

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

Minutes of Meeting held at Eastern Shore 9-1-1 Center in Accomack, VA.
January 12, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

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| Station 2 (<i>Kevin Holloway</i>) – | Kevin Holloway | Accomack DPS (<i>Jason Lotus</i>) - | Jason Loftus |
| Station 3 (<i>John Dennis</i>) – | John Dennis | Northampton EMS (<i>Maryann Fitchett</i>) - | Maryann Fitchett |
| Station 4 (<i>Jim Evans</i>) – | Jim Evans | Wallops FD - | |
| Station 5 (<i>Tonya Beasley</i>) – | | Eastern Shore Ambulance (<i>D. Callaway</i>) – | Donna Callaway |
| Station 6 (<i>Jody Bagwell</i>) – | | Virginia Lifeline (<i>David Lewis</i>) - | |
| Station 7 (<i>Jimmy Rowley</i>) - | | 9-1-1 (<i>Jamie Collins</i>) - | |
| Station 8 (<i>John Hilton</i>) – | | At-Large (Public) (<i>Scott Chandler</i>) - | |
| Station 9 (<i>Will Hamilton</i>) – | Will Hamilton | At-Large (Public) – <i>VACANT</i> | |
| Station 10 (<i>Troy Justis</i>) – | Troy Justis | At-Large (Phys) (<i>Dr. Geoffrey Gubb</i>) - | |
| Station 11 (<i>Penney Fluhart</i>) – | | SMH (ED Nurse) (<i>Bonnie Enoch</i>) - | Bonnie Enoch |
| Station 13 (<i>Pam Lewis</i>) – | | SMH (Nursing) (<i>Terris Kennedy</i>) - | Terris Kennedy |
| Station 16 (<i>Ray Brooks</i>) – | Ray Brooks | SMH (Admin) (<i>Joseph Zager</i>) - | |
| Station 18 (<i>Sharone Johnson</i>) – | Sharone Johnson | SMH (ED Phys) (<i>Richard Hatch</i>) - | |
| Station 19 (<i>Cathy Ulrich</i>) – | Cathy Ulrich | SMH (At-Large) (<i>Jennifer Barnes</i>) - | Jennifer Barnes |
| Station 20 (<i>Danny Green</i>) – | Danny Green | SMH (At-Large) (<i>Ken Blair</i>) - | |
| Guests – Cindy Fenton, Christina Justice, Jeremie Buyea, Joe Colona, Diane Crockett, Bryan Rush, Sean Bagwell, Wilson Leggett, Bill Black, Patty Drewer | | TEMS Staff - | Hollye Carpenter Jim Chandler Laura Walker |

The council meeting was called to order by President, Maryann Fitchett @ 1900 hours. The agenda for the council meeting was specific to response issues and the future direction of the council.

KEY POINTS & ACTIONS:

1. Identified thirteen (13) issues felt to affect staffing, further info to follow.
2. Approved a motion to recommend to the Fire/Rescue commissions a goal of 20-minute response time, 90% of the time.
3. Approved a motion to recommend to the Fire/Rescue Commissions a dual alert on second ambulance calls.
4. Agreed to provide to the E.S. EMS Council their agency plan of meeting a 20-minute response time, 90% of the time. Ideas offered to meet this goal were discussed and included, but not limited to: in-house staffing, quick response vehicles, additional career staffing, dedicated squads, identifying resources, family involvement, dual alerts, data collection, population growth, etc. Each agency is to provide their plan to the Council no later than the April meeting of the E.S. EMS Council. (April 13, 2006).

THIRTEEN ISSUES IDENTIFIED

Money – competitive career salaries, incentives, time consuming fundraisers, etc.
Politics
Other obligations – family, work, etc.
Training
Growth – population and call volume

Abuse of System
Burn out
Turn around times
Benefits
Work schedules
Leadership
FLSA
Volunteer Pool

FOLLOW UP POINTS

Based on the identified issues it appears the E.S. EMS Council can or cannot deal with:

Money – Career salaries and incentives are county government and station issues.

Politics – The Council can recommend to fire/rescue commissions who are charged with working with local governments.

Other obligations – individual lifestyles in which the provider must decide what to do.

Training – EMS training is an issue in which I believe the Council must be responsible.

Growth – a given issue in which counties and individual stations must base current and future plans on. A Fire/Rescue commission task.

Abuse of the System – each citizen perceives an emergency in different ways. The E.S. EMS Council can undertake public education.

Burn Out - this is an individual issue.

Turn Around Time – a given issue.

Benefits and Work Schedules – this is a county Government Issue.

Leadership - The Council can take on the responsibility of EMS leadership training

FLSA – this is a federal government issue in which the Council does not have the resources – time, money, persons, to lobby Congress.

Volunteer Pool – recruitment.

PROPOSAL

I propose the Council takes on the focus of EMS Training, QA/QI, EMS Leadership Training, Recruitment, and Public Education. It is for these reasons I am calling for additional roundtable meetings and their agendas:

February 8, 2006 (Wednesday) – Location TBA – Mission and Goals

March 8, 2006 (Wednesday) – Location TBA – EMS Instructors Meeting – All EMS instructors (BLS & ALS) requested to attend.

April 13, 2006 (Thursday) E.S. EMS Council Annual Meeting. Regular meeting – no roundtable meeting schedule for this month.

May 10, 2006 (Wednesday) – Location TBA – Leadership

Further dates and agendas to be announced.

Meeting adjourned @ 2105.

Respectfully submitted,
Hollye B. Carpenter
TEMS Field Coordinator