

State of Minnesota
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board
Board Ambulance Standards Ad-Hoc Work Group Meeting

Monday April 25, 2016 – 10:00am
EMSRB Offices – 3rd Floor – Suite 310
[Directions & Parking](#)

Agenda

1. **Call to Order – (10:00 a.m.) – Pat Coyne, Ad-Hoc Work Group Chair**
2. **Approve Agenda – Patrick Coyne, Work Group Chair**
[Motion: To approve the agenda for the April 25, 2016 Ambulance Standards Ad-Hoc Work Group meeting]
3. **Approve Meeting Notes from March 21, 2016 meeting - Attachment 1**
[Motion: To approve meeting notes from March 21, 2016 Work Group meeting]
4. **Chairs Comments**
5. **Update on Ambulance Standards Discussion at NASEMSO meeting**
 - Infant and Child Transport Safety Discussion
6. **CAAS GVS v 1.0 – Standard Effective July 1, 2016 - Attachment 2**
7. **GSA-KKK-A-1822F Change Notice 9 Draft - Attachment 3**
8. **Discussion of the merits and/or concerns about either standard (CAAS or NFPA 1917)**
 - Limitations or Exemptions that may be needed for Minnesota
9. **Discussion on recommendation to the Board**
10. **Other Committee Business**
11. **Next Meeting**
12. **Adjourn Meeting**
Motion: To adjourn

Note: Some work group members may be attending this meeting through an on-line meeting tool called LYNC or by conference call. In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 13D.015, subdivision 4, the public portion of this meeting, therefore, may be monitored by the public remotely. If you wish to attend by LYNC or conference call, please contact Robert Norlen by email at robert.norlen@state.mn.us for connection information. Please make contact for LYNC or conference call information no later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2016 to ensure a response in time to connect to the meeting.

The public may also attend this meeting in person at the location identified at the top of the agenda.

If you plan to attend the meeting and need accommodations for a disability, please contact Melody Nagy at (651) 201-2802. In accordance with the Minnesota Open Meeting Law and the Internal Operating Procedures of the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board, this meeting notice was posted at: <http://www.emsrb.state.mn.us>

State of Minnesota [Attachment 1](#)
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board

Board Ambulance Standards Ad-Hoc Work Group Meeting

Monday March 21, 2016 – 10:00am

Meeting Notes

Attendance: Pat Coyne, Matt Will, Chad Dotzler, Joe Kounkel, Fred Pawelk, Kjelsey Polzin, Jeff Czyson (Phone), Aarron Reinert (Phone), Tom Frost (Phone), Bob Norlen

1. Call to Order

Pat Coyne, Work Group Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05am and began the meeting with introductions.

2. Approve Agenda

Agenda was approved by consensus of the Work Group members.

3. Approve Meeting Notes from February 22, 2016 meeting

Correction to meeting notes – Kjelsey Polzin was in attendance at the February 22nd meeting and not on the attendance list. Meeting minutes as amended were approved by consensus of the Work Group members.

4. Chairs Comments

Mr. Coyne noted that ambulance standards discussion was on the agenda for the NASEMSO (National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials) upcoming meeting in the first week of April. EMSRB staff will be attending this meeting to gather further information on the standards and obtain further information from Michael Berg (Commonwealth of Virginia) who is leading a national committee through the standards discussion. Mr. Coyne thought it may be beneficial to get some additional feedback from this meeting before moving forward with any final decision on making a standards recommendation for Minnesota.

5. Discussion of the merits and or concerns about either standard (CAAS or NFPA 1917)

Mr. Dotzler had a question regarding the CAAS draft standard regarding compressed gas oxygen and will the standard allow for liquid oxygen to be carried. There was discussion on this by the Work Group and was determined that this question and other areas the Work Group decides need clarification will have to be researched further. Also concerns were brought forward about how specific the NFPA-1917 standard was, and how that might impact more rural ambulance services. Mr. Coyne asked the group to carefully review the both the GVS CAAS and NFPA-1917 standards and start compiling specific questions on the standards that would need further clarification or need to be exempted for Minnesota. Mr. Czyson stated the need for flexibility in a standard.

Mr. Pawelk stated he was at the AMD meeting and the GVS CAAS and NFPA-1917 standards were extensively discussed with ambulance manufactures groups. He reminded the Work Group that the GVS CAAS document has not been finalized as a recognized standard. However, there will be more information on this in the coming weeks.

6. Work Group Consensus on one of the two standards as a recommendation to the Board

This item was tabled by the Work Group for additional research and until the GVS CAAS document is finalized.

7. Other Committee Business

None noted.

8. Next Meeting

Monday April 25, 2016 – 10:00am EMSRB Office

9. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned by Work Group consensus at 11:30am.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 28, 2016

The Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) has announced the publication of its long awaited Ground Vehicle Standard for Ambulances, [CAAS GVS v.1.0](#).

"Our broad based GVS committee spent over two years developing this new consensus standard for ambulances", stated Mark Van Arnam, Administrator of the GVS standard. "We are very proud of our document, and anxious see it rolled out as a successor to the KKK-A-1822 specification, which the US Government plans to sunset at some point in the future."

The consensus group that created the CAAS GVS standard was made up of a large group of professionals including public and private EMS providers, regulators, physicians, equipment manufacturers and other subject matter experts.

CAAS is an ANSI accredited Standards Developer Organization that defines the "gold standard" for operations in the medical transportation industry. "CAAS is very excited about the Ground Vehicle Standard project," stated Mark Postma, CAAS Chair. "We have now created the standard for emergency medical vehicles, intended for use by all types of providers in the broad spectrum of EMS."

The GVS standard will have an effective date of July 1, 2016, and is available for free download on the website www.groundvehiclestandard.org. The website will also contain a portal for providers or regulators to connect with the GVS Technical Committee for questions or interpretations regarding the standard.

Postma went on to say "We look forward to seeing the CAAS GVS standard become the new cornerstone for emergency vehicle production and certification throughout North America."

For additional information, contact [Mark Van Arnam](#) or visit: www.groundvehiclestandard.org or www.caas.org



GSA Federal Supply Service

July 1, 2016

Federal Specification for the Star-of-Life Ambulance
KKK-A-1822F
Dated 1 August 2007
Change Notice 9

THIS CHANGE NOTICE IS NOT CUMULATIVE AND SHALL BE RETAINED
UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE STANDARD IS REVISED.

The following changes, which form a part of FED-STD KKK-A-1822F, dated 1 August 2007, are approved by the General Services Administration, for use by all agencies.

If you have technical questions regarding this change notice, please contact John McDonald at jmcdonald@gsa.gov for assistance.

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2.2 OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Add the following:

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS (SAE), INC., STANDARDS, AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICES:

SAE J3043 Ambulance Equipment Mounts

3.11.1 INTERIOR STOWAGE ACCOMMODATIONS

Add the following:

3.11.1.3 EQUIPMENT MOUNTING DEVICES

Installed Oxygen cylinder, cardiac monitor, and fire extinguisher mounting devices shall meet the performance requirements of SAE J3043

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END OF CHANGES