

AIR AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Minutes	Air Ambulance Committee Meeting
Date	December 6, 2021
Time	10:00 am CST
Location	665 Mainstream Drive, Popular Room
Participants	Members present:

Overall Lead	Topic	Summary / Decision	Assignments / Next Steps	Responsible Person	Time Frame
Robbie Tester	Roll Call	Meeting called to order and roll call at 1004. A quorum was present.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	Old Minutes	Minutes were not available to be reviewed.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	Committee Restructuring	Now complete. Will remove from agendas moving forward.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	Update on the status of the Air Medical Rules Submitted in 2015	Rules are with the Health-Related Boards Director. Brandon to explore current status. Minimal communication with committee except one question about verbiage around the use of physicians. Discussion around continuing to try to move rules through current route vs. submitting rules again in March 2022. Concern expressed to rules from 2015 may not be applicable in 2022. Motion made by Mark with second by Mitch to pull proposed rules back and revisit in March 2022 meeting to present to the anticipated rule-making hearing of the EMS Board in March 2022.	Distribution of submitted rules for review at March 2022 meeting	Robbie Tester	Prior to March 2022 meeting
Robbie Tester	Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Drones	Continuing to see an increased use in drones by services and at large events. Continued concern for how drone operators will interact with EMS responses. Continued discussion of use by commercial programs, including Blood Banks making short deliveries to hospitals. Continue to see good coordination with licensed, professional operators. Will	n/a	n/a	n/a

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		likely see an increase in recreational use related to Christmas gifts through March. May want to consider some public service campaign in the future.			
Robbie Tester	LZControl.com	Being used by most services. No further discussion.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	Old Business	Standardized routes into Nashville – Continuing to be developed. Local lead pilot at Vanderbilt LifeFlight planning to reach out to other services to continue this work.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	New Business - Air Medical Strike Team Development	Discussion related to workgroup location and date. Will plan to meet at Park Vista in Gatlinburg on February 22, 2022 and ½ day on February 23, 2022 if needed. Discussion related to previous meeting related to the lack of understanding related to how air ambulance would interact and be self-sustaining. Planned invitations to TEMA, National Guard (Keith Evans from Vanderbilt LifeFlight may be good contact), Air Ambulance Committee Members, State Office of EMS, FEMA, THP, TN-HART, representation from communication personnel, State Communication analyst, aviation and mechanical partners, TDOT, Chloe (Emergency Planning). Agenda items to include: Method of activation, Reimbursement, Logistics (fuel, parts, housing) by TN Grand Divisions, SME related to precipitating events such as earthquakes.	Distribution of minutes/records from last strike team meeting Determine meeting space Sending of invitations	Brandon Ward/Robbie Tester Robbie Tester Robbie Tester and committee members for internal agency contacts	February 2022 December 2021 December 2021
	New Business – TACN network	Proposal has been submitted to expand the TACN network to all EMS agencies. Current proposal is to have LZ channels by EMS Grand Division. This may cause congestion	n/a	n/a	n/a

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		and would suggest that zones are created by EMS regions vs. Grand Divisions.			
	Next meeting	Next meeting scheduled for March 21, 2022 in Iris Room at 10:00am CST.	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Mark, with second by Mitch. Meeting was adjourned by Robbie Tester at 1109.	n/a	n/a	n/a

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kevin Nooner. Minutes are not necessarily recorded in order of discussion.