



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EMS Commission

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
December 19, 2005

Chairman McGorty called the regular meeting of the EMS Commission to order at 7:35 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present

Noreen McGorty, Chairman
Marty Coughlin
Jay Francino-Quinn
Karynn Krill-Weinstein

Also in Attendance

Jason Perillo, Chief EHAC

Public Portion – None

Minutes for Approval

MOTION made by Commissioner Coughlin to approve the Minutes of November 28, 2005 as prepared and distributed, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Notification of Budget for the next fiscal Year. Chairman McGorty stated we will further discuss the budget at the January meeting. To prepare for the next meeting, the Commissioners should think about what they feel the budget should include.

Update from EHAC

Chief Perillo stated that the installation is complete at Pitney Bowes. Testing went far better than expected. Coverage is excellent. There is some outstanding work that needs to be done at the police station and CMED. A high estimate for that work would be about \$5,000. Chief Perillo addressed a few issues raised by the Commissioners at the last meeting. The Code KILO used on the CMED

report is for Derby Ambulance. This would happen if Derby was called for mutual aid.

Shelton Police Dept. does not have CMED or Echo Hose radios in their vehicles.

The Fire Dept. officer's cars are programmed with CMED. The fire trucks have Echo Hose only.

The Echo Hose Ambulance election of Officers took place last week. There were no changes in the positions. Chief Perillo will continue as Chief, Michael Chaffee will continue as Assistant Chief, John DiGiacomo as Secretary and Tim Greer as Treasurer. Some by-law changes have been made. The executive board has been expanded from 5 members to 6.

Update from VEMS

There is a full time supervisor now on board. They are very eager to bring on another paramedic in the daytime and evening, but can not do so until the AMR contract has been finalized.

Bundle billing is in effect and operational since October 1, 2005.

Old Business-Will be discussed under payment of bills.

Payment of Bills

EHAC -Chairman McGorty stated that we owe \$5,000 for December 2005 for the First Responder program.

MOTION made by Commissioner Coughlin to approve payment of the EHAC Invoice for the month of December for a total of \$5,000, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

CMED- Chairman McGorty stated that we owe for the month of December, for a total of \$5,291.58.

MOTION made by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to pay CMED invoice in the amount of \$5,291.58, seconded by Commissioner Francino-Quinn and passed unanimously.

SBC- current charges are \$410.63, consistent with past months.

New England Communication Systems invoices discussed at the last meeting have been researched and the bills approved to be paid appropriately.

Northeastern Communications - Invoices total \$10,574.78. Outstanding Purchase order from the last fiscal year in the amount of \$7,903.00 will partially cover this. Additional funds from this year will cover the balance.

MOTION made by Commissioner Coughlin to pay the Northeastern Communications Invoices, seconded by Commissioner Francino-Quinn and passed unanimously.

CMED Dispatch Reports

Chairman McGorty stated that we have the month of November to look at.

Commissioner Coughlin questioned the amount of calls coming in from the fire Department.

Chief Perillo believes these calls are being coded incorrectly. They should be coded as Police Department.

Commissioner Coughlin questioned what calls coming in from an outside line would be.

Chief Perillo stated that those would be from someone using Life Line or some equivalent.

Commissioner Coughlin stated that there were quite a few accidents this month.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn asked if the accidents seemed to occur in a any one particular area.

Chief Perillo stated they did not.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein asked if AMR backs up VEMS.

Chief Perillo stated that they do.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein asked if AMR always sends a paramedic.

Chief Perillo stated that yes, they have to.

Commissioner Coughlin asked if the response times are being tracked.

Chief Perillo stated that they are. From August 2004 to November 2005, the response times ranged from 4.95 minutes to as high as 6.4 minutes, but those were in the early stages. In 2005, there has not been a daytime response time over 6 minutes.

Chief Perillo stated that they were without the 4th vehicle for most of November, but that doesn't mean they were without a 4th crew.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein questioned the amount of Bridgeport responses.

Chief Perillo stated that those were not mutual aid calls. They were private priority 2 calls from nursing homes. There were about 30-40 private calls in November. Only about 11 of them were actual priority 2 calls that AMR could take. That means that there were about 25 priority 1 calls that were delayed by about 2 minutes because they called AMR instead of 911.

Commissioner McGorty stated that would be something the Commission needs to address and get involved in.

Report of Chairman

Chairman McGorty stated that she contacted Jim Higgins, who was offered the appointment of EMS Commissioner. He is turning down the position. He submitted his resume in November 2004, but was not contacted until September 2005 about the position. He was very dismayed at the length of time it took and has already committed to other things. Chairman McGorty will talk with the necessary parties re: the amount of time the process took.

Chairman McGorty thanked Commissioner Coughlin for all his time, hard work and years of service for the Commission. He will be missed.

Commissioner Coughlin stated that it has been a pleasure to be on the board and will talk to a few people about joining the Commission.

Report of Commissioners

Commissioner Francino-Quinn stated that the board will be purchasing an Echo Hose job shirt for Commissioner Coughlin in appreciation and thanks for his years of service.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that she attended a meeting for South Central Board and gave Chairman McGorty a copy of a Plan Attainment Survey that was discussed. Chairman McGorty stated that she would be in contact with Barbara Martin to talk about it.

Adjournment-

MOTION made by Commissioner Coughlin to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Minopoli, Clerk, EMS Commission

