

**CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES STUDY COMMISSION
FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: November 8, 2005

Location: Agenda Conference Room, 2nd floor, Orlando City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801

Members in Attendance: Don Ammerman, Acting Chairman
Scott Gabrielson, Ex-Officio
Jim Kallinger
Kathy Putnam

Members Absent: Jimmy Goff, Chairman
Frances Pignone

Staff in Attendance: Denny O'Neil, Executive Director

Others in Attendance: Bob Stein, Health Central
Mark Oakes, Assistant Chief, OFD
Dana Loncar, Orlando Regional Hospital
Joe Pearce, Orlando Regional Hospital
Kathy Miller, Deputy Chief, OFD
Robert Bowman, Chief, OFD
Jim Reynolds, Deputy Chief, OFD
Jason Brown, OCFRD, Local 2057, President
Matt McGrew, Assistant Chief, OCFRD
Jim Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief, OCFRD

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairman Ammerman called the meeting to order at 11:43 a. m.

DISCUSSION OF HOSPITAL ISSUES

Discussion of issues of interest by Committee members with Dana Loncar and Joe Bob Pearce representing both Orlando Regional and Sand Lake Hospitals; and, Bob Stein, representing Health Central ensued. Items discussed were:

- "Wall time" and its causes
- Percentage of Emergency Room patients are really patients that need ER services
- Volume numbers ER patient totals (by day, month, year and trend)
- What's the wait time in the ER's for walk-in patients
- Suggestions for the Consolidation of Services Study Commission to remedy the problem
- Percentage of patients that don't pay

- Staffing problems

Discussion ensued. Some of the statistics discussed were that at Health Central 18% of Emergency Department patients are admitted and occupy 85% of the hospital beds. At Orlando Regional Hospital, 26% of Emergency Department patients are admitted and occupy 55 – 60% of the hospital's beds. 60% of EMS transport patients are admitted. Only 13% of patients arriving at the Orlando Regional Emergency Department come by way of 911 call / transport, and only 5-8% at Health Central.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Committee meeting to be determined at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p. m.

Don Ammerman
Acting Chairman