

Eastern Shore Emergency Medical Service Council
A sub-area council of the Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.

Minutes of Meeting held at Eastern Shore 911 Center
February 17, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

<u>Representatives</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Christina Justice, Station 2	Terri Bochman (Station 19)
Tonya Beasley, Station 5	
James Bagwell, Station 6	
William Hamilton, Station 9	
Troy Justis, Station 10	
Marge Surran, Station 11	
Cathy Ulrich, Station 19	
Woody Gaskins, ACDPS	<u>TEMS</u>
Maryann Fitchett, NCEMS	Hollye Carpenter
Bonnie Enoch, SMH	
Jennifer Barnes, SMH At-Large	
Jeff Flournoy, At Large – Public (ESVA 911)	

Minutes prepared by Hollye Carpenter

The meeting was called to order @ 1900 hours by President, J. Barnes.

The minutes of September 2nd, 2008 & October 14th, 2008 were distributed. A motion was made by T. Justis, seconded by M. Fitchett to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

H. Carpenter provided the treasurer's report. A motion was made by T. Justis, seconded by C. Ulrich to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

ALS Training

- J. Barnes reported the Intermediate class started on January 18th, with approximately 24 students enrolled today.
 - ❖ The class times have been changed to 9:30am to 6:30pm.
 - ❖ A \$100 deposit was collected to hold a place in the class.
 - ❖ We have expended approximately \$3,900 for books and \$2,500 for tables, chairs and other items.
 - ❖ There is a list of optional books totaling around \$250, which will not be funded by the Council, however the PALS books will be provided by the Council.
 - ❖ T. Justis motioned, M. Surran seconded to also pay any ITLS fees associated with this course. Motion carried.
 - ❖ Instructors are needed for practicals.
 - ❖ A Field Preceptor Course will be offered by TEMS in the near future.
- An ACLS recertification course is scheduled for this Saturday (February 21st, 2009). The course will be fully funded by the Council as ALS training funds were not available at the time of announcement.
- A PALS recertification course is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th, 2009.

BLS TRAINING

- J. Barnes reported K. Holloway has completed an EMT-Basic course with 13-15 successful students. D. Crockett also completed an EMT-Basic course. Student numbers are not known at this time.
- Funds for EMT-Basic courses were increased July 1, 2008 to almost double the old amount. After much discussion W. Gaskins motioned, C. Ulrich seconded to provide \$75.00 per testing student to these two classes to offset practical instructor cost, and to have the BLS Training Committee review this need for future classes. Motion carried.

HOSPITAL ISSUES

- B. Enoch reported IV box issues had greatly improved over the last two weeks. She was getting 2 to 3 issues per day.
- All in attendance agreed nursing interactions had greatly improved, since the meeting of key hospital and EMS leaders in October 2008.
- Shore Memorial is seeking an affiliation with Riverside. Currently they are engaged, however will not be married for another six months. Riverside is a community oriented group with several other small community hospitals under their wing. It is anticipated regular day to day business will not change, however it is hoped some additional services will be gained.
- All agencies are asked to discontinue weekly shopping in the Pyxis.
- Generic LifePak defib pads are available in the Pyxis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- J. Barnes reported the committees had been stagnant since last year for various reasons. She stated B. Rush was chairman of the BLS Committee, and she would work to move the Mutual Aid and Infection Control Committees forward. QA/QI issues have been filtered in the appropriate directions with a majority from PRMC.

OLD BUSINESS

- The EVOC cones, originally missing, have been located in Parksley.

NEW BUSINESS

- J. Flournoy reported on 911 issues:
 - ❖ A Communications Infrastructure Workgroup has been meeting since September 2008. D. Surran is the representative from the Council to this workgroup.
 - ❖ A full evaluation of all equipment will be completed with assistance from VITA.
 - ❖ A radio standard has been sent out to all agencies.
 - ❖ Accomack County EMS traffic has been moved to channel 11.
 - ❖ A presentation on 911 operations is ready for rollout to any/all fire/EMS stations.
 - ❖ Atlantic Communications has evaluated the Med Radio system and recommended two options for enhancement. The primary option is to add a new Med Radio antenna to the Eastville Tower at the cost of \$33,000. J. Flournoy and H. Carpenter will prepare an RSAF grant for March submission. T. Justis motioned and C. Ulrich seconded for the Council to fund the 20% match, should an RSAF grant be awarded. Motion carried.
 - ❖ In the future, ownership of the Med Radio system needs to be established as various entities are currently supporting it.

- ❖ T. Justis reported Melfa replaced their Med Radios and transmission and reception has greatly improved. Most of the ambulance radios are 15+ years old and may need replacing. J. Flournoy will look into the evaluation of ambulance med radios.
- H. Carpenter distributed a summary of current agencies, units and EMS providers through December 31, 2008; and a list of expiring EMS providers in 2009 (see attached).
- Notable Accomplishments for 2008:
 - ❖ ITLS Advanced/Basic Course
 - ❖ ACLS & PALS Recertification Courses.
 - ❖ CISM Peer & Group Training
 - ❖ MCI 1 & 2
 - ❖ EMT-Basic Course x 2 (Rush & Rowley)
 - ❖ Planning for Intermediate Course offering
 - ❖ Purchase/Training/Distribution of:
 1. EZIOs
 2. CPAP
 3. King Airways
- C. Ulrich motioned, M. Surran seconded, to provide \$75 per session to the instructors who provided the rollouts for EZIOs and CPAP/King Airways.
- J. Barnes stated 12-lead capability is a hot topic, particularly with transports to PRMC. B. Rush is working on some information to be presented at the next Council meeting.
- C. Ulrich suggested the Council consider drug testing EMT students, prior to allowing field time on ambulances. A discussion of cost, liability and offering of rehab evolved with no decision at this time. The BLS Committee should review this matter.
- J. Bagwell announced NIMS 300 class, offered by T. Schwartz will be held @ Wallops in March (see ESEMSC website for details).
- J. Bagwell also stated Delmarva Two Way Radio has an unlimited supply of used Panasonic Toughbooks for sale, ranging from \$500 to \$900.
- J. Bagwell also reported there would be \$250 - \$500 million available in the near future, through a FEMA competitive grant process, to construct or remodel fire departments.
- The 2009 meeting dates were set as follows:
 - ❖ April 21st, 2009
 - ❖ June 23rd, 2009
 - ❖ August 11th, 2009
 - ❖ October 20th, 2009

The meeting was adjourned @ 2045.

The next Eastern Shore EMS Council Meeting
will be held
April 21st, 2009
@ The Eastern Shore 911 Communications Center