

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

Minutes of Meeting held at
Eastern Shore of Virginia 911 Communications Center
On July 20, 2006

Attendance:

Station 2 (<i>Jeremie Buyea</i>) –	Jeremie Buyea	Accomack DPS (<i>Jason Lotus</i>) -	
Station 3 (<i>John Dennis</i>) –		Northampton EMS (<i>Maryann Fitchett</i>) -	
Station 4 (<i>Jim Evans</i>) –		Wallops FD -	
Station 5 (<i>Tonya Beasley</i>) –		Eastern Shore Ambulance (<i>D. Callaway</i>) –	
Station 6 (<i>Jody Bagwell</i>) –		Virginia Lifeline (<i>David Lewis</i>) -	
Station 7 (<i>Jimmy Rowley</i>) -	Jimmy Rowley	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>) –		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>) -	
Station 16 (<i>Ray Brooks</i>) –	Ray Brooks	SMH (Admin) (<i>Joseph Zager</i>) -	Joseph Zager
Station 18 (<i>Sharone Johnson</i>) –	Sharone Johnson	SMH (ED Phys) (<i>Richard Hatch</i>) -	
Station 19 (<i>Cathy Ulrich</i>) –		SMH (At-Large) (<i>Jennifer Barnes</i>) -	
Station 20 (<i>Danny Green</i>) –	Danny Green	SMH (At-Large) (<i>Ken Blair</i>) -	
Guests –		TEMS Staff -	Hollye Carpenter

President, Danny Green, called the meeting to order @ 1915 hours.

The minutes of the last meeting held April 13, 2006 were accepted as distributed via email.

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

ALS Training

- Each planning district is allotted an amount of money, based on the number of ALS providers, for ALS Continuing Education. This money is there on a first come, first serve basis. Any ALS course coordinator may request funds for continuing education programs. Our planning district is allowed \$ 3,696 for FY07. This will not cover the costs of the currently scheduled Council program and anyone else using these funds will even further lessen the reimbursement available to the Council.
- Kevin Holloway requested endorsement of the council to coordinate an Enhanced class in Parksley beginning in January. He is proposing classes be held on Sunday nights. A motion was made and accepted.
- Discussion ensued regarding the need to keep the Enhanced Class centrally located. A motion was made and accepted to hold all Council sponsored Enhanced Classes between Parksley and Melfa.
- Does the Eastern Shore want to pursue accreditation to offer Intermediate and/or Paramedic training? Issues: we need someone to take the program and run with it; is there enough call volume to meet clinical competencies; would contracts need to be established with Tidewater area agencies; is the TCC modular concept which builds to Paramedic the way to go; can a partnership between the council, agencies, SMH, & possibly ESCC be developed; is there funding available from each county to assist; we would need a full-time person to deal with all the issues; does the clinical have to be done in state; the state offers \$5000 per planning district for the accreditation process; TEMS will do everything they can to support us; South Hill is the first rescue squad to be accredited; is partnering with a High School a viable option; do we want to partner with the fire training center to include expansion to add break out rooms. A motion was made

to ask the Accomack County Department of Public Safety to spearhead research and movement through the accreditation process.

BLS Education

- Discussion developed regarding the need for a BLS Continuing Education program. All agreed to see how the adopted program works. We need BLS instructor endorsement, thereby eliminating the sporadic recert programs and the giving of hours to providers who did not attend a course.
- A concern was raised regarding the lack of an EMT class scheduled for this fall. Jimmy Rowley stated he would offer a class in January, somewhere up north, if the test site in January can be moved to later in the month. Problems with low call volume and meeting clinical requirements were cited as issues related to offering fall classes.
- An EMT-B evaluator class will be scheduled for October 2006.

Hospital

- Nurses and Doctors have witnessed scantily dressed volunteers. Jimmy Rowley asked for the Council to send out a dress consideration policy. Company's need to request all members wear a company shirt or t-shirt.
- Joe Zager asked if there's a need to provide an orientation to EMS providers to understand capabilities of hospital and expectations. All present felt this would be an excellent addition to the EMT program.
- Ortho coverage – units up north who have a patient with a fracture are calling in to see if orthopedic coverage is available. Dr. Hatch states what appears to be a fracture isn't always a fracture and can be dealt with by any ED physician. Instead of having 9-1-1 call the ED, providers need to call the physician directly. SMH recently lost an orthopedic doctor; however they have now recruited another who is willing and energetic. Is the presence of an orthopedic doctor an issue EMS really needs to question. On rescue squad reports, an HMO has denied payment because the patient was transported to an inappropriate facility. Suspected fractures which are angulated and do not have a pulse are obvious critical issues needing to be handled at a trauma center. Also consider, unless there is circulatory compromise it is not an immediate and life threatening emergency.
- Will asked about the current status with PRMC. Danny spoke with Dr. Todd 2-3 weeks ago. He is still working with state medical director and orders are currently still being provided to our ALS providers. PRMC is in the process of becoming a licensed base station. Apparently when serving in this capacity the giving of orders to out of state units is not allowed. Joe Zager commented all state boards are getting tight in all areas.

Other

- RSAF grant funding for the shore went well.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:35 hours.

The next meeting will be held October 12, 2006, location TBA.

Respectfully Submitted
Hollye B. Carpenter
TEMS Field Coordinator