



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EMS Commission

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 16, 2006

Chairman McGorty called the regular meeting of the EMS Commission to order at 7:32 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
Beth Tiberio

Absent

Jason Perillo, Chief EHAC
Nancy Minotti

Public Portion – None

Minutes for Approval

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to approve the Minutes of August 16, 2006 as prepared and distributed, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Update from EHAC and VEMS

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

September 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. We are currently working with SBC to move phone lines from PB to NH and also to remove one line at the police department which is no longer required.

2. TRAINING

- a. FALL EMT:
 - i. The fall EMT class has begun with an enrollment of just under 20
- b. HIGH SCHOOL EMT:
 - i. The class continues to progress well.

3. HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

- a. We are unclear as to the status of the eight GPS units we have requested. Funding would come out of remaining 2005 funds, though other agencies have requests as well.

4. CALL VOLUME:

	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	July-06	Aug-06	Sept-06
Total calls	331	305	313	287	322	297	336	359	307
EHAC Calls	309	288	295	272	303	271	318	333	278
Private	6	10	5	3	11	2	5	5	6
Mutual Aid	22	17	18	15	19**	19**	14**	23**	19**
W/E Tactical MA					10	12	8	8*	17<>
Day calls	152	146	161	144	157	134	142	180	119
Volunteer calls	157	142	134	143	142	132	172	153	152
Avg. response time	5.5	4.95	5.75	5.05	4.86	5.34	5.47	5.32	5.01
Calls per day	6.9	7.3	7.0	7.2	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.8	5.6

- ** Excludes those calls done by the Tactical MA unit
- * Three calls done by Derby, five done by Shelton
- <> Ten calls done by Derby, seven done by Shelton

5. STAFF UPDATE

- a. We have hired a new Crew Chief and he is performing well.
- b. We sent another staff member to the CT Safe Kids car seat installation clinic, which enhances our ability to install car seats.

END OF REPORT

Chairman McGorty stated that the total calls for the month went down, 307 vs. 359. Response times of 5 minutes on average is exactly where we want to be. They continue to be consistent which is good.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn questioned what time of day or night are the volunteer calls?

Chairman McGorty stated that she believes that they are at night. There is paid staff during the day; they don't have many daytime volunteers. If the volunteers hear a call and are able to respond, they will. The volunteers usually come on at 6 pm. She will check with Chief Perillo and also get the name of the new Crew Chief.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn stated that he recently talked to someone re: Echo Hose services. They were extremely positive and were very impressed.

Chairman McGorty stated that she will speak with Chief Perillo about getting a VEMS update for the meetings going forward.

New Business None

Payment of Bills

AT&T in the amount of \$406.46, consistent with past months.

EHAC-First Quarter Billing for EMS First Responder program for FY 2006-2007 in the amount of \$15,000.00

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to pay EHAC invoice for First Quarter FY 2006-2007 in the amount of \$15,000.00 seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

EHAC- Second Quarter Billing for EMS First Responder program for FY 2006-2007 in the amount of \$15,000.00

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to pay EHAC invoice for Second Quarter FY 2006-2007 in the amount of \$15,000.00 seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

CMED- for the Months of August, September and October each in the amount of \$5,106.01, for a total of \$15,318.03.

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to pay CMED invoice in the amount of \$15,318.03, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Invoice from Northeastern Communications for \$366.79 for replacement of switches in White Ford Explorer. Chairman McGorty will talk with John Awalt re: this bill. No action taken at this time.

CMED Dispatch Report

Chairman McGorty stated that we have the months of August and September to review. The CMED report for September was reformatted incorrectly so we will review that corrected report next month. The report is now available in Excel which means you can calculate times and sort the data much easier. Our biggest concern is response vs. scene.

Chairman McGorty stated she continues to be impressed with the response times.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that for August Priority 1 calls for EHAC there were only 60 calls that were 9 minutes or above.

Chairman McGorty stated that calculates to 16%, which is still good.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn stated that where they respond from (maybe the hospital) or where in town they respond to will affect the response time.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that there are very few AMR calls, which is great.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein questioned what vehicle 5N6 on 8-21-06 @ Chamberlain Dr. represented.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn stated that it was an AMR Ambulance from Bridgeport.

Report of Chairman

Chairman McGorty reminded the Commissioners that there are a few areas that they can get involved in. Someone may be interested in following up with VEMS or Communications with EHAC, seeing where we are with the phased in plan, where we need to be and where we should go after the plan is completed. Public awareness is another area someone may be interested in, possibly with the seniors.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that things will be staying the same with South Central. There was no quorum, so the last meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be in December.

Chairman McGorty stated she has an update from Public Health and Safety re: Homeland Security. There is \$24,000 available for 2006 for Communication related items. She will follow up with Chief Perillo so they can coordinate what is needed. The Safety Council will then vote if they agree upon the items requested.

The Public Safety Council is in the process of designing ID cards for all Echo Hose Personnel and Commissioners. The Police Dept. already has them. They are for identification purposes thru the City. We can design our cards. Chairman McGorty will discuss with Jason the information that should be on the cards. The Police Station takes care of producing the cards. They should be completed by the end of the year.

Chairman McGorty welcomed the new Commissioner, Beth Tiberio and thanked her for volunteering her time.

Report of Commissioners

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein read an article in the CT Post re: VEMS and the placement of a vehicle in Oxford vs. Seymour.

Chairman McGorty stated that you can not always believe what is in the paper. It also supports her belief that we need to have a liaison between the Commission and VEMS. We contribute \$20,000 to the service and should be concerned with how it is being used.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein questioned if there is a VEMS unit in Shelton.

Chairman McGorty stated that there is at times, but there is no VEMS unit dedicated to Shelton or any other town. There should be an updated protocol and she will request it.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein said the impression she got from the article was that the VEMS unit was not in Seymour because they hadn't paid yet.

Chairman McGorty stated that Jerry Schwab, the Chief of VEMS, stated that it is clearly noted in the consultant's report the vehicle should be in Oxford. Jerry simply stated a fact that Seymour had still not paid their bill. Chairman McGorty stated it would be in our best interest to get a copy of that consultants report. She will request it from Jerry.

Adjournment-

MOTION made by Francino-Quinn 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