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### EMS SECTION COMMITTEE:

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### PRESENTATION:

**PRESENTER:** PULSARA REPRESENTATIVE

1. Telehealth solution
2. All hospitals will be on the platform
3. Replace rescue to ED radio report
4. Uses voice to text for narrative
5. QR code to provide demo
6. State funded PULSARA.
7. Contact vendor for available services

[https://www.pulsara.com](https://www.pulsara.com)
**LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:**

**PRESENTER:** DARREL DONATTO

1) State is looking to put forth legislation so that EMS agencies can receive their own DEA registration to administer controlled substances based on criteria outlined in 2017 – Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act (PPAEMA) which was signed into law.

2) State working on legislative to support reimbursement for emergency medical care not associated with transport.

3) State working on one best practice for Active Shooter Hostile Event Response (ASHER) and adopting NFPA 3000.

4) State is looking to enhance funding for Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and Light Technical Rescue (TRT) teams.

5) Work force development looking at apprenticeship program. Currently available through career source. Working on dedicated funding source though workforce grant.

6) Work force project working with rule-making to improve paramedic pass rates

7) Workshop taking place to discuss rule change for out of state firefighting certificate of compliance

8) Legislative on mental wellness to provide services for programs like prevention and resiliency. Looking for grant funding.

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:**

**PRESENTER:** CHIEF DIBERNARDO

1) 50 Seats for Resuscitation Academy at Florida Fire Conference

2) 75 seats for Resuscitation Academy at First There First Care
### PRESENTER: STEVE MCCOY

1) Workshop on education to review draft rule change – date and time to be announced.

2) Work force is working with everyone to find how to help agencies start apprenticeships.

3) Mental health and wellness is looking to build resiliency (BHAP).

4) Working with community paramedic and mobile integrated health but is not moving forward with new certification in Florida.

### STATE MEDICAL DIRECTOR:

PRESENTER: NONE

### GRANTS:

PRESENTER: BILL MCGRATH

1) County grants are out.

2) State matching grants is coming out soon and should be linked to state EMS strategic plan

3) AFG (available for EMS items)

4) Health Care Coalition

5) Fire House Subs

### TRAINING:

PRESENTER: BILL MCGRATH

1) Discuss that one of the EMS Section Committee goals is to improve share training opportunities with agencies and are looking at ways to accomplish.
### PEER AND MENTAL HEALTH:

**PRESENTER:** ANTHONY TEDESCO

1) EMS Sections committee is looking to use the FFCA website for resource sharing area with mental health resources.

2) One topic to research is resources of best practices for transition to retirement.

3) Researching military transition program that could be used for fire rescue retirees.

### DISASTER MANAGEMENT:

**PRESENTER:** CHIEF JULIE DOWNEY

1) PULSARA – MCI patient tracking

2) Ambulance deployment plan – updating now

3) NFPA 3000 – new version coming out next year, appendix will have some benchmarking timelines and response and recovery guidelines.

4) Jumpstart – updated and available


5) Stop-the-bleed – requesting agencies to register their classes on website

   [https://www.stopthebleed.org](https://www.stopthebleed.org)

6) Health Care Coalition – recommend joining and reminding that it is a great funding source.

   Link to area contacts:

   [https://www.floridahcc.org/coalitions/](https://www.floridahcc.org/coalitions/)
NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTER: BILL MCGRATH

1) EMS Strategic Plan:
   a. Review and be familiar with the plan
   b. Plan is approved
   c. Plan is going through formatting
   d. The plan consists of a lot of patient center metrics

2) Paramedic NREMT Pass rates:
   a. In draft for rule making workshop.

3) Resuscitation centers:
   a. Working to set standards for resuscitation centers and criteria for different levels
   b. Final criteria has been approved
   c. There is 6 hospitals that are piloting and joined cardiac registry
   d. Promoting it today

4) FFCA EMS Section committee is looking to develop and promote resource sharing.
   Future discussions for meetings: TXA, antibiotics, finger thoracostomy, ultrasound, whole blood or blood products, Elegard and heads up CPR.

5) 2023 Urban Fire Forum - Metro Fire Chiefs (NFPA) endorsement items:

   - Climate Change
   - Support for Increasing Efforts on Mental Health & Wellbeing
   - First-In Responders Providing Neuroprotective ("Heads up") CPR as the Standard of Care for Emergency Medical Services Systems
   - Establishing Prehospital Transfusion of Blood Products as Standard of Care for Emergency Medical Services Systems
   - Support for Research on Firefighter Reproductive Health

6) FFCA EMS Section committee plans to send out survey to evaluate suggestions for the committee. Emphasis to join FFCA EMS to participate with list server.

7) FFCA EMS Section committee discussed the working to improve list server so resource sharing can be established.
8) Questions from audience - none

EVENTS:

1) Health and Safety Conference – October 9-11, 2023 in Kissimmee, FL
   https://www.ffca.org

2) National Urban Search and Rescue Conference – November 3-8, 2023 in Orlando, FL
   https://susar.org/conference

3) Florida Fire Conference – January 8-12, 2024 in Orlando, FL
   https://www.ffca.org

4) Emergency Services Leadership Institute – schedule throughout FL (see FFCA website for dates and locations)
   https://www.ffca.org

5) Fire Cadets – Florida Fire Games – February 9-11, 2024 in Tampa Bay, FL
   https://floridawinterfiregames.com

ADJOURMENT: 14:15