



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EMS Commission

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 16, 2008

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

Nancy Minotti

Karynn Krill-Weinstein

Jay Francino-Quinn

Beth Tiberio

Public Portion – None

Minutes for Approval

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2008 as prepared and distributed, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Update from EHAC/VEMS

Chief Perillo was unable to attend the meeting. He provided the following report.

June Status Report

1. TRAINING

a. SUMMER EMT CLASSES (ACCELERATED):

- i. Two classes will be run out of Echo Hose Ambulance. One will run during the day, the second in the evening. There is a largely un-met demand for such classes and we are one of the few facilities to offer it in the state.

b. SPRING EMT CLASS:

- i. Enrollment in our Spring EMT class, which is under way, is at 13 students.

c. FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY CLASS:

- i. We recently graduated 20 students from our class at Fairfield University. Evaluations came back from student with exceptional reviews and the university has asked us to hold classes in September and January of the next academic year.

2. VEHICLES

- a. No report.

3. STAFF UPDATE

- a. Two of our crew chiefs are not working in the field due to injury. One is on light duty while the other is on workers compensation. We are hopeful that both will return soon.
- b. We currently have 15 new members in active stages of precepting.
- c. There is presently a waiting list of aspiring new members awaiting interviews as we currently have no slots in which to train them.

4. EVENTS AND OUTREACH

- a. Echo Hose Ambulance hosted an emergency services picnic on Saturday, June 14th at Holy Ghost Park. Many police and fire personnel attended and the event was very well received...
- b. The feedback I have received from teachers, students and parents was that it was our "best yet". I was personally very pleased with the event.

5. CALL VOLUME:

2008	January	February	March	April	May
Total calls	342	377	368	336	350
EHAC Covered	324	355	350	313	335
Percent covered	95%	94%	95%	93%	96%
Private	2	3	2	2	
Mutual Aid	18	22	18	23	15
Day calls	176	189	173	167	
Volunteer calls	148	166	177	146	
Calls per day	7.6	9	8.2	7.4	
# of transports	252	278	291		

Payment of Bills

AT& T \$27.01 (information only, no motion necessary)

Yankee Gas (information only, no motion necessary) \$272.91

CMED- for the month of May 2008 in the amount of \$5,332.94.

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to pay CMED invoice for the month of May 2008 in the amount of \$5,332.94, seconded by Commissioner Minotti and passed unanimously.

CMED Report

Chairman McGorty stated that this is the first month of the new review process for the CMED report. There were no questions.

Report of Chairman

Chairman McGorty stated that the CMED account was researched. Finance paid June 2007 out of the current year budget. There were no duplicate payments.

Report of Commissioners

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that the South Central EMS is voting to approve a new ambulance for the Town of Madison. They have decided to vote by E-mail as they have been unsuccessful in getting a quorum at their meetings.

Chairman McGorty asked how they discuss concerns or if members object.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that it is all done via e-mail. It seems to be successful so far.

Chairman McGorty stated that if they can't get a quorum even through e-mail, it makes you wonder if there is enough interest.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn stated that 1800 state paramedics have been sent questionnaires and letters to become involved in the Paramedic Advisory Committee. It has been around for awhile, but it hasn't been very active. They are interested in getting it started again. He has been appointed to the Trauma Advisory Committee. They are in the process of setting up their meetings, mission statements, etc.

Chairman McGorty asked what happens after they make their recommendations. Does their information then go to the State?

Commissioner Francino-Quinn stated that yes, it would then go through the usual legislative process.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that while she agrees with the need, she doesn't think changes will come about.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn didn't agree. The Advisory Committee's, the Governor's office are very serious about this. Changes might not happen in 6 months, but over a year there should be some significant changes.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn has joined the Governor's Horse Guard. There will be a graduation ceremony on June 29 in Newtown at 9am. All are welcome to attend.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by Commissioner Minotti and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Minopoli Clerk, EMS Commission