

EASTERN SHORE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

A sub-area council of the Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.

Critical Incident Stress Management Team Minutes

July 24, 2007

Attendance:

Kim Caison
Diane Crockett
Troy Justis
Pat Kellam
Deborah Linnell
Wanda Marks
David McCready
Diana Moore
Tana Parker
Candee Reid
Eric Schleif
Sherry Sharpe
Peggy Swan
Cathy Ulrich

Minutes prepared by Pat Kellam

Reorganization Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM with fourteen people present. Of the fourteen members there were 3 mental health people present and 11 peer members present. There were 4 peer members present from Northampton County and 7 peer members from Accomack County.

The purpose of the meeting was announced and the group was asked for input on the frequency, time and location of future meetings. All members agreed that the team should meet quarterly on the 3rd Tuesday at 7PM. A request was made that the meetings should be rotated from county to county to insure that a balance in travel distance be given to those who live at the extreme locations in the North and South on the Shore. It was agreed upon that the next meeting will be held on October 16th, 2007, 7 PM at the Northampton EMS office located near Machipongo, VA.

Applications for membership were given to the new people and Troy Justis will mail these to Heidi for his group. Pictures were taken of all who were present along with a group picture. It was suggested that more education on CISM needed to be done for Emergency Personnel along with the general public. This suggestion will be passed along to Heidi Gamblin.

The number present for this meeting is a good indication of the interest of getting the team back on track for the purpose of better communication, education and participation in providing a higher level of CISM for our emergency personnel and the communities in which they serve.

The next Eastern Shore Critical Incident Stress Management Team will be held on October 16th, 2007 at 1900 hours at the Northampton EMS.