

**August 1, 2019**  
**EMS Advisory Council**  
**MINUTES**  
**09:30 - CONFERENCE ROOM #286**  
**800 SE Monterey Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, STUART, FLORIDA 34996**

**Present**

Chairperson/Martin County Fire Rescue .....	William Schobel
SFR .....	Vince Felicione
Cleveland Clinic MHS-ED South .....	Brett Clarke
IRSC .....	Jim Dinsch
Town of Jupiter Island .....	Robert Garlo
MCSO .....	Juan Perez
AMR Ambulance .....	Kevin Meehan
Lay Person .....	James Flanagan
IRSC .....	Jim Dinsch

**ABSENT**

Sewall's Point PD .....	Tina Ciechanowski
Jupiter Medical Center .....	Carol Milliken

**STAFF PRESENT**

Div. Chief, Administration/MCFR .....	Chris Stabile
Bureau Chief, Rescue/MCFR .....	Chris Kammel
Deputy Chief, Fire Rescue/MCFR .....	Kevin Herndon
Senior Assistant County Attorney/BOCC .....	Elysse Elder, Esq.
Executive Aide/MCFR .....	Christina Eberhardt

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:28

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes:** None

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review of COPCN – MCT Express, Inc. d/b/a United Medical Transportation – a representative was here for introductions, Victor Rego

Application for COPCN – V. Rego – Submitted \$100 application fee; out of Ft. Pierce; listed his 3 references

Victor Rego, Operations Manager, MCT Express, Inc., gave a brief overview of ambulance service and took questions from EMS Advisory Council

**5. QUESTIONS**

**A. Public** – no one from the public was in attendance.

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- B. Bureau Chief, Chris Kammel – Asked if he had numbers to substantiate another ambulance service in the county. They did not have any numbers but talked with a few people who said there was a definite need.
- C. Chief Schobel – There has been a significant increase in calls with the assisted living facilities in the county; we definitely have an uprise/increase in ALS & 911 calls.
- D. All County Ambulance Service, poised the question, are they offering service in St. Lucie County also? They have their main building in Fort Pierce. Mr. Rego answered also that when they come into Martin County they will have a main building in Martin County with initially 4 rescues.
- E. Chief Harshburger pursued the idea of educating the public, nursing staff in local nursing homes and ALFs. Initially calls decreased but after time increased again. FR would respond and, if appropriate, could wait 45 minutes for commercial transport. Significant wait times to receive a patient in transporting. Wait times are getting worse. Discussion on what the wait times really are.
- F. Brett Clarke; we have a serious need for commercial service and the service brings assistance to the County where there is a need.

There were no further questions and/or comments

**6. MEMBERS VOTED – 6 voted yes; William Schobel, Brett Clarke, Jim Dinsch, John Perez, Vince Felicione, Robert Galo and Mike Flangan.**

**7. ADJOURN 10:02**

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**Members & Date Term Ends - All Terms End on February 25, 2021**

William Schobel, MCFR (Chair)  
Tanya Carbonell, MHS  
Wesley Starling, MCSO

Dr. Michael Ferraro, Medical Director  
James Dinsch, IRSC

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