



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EMS Commission

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 19, 2006

Chairman McGorty called the regular meeting of the EMS Commission to order at 7:38 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present

Noreen McGorty, Chairman
Karynn Krill-Weinstein
Jay Francino-Quinn
Nancy Minotti

Absent

Jason Perillo, Chief EHAC

Public Portion – None

Minutes for Approval

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to approve the Minutes of May 15, 2006 as prepared and distributed, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Beth Tiberio, EMS Commissioner appointment, Shelton Police Dept. annual Neighborhood Watch Picnic flyer, EMS Commission 2006 Meeting Dates

Update from EHAC and VEMS

Chief Perillo was unable to attend and has prepared the following report for the Commissioners:

June Status Report

The below bullet points are the substantive items for report as of this date. I am available for questions via phone should any commissioners have an urgent question.

1. COMMUNICATIONS
 - a. Installation of all pertinent equipment has been accomplished at Pitney Bowes.
 - b. Testing complete.
 - c. We need SBC to move phone lines from PB to NH and also to remove one line at the police department which is no longer required. We are trying to track down who in the city manages this process.

2. TRAINING
 - a. SUMMER EMT:
 - i. The start date for our Summer EMT class is June 27 (not July 5 as I stated last month).
 - ii. We continue to enroll students.

3. HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT
 - a. We have ordered in concert with the City, through the municipal DHS funds distributed by the state, a number of items related to MCI's. Among the items to be procured are standardized MCI kits (interoperable with surrounding EMS agencies), medical shelter tents, 3 new AED's for first responder deployment, and assorted reference materials.
 - b. Many of our items have been received. In addition, we will be requesting – with the support of the commission – four additional AED's and eight GPS units for use in our vehicles.

4. CALL VOLUME:

	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	Apr-05	May-05
Total calls	331	305	313	287	322
EHAC Calls	309	288	295	272	303
Private	6	10	5	3	11
Mutual Aid	22	17	18	15	15**
W/E Tactical MA					13*
Day calls	152	146	161	144	157
Volunteer calls	157	142	134	143	142
Avg. response time	5.5	4.95	5.75	5.05	4.86
Calls per day	6.9	7.3	7.0	7.2	6.8

* Four calls done by Derby, nine calls done by Shelton

** Excludes those calls done by the Tactical MA unit

CALL VOLUME NOTES:

- Private calls:
 - There were eleven private calls during the month – it remains a problem. We are unable to track the full response time impact of this as the data from the commercial providers is not available to us.
- Mutual aid calls for May (15 total):
 - Daytime (M-F): 2
 - Daytime (weekend): 0 - all covered by EHAC and the tactical MA unit
 - Evening (M-F): 5
 - Evening (weekend): 0 - all covered by EHAC and the tactical MA unit
 - Overnights (M-F): 3
 - Overnights (weekend): 5

END OF REPORT

Commissioner Francino-Quinn questioned why the response times for the private calls wouldn't be available. The call from the private company would be documented as to when they passed it on to Echo Hose.

Chairman McGorty noted that she would ask Chief Perillo what the difficulty is in the response times and why the calls are passed from the Private providers.

Chairman McGorty stated that while the call volume went up, the response times came down.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn stated that while he is monitoring calls, he is very impressed with the response by Echo Hose.

Old Business None

New Business Chairman McGorty stated that Beth Tiberio has been appointed to the EMS Commission. We are now a full Commission. We look forward to seeing her at the next meeting and welcoming her aboard.

Payment of Bills

AT&T in the amount of \$395.65, consistent with past months.

Yankee Gas in the amount of \$248.92, consistent with past months.

EHAC -Chairman McGorty stated that we owe \$5,000 for the month of June 2006 for the Echo Hose First Responder program.

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to approve payment of the EHAC Invoice for the month of June in the amount of \$5,000 seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

CMED- Chairman McGorty stated that we owe for the month of May 2006 \$5,291.58.

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to pay CMED invoice for May 2006 in the amount of \$5291.58, seconded by Commissioner Minotti and passed unanimously.

CMED Dispatch Report

Chairman McGorty stated that we have the months of May to review.

Commissioner Minotti questioned if the number next to the Emergency reason was a code to explain the reason.

Chairman McGorty stated that it was. Each reason has a code associated with it, i.e.: 6 for breathing problems, 28 for stroke, etc.

Commissioner Minotti asked if there is no hospital listed, does that mean that the EMT's went to the scene and everything was OK?

Commissioner Francino-Quinn stated that those are generally refusals, when the patient didn't want to go to the hospital.

Commissioner Minotti noted that there are a lot of repeat addresses.

Chairman McGorty stated that these are generally the nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Commissioner Minotti asked how they determine what hospital to go to.

Chairman McGorty stated that as a matter of routine, they go to Griffin unless the patient asks otherwise.

Commissioner Minotti noted that on the report sometimes the fire department is listed where the call originated.

Chairman McGorty stated that she's not sure why that happens, it seems to come up a lot. All calls to 911 go to the Police department and they patch the call to CMED.

Commissioner Minotti asked what the vehicle numbers stand for.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn stated that a 2 vehicle is a BLS or Basic Life Support unit. A 5 vehicle is a Paramedic Unit. The letters after the numbers identify which ambulance responded.

Commissioner Minotti questioned what Transfer/interfacility/Palliativ stands for.

Chairman McGorty stated she would ask Chief Perillo.

Commissioner Minotti asked if the EMT's have to stay at the hospital to do paperwork.

Chairman McGorty stated that yes, they are required to do the paperwork.

Commissioner Minotti questioned in the case of a stroke patient needing care quickly, will they recognize them as a stroke patient.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn stated that yes they will. There are specific protocols for stroke victims.

Report of Chairman

There was no Public Safety Council meeting in June. Chairman McGorty will provide a list of items received and where they stand.

Chairman McGorty stated that if there are any meetings the Commissioners can not make over the summer to let her know.

Report of Commissioners

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that she attended a South Central EMS meeting and learned that they will be doing some restructuring. They hope for the changes to occur by 07.

Commissioner Minotti asked if Echo Hose is involved in any drug awareness programs in the schools.

Chairman McGorty stated that the police department is involved via the DARE program and through individual requests from the schools. Echo Hose is involved in the schools via CPR training and the High School EMT Program.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn stated that a positive aspect of the High School EMT program is they see first hand the effects of drugs and can then relate that to their peers.

Adjournment-

MOTION made by Francino-Quinn to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Minopoli, Clerk, EMS Commission