

Wisconsin Air Medical Safety Council Meeting

Meeting: Wisconsin Air Medical Council Meeting	Place: Stevens Point Airport FBO, Stevens Point, WI	Date: April 13, 2006	Time: 10:20-1330
Chairperson: Lyle Groves	Recorder: Jim Singer		
Attendance: Lyle Groves, Lee Kapke, Jim Singer, Mike McKee, Marc Wuensch, Mark Hanson, Rich DeJarlais, Deb Martin, Anne Younger-Crandall, Tim Leaveck, Kirt Butz, Shaun Stammes, Mike Mecha, Gary Dikkers, Paul Wittkamp and a representative from the WI Air National Guard.			

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Introductions				
10/13/05 Mtg. minutes approval	Minutes reviewed	Minutes approved		
Review of Agenda	Agenda reviewed	3 additions added to the agenda		
WAMC Dues		Jim passed out an invoice for each program from the WAMC for the dues for 2006 Dues are \$100		
Standardization of Helipads	Mark Pfundheller not in attendance to discuss. There are still outstanding hospital helipads that need pictures	WI Air National Guard volunteered to take pictures of the remaining helipads. They will need a list of the outstanding pads.	Lyle will contact Mark Pfundheller to get the list and send it to the WI Air National Guard	
Aircraft Approach & Departure Paths	Discussion of the number of approach and departure paths. Minnesota council recommends 2	WAMC is recommending 2 paths		
FAA Report	<p><u>Platteville Hospital pad</u> will be denied in its whole. No 8:1 at this time. Need to increase size and add lights.</p> <p><u>Beaver Dam Hospital pad</u> cleaning up and making needed changes</p> <p><u>St. Claire Weston Hospital</u> No 7480 submitted to the FAA</p>	The hospital will be re-doing it and is working w/ Mike Mecha		

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<p>FAA Report cont.</p>	<p><u>University of Wisconsin Hospital pad</u> some fire protection issues</p> <p><u>St. Mary's Hospital Madison pad</u> No evaluation form sent to FAA. No 7480 sent. Pad is only 90ft Pad not legal at this time.</p> <p><u>St. Mary's Hospital Ozaukee pad</u> FAA has received the 7480</p> <p><u>Other Helipad information.</u> FAA does have a report on status of hospital helipads</p> <p><u>NTSB Report:</u> They did a study in 2005 of 55 EMS accidents. Mike Mecha distributed a handout of the report w/ the website to the link at the NTSB. www.nts.gov Mike briefly reviewed the four safety recommendations from this report. They include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Risk analysis to be done for all flights. They offered several tools for programs to use 2. That all EMS operations with medical personal on board be classified as 135 not part 91 if no patient on board 3. Formalize Dispatch centers and register dispatchers 4. TAWS on aircraft <p><u>FAA form for accidents.</u> Mike Mecha distributed a Supplemental General/Commercial Aviation Human Factor form they now use for accidents/incidents</p>	<p>Med Flight is aware and working on issue</p> <p>Several programs are flying into Morey Airport at this time.</p> <p>FAA to make a site visit</p> <p>Mike Mecha will send the report to Lyle to share with the WAMC. Suggestion that this be put on our website for everyone to see</p> <p>Mike Mecha suggested that all programs review the form and the definitions used for behavioral conduct in any accident</p>	<p>Mike Mecha & Lyle Groves</p>	
<p>Hospital LZ Security</p>	<p>Discussion from Rich DeJarlis "Should the WAMC help hospitals with security? And should we develop some standardized information from us to offer all hospitals on helipad LZ security?"</p> <p>Jim told members that IAACT (Illinois Association of Air and Critical Care Transport has developed a "Heliport Safety" video</p>	<p>Jim will ask for copies and if they are available he will send one to each program. He will also ask what the cost in producing the video was and</p>	<p>Jim Singer</p>	

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Hospital LZ Security Cont.		could the WAMC use it?		
Hospital Helipads	<p>Shell Lake Minnesota Air Medical Safety Council has approved Shell Lake pad. Wisconsin programs are now using the pad on day and night operations on a case by case basis</p> <p>Discussion on what it would take to have the state of Wisconsin certify and deal with compliance of hospital helipads.</p> <p>It was first felt that we, as an organization, would need to develop standardized pad security criteria before pursuing this. Several suggestion on how to further pursue this topic were discussed</p> <p>Reedsburg will have a crane near pad beginning June 1st</p> <p>Washington Island A heliport on the island is in the works w/ the FAA and the state</p>	<p>1. Contact AAMS for assistance</p> <p>2. Make a contact with a state representative to better understand how we would pursue this issue</p> <p>3. Contact Rick Browning from the Minnesota council to see the rules they use.</p> <p>4. Place this item on next meeting agenda & begin to develop standards at next meeting</p> <p>Gary Dikkers is working on this</p>	<p>Lyle Grove</p> <p>Lyle Groves</p> <p>Lyle Groves</p> <p>Lyle Groves & Jim Singer</p>	<p>10/12/06</p> <p>10/12/06</p> <p>10/12/06</p> <p>9/28/06</p>
EMS Communications Survey - Paul Wittkamp	<p>There is discussion from the state to the RTAC for inter-operability. At the Feb. RTAC Coordinators meeting discussion on a uniform frequency and more then one channel. Paul shared survey results that he did. 479 sent about half were returned.</p> <p>Noted items: over 5000 radios in use, 76% use State EMS, 38% use State ALS, 65% use Marc 1 & 73% use Marc 2. 75% of the departments have 16 or less frequencies available.</p> <p>There is a move toward narrow band by 2013</p> <p>Discussion on a frequency for LZ use. Currently 67 respondents use Marc 2 to contact the helicopter program in their area. There</p>	<p>Paul suggested the use of 155.280 (State EMS C) as a LZ frequency for the state. He will work on</p>	<p>Paul Wittkamp</p>	

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	<p>were also 64 different answers to the question on frequencies for LZ use. Paul distributed several sheets on radio frequency use from the survey.</p> <p>State has identified a need for a state wide mutual aid frequency</p> <p>Most agencies have little capacity currently</p> <p>State working to standardize frequencies but it will take a lot of equipment upgrades across the state</p> <p>Don't forget HERSA grant money for EMS concerns may be available</p> <p>Paul reminded the group to file your state plan to Kathy. Her e-mail is ettercd@dhfs.state.wi.us & phone 608-266-8853</p>	<p>coordinating a LZ channel frequency for the state</p> <p>e-mail Paul w/ questions, concerns or ideas at wittpv@dhfs.state.wi.us</p> <p>Dan Williams asked the WAMC to place "EMS Equipment" on the next meetings agenda for him</p>	Lyle Groves & Jim Singer	9/28/06
AAMS	Tom Pickering the current president of AAMS has ask to attend this councils next meeting to talk about our organization and how AAMS can assist	<p>Place Tom Pickering on the next meeting's agenda</p> <p>Send Tom the next meeting date and the minutes from this meeting. Lyle will put him on the e-mail list</p>	Lyle Groves & Jim Singer Lyle Groves	9/28/06 5/8/06
Auto-launch	<p>MedLink Air, Mayo One Eau Claire and the Spirit of Marshfield are trialing an auto-launch program in their area.</p> <p>They have developed protocols to allow an auto-launch from EMS dispatches and worked with Kathy Etters.</p> <p>They can only be cancelled by EMS or higher medical person at the scene.</p>	Look for a presentation at the next AAMS conference in fall		
Pediatric Transports		This needs to be moved to next meeting 's agenda from Eagle III	Lyle Groves & Jim Singer	9/28/06
	Please note at the beginning of the meeting the Council was informed of a crash by Eagle III on a maintenance flight. Pilot Jim Vincent was killed	<p>The WAMC and everyone expresses their sympathies and prayers with everyone at Eagle III and to Mr. Vincent's family</p> <p>Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers</p>		
NEXT Meeting	October 12, 2006 1000-1400 Stevens Point Airport			