



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
EMS Commission

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
March 20, 2006

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Chairman McGorty called the regular meeting of the EMS Commission to order at 7:40 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call**

*Commissioners Present*

Noreen McGorty, Chairman

Karynn Krill-Weinstein

*Absent*

Jay Francino-Quinn

**Public Portion** – None

**Minutes for Approval**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to approve the Minutes of January 24, 2006 as prepared and distributed, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

**Correspondence**

Announcement of the appointment of Nancy Minotti to the EMS Commission, Chief Hurliman's swearing in Ceremony, Budget Worksheets

**Update from EHAC and VEMS**

Chief Perillo prepared a written status report for tonight's meeting. Chief Perillo states that installation has been completed at Pitney Bowes and testing continues. He is expecting a change over in the late summer, early fall of this year. A summer EMT class is now being planned. The current standard EMT class is going well and will be completed in June, and the High School EMT class is progressing well. Through the Homeland Security grant, standardized MCI kits, medical shelter kits, a GPS unit to assist in Lifestar helicopter landings, 3

new AED's and assorted reference materials have been ordered. Call volume for the months of January and February are as follows:

	<b>Jan-05</b>	<b>Feb-05</b>
<b>Total calls</b>	331	305
<b>EHAC Calls</b>	309	288
	93%	94%
<b>Private</b>	6	10
<b>Mutual Aid</b>	22	17
<b>Day calls</b>	152	146
<b>Volunteer calls</b>	157	142
<b>Avg response time</b>	5.5	4.95
<b>Calls per day</b>	10.7	10.9

Chief Perillo is in the process of implementing a regional mutual aid system for the Valley, Each participating service (Ansonia, Derby and Shelton) will staff an ambulance on rotating weekends, posted in a central location in the region. They are awaiting final confirmation from Oxford and Seymour. The scheduled times will be 8am-8pm, Saturday and Sunday with a planned implementation the first weekend in April.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that she would like to see the Echo Hose Ambulance members have lanyard name tags they can wear if they are on scene without their uniform for identification purposes. She also stated it would be good for all Valley Ambulance crews to have them. Chairman McGorty agreed, however, we have no control over towns other than Shelton.

**Old Business** None

**New Business** None

### **Payment of Bills**

SBC- current charges are \$395.60, consistent with past months.

EHAC -Chairman McGorty stated that we owe \$5,000 for February and \$5,000 for March for the Echo Hose First Responder program, for a total of \$10,000.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to approve payment of the EHAC Invoice for the month of February and March for a total of \$10,000, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Chairman McGorty stated that we have 3 additional invoices for Echo Hose. The first is for reimbursement for SHS student EMT class reimbursement for 3 students, billed at 50% for a total of \$600. The second is for reimbursement for 3 Members who have fulfilled one year of service, Jason Henriques, \$400, Anni Jakobsen, \$400 and Paul Decerbo, \$200 for a total of \$1,000.00 Chairman McGorty questioned the difference in amounts (\$400 vs. \$200) and it will be verified with Chief Perillo if the amounts are correct before payment is made.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to pay EHAC invoice in the amount of \$600. Payment to be made on the \$1,000.00 invoice after verification of amount with Chief Perillo, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

The third is for reimbursement for training services to be rendered in connection with the EMT class for Shelton residents to begin July 2006 in the amount of \$6,000.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to pay EHAC invoice in the amount of \$6,000 for the EMT class for Shelton residents, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

CMED- Chairman McGorty stated that we owe for the month of February, \$5,291.58 and March, \$5,291.58, for a total of \$10,583.16.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to pay CMED invoice in the amount of \$10,583.16, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Invoice for JEMS magazine subscription in the amount of \$144.00 for 1 year, 6 copies.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to pay JEMS invoice for \$144, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

### **CMED Dispatch Reports**

Chairman McGorty stated that we have the months of January and February to look at.

Chairman McGorty stated that she thought the response times for both months

were excellent. She continues to have issues with the format of the CMED report itself as it is difficult to read.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that she too was impressed with the response times, especially given the snow in February.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein asked if Echo Hose still has an ambulance strategically placed in the City during the day.

Chairman McGorty stated that they do and they continue to make sure the positions are consistent with call volume and location of calls.

### **Report of Chairman**

Chairman McGorty stated she received a request from Brigitte in Alderman Papa's office to address how 911 calls distinguish between the 2 Hemlock Drives, one being in the Fairchild Heights Trailer Park and the other located off of Quaker Ridge.

Chief Perillo, along with John Gustafson from CMED prepared the following response:

The CAD (computer aided dispatch) at CMED has three entries for Hemlock Drive, all associated with a "Run Card". The distinction between the 3 entries is made by Street Address range as follows:

1. Hemlock Drive 0000-0075, which is Fairchild Heights Trailer Park. (If this range comes up, the dispatcher knows it is the trailer park. The screen would read "Hemlock Drive 000-0075".
2. Hemlock Drive 0001-0010 which has a Popup CAD Note stating that this is not Fairchild Heights Trailer Park. These are addresses off of Quaker Ridge.
3. Hemlock Drive 0011-0046 has the same popup note as outlined above. These are addresses off of Quaker Ridge.

If these latter 2 ranges come up, as appropriate Hemlock Drive 0001-0010 OR Hemlock Drive 0011-0045, the dispatcher knows – per the popup CAD note- that the house is NOT in the trailer park.

If the party uses a wire line (home) phone, the address automatically comes up on the CAD screen with cross streets. If the party is on a wireless phone, it may come up as a map location translated to a street address, depending on their cell provider.

If the caller cannot or does not provide the CMED dispatcher with a numerical address, there is a possibility for error.

Marty Coughlin has asked Chairman McGorty and Chief Perillo to speak at the Exchange Club in May regarding the progress the Ambulance Service has made over the last few years. Chairman McGorty thinks this an excellent opportunity to let the public know how far they have come.

In regards to the budget, Chairman McGorty stated there are a few issues with the Budget. The Mayor has reduced the amounts on a few items. He recommended changing Bundle Billing from \$32,500 to \$0. Chairman McGorty stated she's not sure why and will follow up. Without it, there is no bundle billing. Personnel Training was reduced from \$15,000 to \$10,000 and Communication Equipment was reduced from \$37,900 to \$19,000. This will seriously impact the progress we have made on the phased in approach for Communications. It may be that the Mayor thinks we could get some of the funding thru grants. Chairman McGorty will follow up on this.

Chairman McGorty has requested contact information from Joe Laucella for the area Nursing Homes. They will start the process of contacting the homes to have an open discussion re: 911 calls.

### **Report of Commissioners**

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein attended the South Central EMS Meeting in February, which was very informative. The meeting was about the status of Healthcare System Planning in Connecticut. Connecticut is very well prepared in the event of a disaster/mass casualty. They discussed evacuation routes using I95 and Merritt Parkway, and evacuation of hospitals. She provided a few handouts which will be copied and provided to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein also provided a copy of a News Release from the Connecticut Dept. of Health re: AED's. The CT Dept. of Health along with the American Heart Association has started a program called HEARTSafe Communities, a program designed to promote the efforts of local municipalities to provide improved cardiac response to its residents. This program is designed to improve the survival adds for people suffering sudden cardiac arrest.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that she thought this would be a great program with all of the office complexes and business population.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein also thought that it would be something to promote to the High School EMT class. The information learned would be beneficial for their entire life.

### **Adjournment-**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Minopoli, Clerk, EMS Commission

