



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EMS Commission

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 19, 2008

Chairman McGorty called the regular meeting of the EMS Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present

Noreen McGorty, Chairman
Nancy Minotti
Karynn Krill-Weinstein

Absent

Jay Francino-Quinn
Beth Tiberio

Public Portion – None

Minutes for Approval

MOTION made by Commissioner Minotti to approve the Minutes of March 24, 2008 as prepared and distributed, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Richard Belden Celebration, Stay Safe Self Defense Seminar

Update from EHAC/VEMS

Chief Perillo presented the following report:

May 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 is hosting an emergency services picnic on Saturday, June 14th at Holy Ghost Park. All police and fire personnel have been invited.
 - b. The Mock Crash at SHS will be held on Friday, May 23 at 9am.

5. CALL VOLUME:

2008	January	February	March	April
Total calls	342	377	368	336
EHAC Covered	324	355	350	313
Percent covered	95%	94%	95%	93%
Private	2	3	2	2
Mutual Aid	18	22	18	23
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	

Chief Perillo stated that there will be an Emergency Services picnic on Saturday June 14 at Holy Ghost Park. All Commissioners are invited.

There will be a mock crash at Shelton High School this Friday, May 23.

There are 5 ambulances in use, 3 are the smaller van type and 2 are the larger box style. One of the vans and one box style are getting older. They will need to be replaced soon.

Chief Perillo stated that there are 2 supervisors in place at VEMS. They have posted for a field paramedic. All staffing is now done in-house. Interviews start tomorrow.

Chairman McGorty asked how many vehicles VEMS has.

Chief Perillo stated that they have 5. During the day one is stationed in Shelton, the second is stationed in Ansonia and the third is in Oxford.

Commissioner Minotti asked if the class at Fairfield University was open to the public or was just for University students.

Chief Perillo stated that it was open to the public through Fairfield University Public Safety. There was also a refresher course taught at Sacred Heart University.

Payment of Bills

Aquarion (information only, no motion necessary) \$191.40

Yankee Gas (information only, no motion necessary) \$497.52

AT& T \$707.89 (information only, no motion necessary)

CMED- for the months of March and April 2008 in the amounts of \$5,332.94 each for a total of \$10,665.88.

MOTION made by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to pay CMED invoice for the months of March and April 2008 in the amount of \$10,665.88, seconded by Commissioner Minotti and passed unanimously.

CMED Report

Chairman McGorty stated that going forward, the Commissioners should review the CMED reports prior to the meeting and submit any questions or concerns they have by e-mail. This will allow time for the questions to be answered at the meeting, as opposed to having to wait for a response at the next meeting.

There were no questions on the current reports for March and April.

Report of Chairman

Chairman McGorty stated that she has been appointed to represent the City of Shelton on the VEMS Board. She will report to the Commission any pertinent information. She is replacing Chief Perillo who vacated the position when he became Executive Director of VEMS.

Chairman McGorty asked Chief Perillo to explain his position as Executive Director of VEMS.

Chief Perillo stated that VEMS is a non-profit paramedic service that serves Ansonia, Derby, Shelton, Seymour and Oxford. It is run by a Board of Directors. The Board is comprised of 5 municipal representatives appointed by the Chief elected official of each town, 5 representatives appointed by the ambulance services in each of the 5 towns, 2 representatives from Griffin Hospital and 1 representative at large. In its initiative to bring staff in-house rather than by contract, they decided to hire an Executive Director to oversee and run the corporation on a day to day basis.

Chairman McGorty stated that according to the balance sheet, the CMED account will be short by one month. The secretary will check with the Finance Dept. to see why.

Chairman McGorty asked Chief Perillo if EHAC has any Police Dept. portable radios. They are collecting them to make updates.

Chief Perillo stated that they have a few and they are rarely used. The Police Dept. should contact Joe Laucella to coordinate.

Report of Commissioners

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, seconded by Commissioner Minotti and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Minopoli Clerk, EMS Commission