



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EMS Commission

Minutes of the Special Meeting
January 15, 2008

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
Nancy Minotti

Also in Attendance

Jason Perillo, Chief EHAC

Public Portion – None

Minutes for Approval

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to approve the Minutes of November 19, 2007 as prepared and distributed, seconded by Commissioner Minotti and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Flyer re: the NJ Nets and San Antonio Spurs Basketball game bus trip

Update from EHAC/VEMS

Chief Perillo stated that Echo Hose had 4021 calls for the year 2007. This is the first time 4000 calls have been reached. They are continuing to bring in new members. A new EMT class will begin in February.

In re: to VEMS, Chief Perillo has been hired as the new Executive Director of Valley EMS.

In re: to AMR, they are still in negotiation.

Payment of Bills

Gas Bill (information only, no motion necessary) \$194.40

AT& T \$710.18 (information only, no motion necessary)

CMED- for the months of January 2008 and December 2007 each in the amount of \$5,332.94 for a total of \$10,665.88.

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to pay CMED invoice for the months of January 2008 and December 2007 in the amount of \$10,665.88, seconded by Commissioner Minotti and passed unanimously.

JEMS Magazine subscription renewal in the amount of \$227.82

MOTION made by Commissioner Minotti to pay the JEMS renewal in the amount of \$227.82, seconded by Commissioner Tiberio and passed unanimously.

CMED Dispatch Report

Commissioner McGorty stated that we have November and December to review. From what she has reviewed, everything looks excellent.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that she noted a few with high response times, but thinks that they are related to the area they responded to. There was one call that had a longer response time, but the area was far and not familiar.

Chairman McGorty asked what she meant by not familiar? It may not be familiar to her, but it does not mean it wasn't familiar to the crew.

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

Chief Perillo stated that there was.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that in the Long Hill Ave. area, there are a lot of streets in the woods. Her suggestion for the crews is a book that has all of the main streets and lists all streets to get to that address.

Chief Perillo stated that they have a book like that already. The crews are in contact with dispatch at all times and can get directions from them if needed.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated she was more concerned with VEMS knowing the streets in Shelton.

Chief Perillo stated that they have GPS and it is not an issue.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that on November 14, 2007 she was impressed with the way many back to back calls were handled. She asked if GPS units would be put in the ambulances.

Chief Perillo stated that he has held off on that because there is the possibility of installing lap top computers in the ambulances and didn't want there to be multiple pieces of hardware in the way. He doesn't see people getting lost are a primary cause of extended response times.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn stated that while GPS units are a good tool to have, they do not tell you where construction is or where other obstacles may be occurring. You still need to use common sense and intelligence.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein asked if another ambulance needs to be added.

Chief Perillo stated that is something they look at all the time, whether or not they need to add a 3rd car during the day. The incidents of them not being able to respond to a 3rd call is slim. If the instance does arise that they need to call in mutual aid to handle a 3rd call, there is always a supervisor available to be on scene to deliver care before the mutual aid arrives.. they might not do the transport, but they are available to give aid.

Report of Chairman

The Public Safety Council has approved Oliver Associates to obtain a RFQ for the new radio system.

Report of Commissioners

Commissioner Tiberio stated that she has been in contact with the Senior Center and the American Heart Association to do a program in February for heart Month.

Chief Perillo stated that Echo Hose would like to participate and give any help she may need.

Budget Discussion for FY 2008/2009

A copy of the proposed budget was distributed to all Commission members. Chairman McGorty stated that the first page is an overview of all budget items. Each Item of the Budget was reviewed and discussed.

MOTION made By Commissioner Francino-Quinn to approve the Budget for 08/09 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Minotti and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm, seconded by Commissioner Tiberio and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Minopoli Clerk, EMS Commission