goes into this bill. Monies received from specified penalties will be allocated to certain trauma centers based on calculations that go through the Agency for Healthcare Administration. The DOH will periodically have to prepare analysis of the state trauma systems before they can allocate a center in a certain area.</p> <p>HB1395 - Marco Island - which provides exception to general law authorizing the DOH to provided certain EMS services to Marco Island. A. Zerbe said that could affect all of us in the future.</p> <p>A.Zerbe said she will email an update after this meeting.</p> <p>Chief DiBernardo mentioned SB7005 on the calendar for tomorrow was probably because of the recent shooting. It will require all high schools to learn CPR in their education. It’s been a goal of the American Heart Association for ten years in Florida. It will be required for students to graduate.</p> <p>Dr. F. Keroff said there was nothing to report.</p> <p>Bruce Caruso reported the EMS Review Committee will be meeting after this meeting to review one Class 5 license.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Old Business</li> </ul>	<p>A. Zerbe announced that the Trauma Plan was approved by the DOH without any request for revisions. She is having some hard copies printed but she can provide copies through</p>	



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	<p>She doesn't want the Union reps here; she doesn't want the Union to have any say in policy for EMS in the county. She doesn't want it slanted for or against the Union.</p> <p>B. Henry seems to think there are a lot of duplicates---a lot of paramedics---a lot of fire. There should be a single point of contact for a lot of these rather than 2, 3, 4 of the same specialty.</p> <p>As far as physicians, the Internist is vacant. League of Cities is vacant. B. Henry just wants this to be focused on emergency medicine and to pull subject matter experts when needed rather than a position on the council. (For example, when dealing with a pediatric question ask a pediatrician to come in and provide their point of view on the issue.)</p> <p>Dr. C. Mallak continued by saying that all the committees are being downsized significantly. The EMS Council has had so many members proposed to be eliminated; this was B. Henry's thoughts on the EMS Council.</p> <p>R. Marrinson asked for discussion. Daniel Cuoco, appointee of Commissioner Geller, said that Commissioner Geller didn't take this proposed revision lightly -- that we can't have input. D. Cuoco was a past member and representative of the RDSTF, was on Trauma Advisory Board for Dade County, part of the original Trauma Network, a paramedic for 40 years, in the fire service for 34 years, and now a civilian and resident of Broward County. D. Cuoco feels his input is more than valuable. He said that if it wasn't for the Fire Unions in the state of Florida, especially Broward and Dade County there would be no EMS system. They are an integral part in the development of this throughout the history of the state. He continued, that to put them by the wayside would be a grave error by the County.</p> <p>R. Marrinson then began explaining the history of the EMS Council. He said, "Why do we have it to begin with?" He stated that in the 1960s EMS service, at that time, was unthought of. The ambulances were either from a maintenance garage where they would drop their tools, put on a white coat, and run when there was a call-- or from the funeral homes. Some larger cities had the service in their fire departments but not everybody. They had a multitude of cities in this county as well as in state, and federal. No one knew each other</p>	

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	<p>and there were a lot of turf wars. There was more disruption than organization, a lack of communication, and a lack of common protocol. A lot of things were lacking.</p> <p>Over the years this council has worked diligently to bring about working with the components, introducing them to each other, and re-establishing trust. R. Marrinson said that he sat in meetings when they didn't want to talk to each other.</p> <p>R. Marrinson declared that they now have common communication, common protocols. They have all the components without being a single-provider. It was intended, a long time ago, that there would be one provider in Broward County. Politically that wasn't going to work then and it wouldn't work today. The EMS Council was brought about to create this body to make sure this system -- was a system without being a single-provider system. He stated, "It's worked."</p> <p>He mentioned that he could only remembered one meeting in 30 years when they did not have a quorum. He doesn't think the cost would be any different if they had 10 members or the existing composition. R. Marrinson understands where B. Henry is coming from, but, in his opinion this is one board that should not have been singled out.</p> <p>R. Marrinson was not called by anybody to give input. "Before you start slicing things, you call in the parties and at least talk," R. Marrinson said. He then requested feedback.</p> <p>Chief J. Fernandez, Broward County Fire Chief, remarked that he emailed B. Henry. Chief J. Fernandez thinks stakeholderism requires a proportionate and a representative group. He concurred with R. Marrinson that moving in this direction is the right direction.</p> <p>Chief J. Fernandez expressed that he was a little bothered because both time this (sunset review/revisions) has been attempted it has come out at the last minute in a "back room, back door" presentation method. He also agrees that communication is important, but, it has been lacking in the whole process.</p> <p>Talking about the Unions, Chief J. Fernandez said that he has to deal with them every day. He felt that they could get a lot more accomplished in the labor-management perspective if they included them in the process; they are going to be involved either way. He remarked</p>	

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	<p>that the EMS Council could be trimmed down a little, but, not decimated because they need proper representation.</p> <p>Chief Julie Downey, Davie Fire Rescue on behalf of the Fire Chiefs' Association of Broward County, stated that they had their meeting this morning, reviewed the recommendations, and as a body opposed the recommendations to eliminate these positions.</p> <p>Dr. F. Keroff said that somebody is going to object to every recommended trim.</p> <p>Chief J. Fernandez is in complete alignment with the Fire Chiefs. In response to trimming a position it should be out in the open, talked about, and not dropped upon them or it will fail to receive support.</p> <p>Charlie Wohlitka, representing Commissioner LaMarca, said he didn't know how anyone could recommend eliminating the Medical Directors from EMS Council. "It makes no rhyme or reason when these people are pretty much the core of everything we do here," C. Wohlitka said. If there is an explanation to some of these he'd be interested to hear it.</p> <p>Adam Geller, representing Commissioner Mayor Furr, wanted to know if there were any positions that asked to be removed from the EMS Council or be stricken because of lack of participation. A. Zerbe replied that these choices are not necessarily related to any attendance issues. R. Marrinson said that attendance issues are rare. A. Geller then asked if any of the groups highlighted for elimination don't want to participate or that they are having an issue providing a representative to the group. R. Marrinson responded that he wasn't aware of anything.</p> <p>Dr. C. Mallak mentioned that B. Henry is open to a response. She wanted to start "bare bones" and then have the committee declare why the need certain positions returned.</p> <p>Tory Fatjo, Union President, is opposed to striking of the union representative for the fire service agencies. They had a meeting today and they feel their voice is important on the council.</p>	



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	<p>For the record, Chief J. Fernandez said he was taken off council due to absenteeism and he's been barely two years as Fire Chief and he was a little busy, but, technically he acknowledged he violated the attendance rules, but, found it distasteful that he was removed in such a short time.</p> <p>Dr. Deborah Mulligan, representing Pediatricians, and on Board for Broward County Pediatric Society, wanted to remind everyone that the only reason why Pediatric Education for pre-hospital providers exists in the first place is they started it here with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) money. She stated that it was international and Chief C. Delcampo and she brought it to Ireland. Dr. D. Mulligan commented that Pediatric should be represented on the council because they've done so much internationally (family readiness kits, and the work Dr. Antevy is doing). The work that comes out this body influences and helps the country, at large. She strongly objects to removing that position.</p> <p>R. Marrinson said that at this point we don't want this change. The council will need multiple voices to communicate it to the Sunset Review Committee.</p> <p>Chief J. Gordon, Plantation Fire, representing municipal, wanted to go on record in agreement with the county Fire Chiefs that he doesn't believe any of these positions should be stricken. He added he believes they are essential. He commented that past history tells them they are only an advisory committee—so they can only make recommendations. He said, "If we don't do something, then, something is going to be done for us. We may not like the results." We are going to say that we oppose these changes, but, the council may want to have something in their back pocket that may appease them.</p> <p>Chief Bruce Caruso, County Paramedic ALS, said that what he finds interesting is some people are saying that they are just an advisory council and they make recommendations. But what Dr. D. Mulligan just said that these things are not just advising the commission--- they are things that are put into action (i.e, First There First Care) by this council through the expertise of all the members. He went on to say only two weeks ago we saw how important EMS is in the county, state and nation. "EMS is big. Yes, we are an advisory council but look at the committee reports and the number of subcommittees," Chief B. Caruso stated.</p>	

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	<p>He wanted to see some of the other Broward County Commission Committees—how much emphasis is put and how much work goes into it – do they meet once of month to discuss and give recommendations and do they put their issues into action. He continued that’s what this council has done, time and time, again. “EMS Council can be tweaked---but to gut it!”</p> <p>Chief B. Caruso commented on what he thought Dr. C. Mallak had said. That, at the Sunset Review Committee, there were people sitting with the County Administrator and just doing strike-throughs without any justifications. Now they have to bring that justification back. He said, “We’ll do it, but, I am just saying it doesn’t seem too fair.”</p> <p>Dr. F. Keroff asked Alison of the vacant positions, how many have been vacant a year or more? A. Zerbe believes there are only two. She said that she had some people to fill them, but, she didn’t want to fill them and then they get Sunset. She went on to say that the only one that has been vacant for over a year was Private Provider, Administration (ambulances).</p> <p>Dr. C. Mallak mentioned that Alison and he worked hard to get this off of Sunset, but, B. Henry is challenging them to come back and say that we need these positions kept on because...1.,2.,3. He believed if the members justified the positions she would be willing to listen to them. Put the justifications in writing and send them to her. Then they will go through it with her.</p> <p>B. Henry could not understand why the County Bar Association was on it. R. Marrinson said that through the years the representative that was on the council was very helpful. R. Marrinson stated, “Yes we are an advisory by nature. We can’t take an action per se, but, look at all the things we’ve accomplished. Look at all the things that still need to be accomplished. This is still an infant industry—the industry is maybe...30 years old.”</p> <p>Chief Thomas DiBernardo suggested a way to move forward. Call the Executive Council together in six weeks. The members/groups/associations that are recommended to be eliminated from the council, should write justifications why they should still remain members. All the appointees get endorsements from their own commissioner. A. Zerbe thought it should be sooner that six weeks.</p>	

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	<p>R. Marrinson said that somebody is trying to fast track the Sunset recommendations. He also said it sounded like the council was opposed in total to these recommendations. If there was some “glaring” reason why a member should be taken off, but, it doesn’t seem to have reasons why a lot of positions are being eliminated.</p> <p>Dr. C. Mallak asked A. Katzman if there was a requirement that the Sunset decision be made in a certain timeframe under the county code? A. Katzman said there is certain time when the Sunset Review committee reviews the boards, but, he doesn’t think there is a certain timeframe to decide on Sunset recommendations. The council is created by an ordinance so the County Commission can, with proper notice, amend the ordinance. He stated there were 72 boards/advisory committees and they get reviewed every four years, collectively.</p> <p>The EMS Council’s first Sunset round of initial changes that were advised, commission obviously had questions. They took it off the commission calendar. They now want to make the changes they see today. But the EMS Council was created by ordinance and it can be de-created by ordinance. Now they need to express why these positions need to remain or be modified.</p> <p>A.Katzman says when you change ordinance the first notice announces there’s going to be a hearing and the second notice will be where the change happens. In the second hearing people can go up and publicly comment, make suggestions, and oppose/support it.</p> <p>R. Marrinson said they need to get this modified before it gets that far. He didn’t know if all the commissioners knew their appointees were being taken off. They will find out when it comes up for hearing.</p> <p>It was mentioned that they can’t imagine any board has as many disciplines as the EMS Council. That’s why the EMS Council advisory is so large. EMS is a massive organization. It might just be a matter of education for the Administrator doing the Sunset Review.</p> <p>Dr. F. Keroff said that the immediate strategy in response would be to compose a letter stating we want to keep the current membership roster. He liked Chief B. Caruso’s comments and Dr. D. Mulligan’s accomplishments. This letter should incorporate all the</p>	<p>Motion made</p>

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	<p>accomplishments the EMS Council has made through the years. Dr. F. Keroff made a Motion that they like it the way it is, and to look at all the accomplishments. Dr. F. Keroff made Motion and Jeff Ross seconded.</p> <p>Discussion of the Motion: R. Marrinson ask for discussion on the Motion. Dr. C. Mallak said that the EMS Council has a lot of accomplishments, but, he believes B. Henry wants to know why everybody on this committee should stay on this committee. R. Marrinson said that he would like to meet directly with B. Henry because the EMS Council was never called in to discuss. We had been through Sunset before but, it was always left alone because of the uniqueness of this body, subject matter, and history.</p> <p>R. Marrinson asked to pass this Motion with the proviso that they discuss with their prospective appointers (i.e., individual commissioners or other people that know) and make the case to the Sunset Review committee. Dr. C. Mallak again said that you need to give her good reasons how all these people contribute. He mentioned that each person should have something written up – what is expected out of each person or position.</p> <p>Chief Marc Vermont, Hallandale Beach, has not been around that long but wanted to know what prompted this if it is doesn't have a financial impact? He believes they are all volunteers. Is it because the council has made so many accomplishments...the wheels are well oiled and everything is working, so let's abolish it because it can run by itself? Chief M. Vermont stated, "Not going to happen." Maybe include that in the letter to find out what's behind this. What's the intent of abolishing a committee that's so important to this county, and internationally.</p> <p>Dr. D. Mulligan had a question on strategy. She said, "I am hearing a lot of timelines and if you don't grab it early it takes a life of its own and we won't have any influence." In terms of strategy who is the point person to send the list of accomplishments over the last 5 or 10 years. A. Zerbe would be the point person and would distribute information. Dr. D. Mulligan said she could easily get a letter of support from Broward County Pediatrics. She also has a neighbor who is a commissioner and would like to discuss this with him.</p>	

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<p>➤ New Business</p>	<p>Zeff Ross noted that writing a letter indicating the Motion, and mention the importance of having different trauma-related disciplines involved with the grassroots. If they care about being part of the EMS system allow other organizations to have a voice. The EMS Council is the council to do it. Keep it generic so it's open for us later to give the specifics of why each position needs to be there.</p> <p>They voted on the MOTION and it carried unanimously.</p> <p>Chief T. DiBernardo said that as a follow up, they should send that letter. If the response has a timeline, call the Executive Council meeting, so everybody is alerted before June.</p> <p>Z. Ross suggested putting together the importance of each position. Members would have to prepare it before that meeting. Get prepared and hopefully nothing is needed.</p> <p>R. Marrinson declared that each of the members have homework. Write their own position justification. Dr. C. Mallak said that A. Zerbe would pull it all together, have a discussion, and then bring it before the commission. R. Marrinson said, "Let's not wait for more than a week to get that into her."</p> <p>R. Marrinson said be prepared for a special meeting.</p> <hr/> <p>After the discussion A. Zerbe mentioned that the attendance requirements are in the ordinance and if you miss more than one meeting in the year we have to do it that way.</p> <hr/> <p>Chief T. Bernardo had students at the meeting that were finishing up their two-year EMS Leadership studies.</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously</p>
<p>➤ Next Meeting Dates:</p>	<p>June 14, 2018  September 6, 2018  December 2018 (TBD)</p>	<p>Mark your calendars</p>
<p>➤ Adjourned</p>		<p>2:30pm</p>

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