



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EMS Commission

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 17, 2008

Chairman McGorty called the regular meeting of the EMS Commission to order at 7:32p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present

Noreen McGorty, Chairman
Karynn Krill-Weinstein
Jay Francino-Quinn

Absent

Beth Tiberio
Nancy Minotti

Also Present

Joe Laucella EHAC
Mike Chaffee EHAC

Public Portion – None

Minutes for Approval

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2008 as prepared and distributed, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Update from EHAC and VEMS**November Status Report****1. TRAINING**

- a. Fall EMT CLASS:
 - i. Enrollment in our Fall SHS EMT class, which is under way, is at 17 students. All are doing well.
 - ii. The evening class is doing well and we currently have 25 students.
- b. FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY CLASS:
 - i. Enrollment is currently at 16 students.
- c. 2009 SPRING EMT CLASS:
 - i. We have a list of approximately 20 students interested in the upcoming day and evening class. Both classes are expected to start the week of February 9th.
- d. ELECTRONIC PCR's:
 - i. The two Crew Chiefs are currently training with the electronic PCR's. They are working with our billing company to work out software problems before they are rolled out to all the staff in January.

2. VEHICLES

- a. 2V40 is back from Twin Lights. It was out of service for three weeks while being repaired after a recent motor vehicle accident.

3. STAFF UPDATE

- a. Crew Chief Shannon McDaniel resigned recently to pursue a career in child care management.
- b. We currently have brought in 4 new members in the month of October.
- c. There are currently 11 members in the precepting process.

4. EVENTS AND OUTREACH

- a. In the month of October and early November, Echo Hose Ambulance did two educational programs for the first grade and fifth grade Sunnyside School students. Ambulance tours were given to the first graders. The fifth graders learned about EMS and the Heimlich Maneuver.

5. CALL VOLUME:

2008	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
Days	31	29	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31
Weekdays	23	21	21	22	22	21	22	21	22	23
Total calls	342	377	368	336	350	347	361	349	309	337
EHAC Covered	324	355	350	313	335	326	342	335	301	323
Percent covered	95%	94%	95%	93%	96%	94%	95%	96%	98%	96%
Private	2	3	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	5
Mutual Aid	18	22	18	23	15	21	19	14	8	14
Day calls	176	189	173	167	176	159	167	154	139	180
Volunteer calls	148	166	177	146	159	167	175	181	162	143

Total Calls to Date- 3476

Covered -3304

Percentage Covered- 95%

6. UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. Echo Hose Ambulance is currently collecting food, clothing and toys to help support the local valley organizations that need help this holiday season.
- b. There will be a corps. sponsored casino trip to Mohegan Sun this Saturday. The bus leaves at 4pm and members of the EMS commission are welcome to attend.
- c. There will be a Flag Football game on Tuesday November 25th with a Thanksgiving dinner to follow.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn volunteered his services to be Santa at the Toy Drive at Wall Mart on Dec. 6 and 13.

Chairman McGorty asked about the service hours for the younger kids that need them for school. They would be willing to help out.

Chairman McGorty asked what the plan was with the Crew Chief leaving.

Mike Chaffee stated that they are posting the position and start the interview process after the holidays. The staff is filling in until then.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn asked if there were any problems with the new PCR's.

Mike Chaffee state that there are just minor issue with the software that they are working on.

Chairman McGorty stated that EHAC will be having elections for a new Chief in December. Chief Perillo is not here to give an update.

Chairman McGorty stated that VEMS has applied for a license to do BLS, mutual aid and non emergency transfers in Shelton. Chairman McGorty stated that the jury is still out on how beneficial that would be, the changing of their business plan and what their goals would be. They are our paramedic service and now they are looking to get into the BLS service. Chairman McGorty is not comfortable with that at this point. There are ongoing discussions to understand what their plans are. There is a VEMS meeting on Thursday and Chairman McGorty has requested this topic be put on the agenda. She will have an update at the next meeting.

Payment of Bills

CMED- for the months of October and November 2008 in the amount of \$5,561.14 each for a total of \$11,122.28.

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to pay CMED invoice for the months of October and November 2008 in the amount of \$11,122.28, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

AT& T (information only, no motion necessary) \$765.82.

Aquarion (information only, no motion necessary) \$210.23.

CMED Report

Chairman McGorty did not receive any questions/concerns for the October CMED reports.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn stated that there was a cardiac arrest call a few days ago that he heard. Everything went perfectly.

Mike Chaffee stated that the call for the fire at the nursing home on Long Hill Avenue went well also. They learned a lot and got many good ideas.

Report of Chairman

Chairman McGorty stated we need to set and approve the meeting dates for 2009.

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to accept the presented meeting dates for 2009, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Chairman McGorty stated that there are conflicts with the December 2008 meeting. it was agreed upon by everyone to cancel the December 2008 meeting.

Chairman McGorty stated that she attended the Public Safety Council meeting. The Office of Emergency Management has launched a new website Sheltonemergency.com. The plan is to have more information out there for the public re: the City's emergency plans. Chairman McGorty pointed out at the meeting that EMS was not on there. They realized the oversight and will correct it.

Joe Laucella stated that he brought up at the meeting the concerns re: patients on home oxygen in the event of a major power outage. If the power outage last a few days, these patients may run out of oxygen and the local suppliers would not be able to keep up with the demand. There is grant money out there that they are looking into for a regulator system allowing them to refill the bottles at headquarters or some type of mobile system.

Chairman McGorty asked if they have a grant writer.

Mike Chaffee stated that the companies that supply the systems will write the grant for you.

Chairman McGorty stated that the web site is in the beginning stages, but should be a good source of information once it is completed. There will be an article in the December Shelton Life publication to encourage people to add their name to a list that they are on oxygen and have special needs.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn asked of there was a way to get that information from the vendors.

Mike Chaffee stated that there are too many vendors out there and it may be a violation of HIPPA laws for them to provide that info.

Chairman McGorty stated that there will be a swearing in ceremony for the new Fire Chief this Thursday at City Hall on Thursday at 6:30 pm. A reception will follow at Pine Rock Fire House.

Report of Commissioners

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that she attended a recent South Central EMS meeting. She provided everyone with copies of the information that she received re. the EMS Peer Review Board, Hemostatic agents, CPR/AED Certification, Frequent Flier calls and the CDC-TV programs on teen dating violence.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Commissioner Francino-Quinn to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Minopoli Clerk, EMS Commission