

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

Minutes of Meeting held at Sunrise Restaurant
October 12, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

Station 2 (<i>Jeremie Buyea</i>) –	Jeremie Buyea	Accomack DPS (<i>Jason Lotus</i>) -	Jason Loftus
Station 3 (<i>John Dennis</i>) –		Northampton EMS (<i>Maryann Fitchett</i>) -	Maryann Fitchett
Station 4 (<i>Jim Evans</i>) –	Jim Evans	Wallops FD -	
Station 5 (<i>Tonya Beasley</i>) –	Tonya Beasley	Eastern Shore Ambulance (<i>Donna Callaway</i>) –	Donna Callaway
Station 6 (<i>Jody Bagwell</i>) –	Jody Bagwell	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>) –	John Hilton	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>) -	Dr. Geoffrey Gubb
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>) –		SMH (Admin) (<i>Joseph Zager</i>) -	
Station 18 (<i>Sharone Johnson</i>) –		SMH (ED Phys) (<i>Richard Hatch</i>) -	
Station 19 (<i>Cathy Ulrich</i>) –		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 –	Jim Fitchett, Kevin Holloway, Patty Drewer, Mick Sharpe, Angela Nock, E. Bryan Rush, Wayne Berry (OEMS), John McCleish	TEMS Staff -	Hollye Carpenter David Coulling

President Green called the meeting to order at 1905 hours.

A motion was made by T. Justis, seconded by J. Hilton to accept the minutes of July 20, 2006. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: None

President Green recognized Dr. Gubb. Dr. Gubb announced he has made the decision to retire as the Operational Medical Director (OMD). Dr. Gubb cited since he was no longer in the ER he was getting further "out of the loop." He stated he had talked with Dr. Richard Hatch in reference to taking over this position and Dr. Hatch has agreed to do so.

President Green stated Dr. Gubb has served in this position for twenty-five years and B. Rush personally thanked him for his work with the Eastern Shore. There were no questions in regard to the transition. President Green announced paperwork in regard to the transition has been completed. OMD agreements would be available at the end of the meeting.

President Green introduced Wayne Berry, OEMS Program Representative. Mr. Berry's planning districts include the Counties of Accomack and Northampton.

ALS Training

Kevin Holloway reported a meeting with Lorna Ramsey, EMS Program Director, Tidewater Community College, (TCC), was held in reference to ALS education and accreditation. He pointed out this is the first step towards bringing accreditation to the Eastern Shore and is very much in its infancy stage. He requested a steering committee be appointed.

President Green appointed a steering committee: Kevin Holloway, Troy Justis, Jennifer Shelton, Daniel Green, Hollye Carpenter and Patty Drewer.

Holloway further presented thought/ideas towards EMT-I and EMT-P accreditation:

- Must be completed in phases
- Will require multiple committees
- Six to nine months to pursue paperwork completion
- An agreement with TCC would turn to a complete course
- ESCC administers TCC's nursing program; would be a great working relationship.
- TCC seeking a coordinator for the Shore is another idea

Kevin Holloway announced he would be the lead instructor with Patty Drewer being the field internship leader for an enhanced course beginning January 7, 2007, in Parksley. The class will be held on Sunday and some Wednesday evenings. Final testing will be in June 2007. An interest meeting will be held in December.

Kevin Holloway stated he has discussed the enhanced training courses held on the Shore with Lorna Ramsey, TCC and the previous stance of TCC not accepting the Eastern Shore training of enhanced students for students wanting to further their education at TCC. TCC has agreed to credit Eastern Shore trained enhanced providers. TCC has stated there will be an exception: students who have allowed a semester to lapse between the enhanced course and their further training will be required to take the TCC med math exam.

President Green discussed BTLS instructors maintaining their certification and presented options or point of views:

- Increase the number of programs
- Require all ALS providers to be certified in BTLS again
- Network Medical teaching the courses and the cost associated with their programs

With increasing costs of training, a limited budget and low reimbursement of classes, President Green also suggested the ACLS and PALS course also be taken on by the EMS Council and be taught "in-house." There was no further discussion.

Discussion developed in reference to BTLS:

- The need for instructors to teach yearly
- A BTLS director
- Requiring ALS providers who have not kept the certification to recertify in a course again causing the need for full courses
- Decision making without fielding ALS providers input
- Cost associated with the course

Questions arose in reference to BTLS physician director. President Green stated that the EMS Council has been assured assistance in securing a physician to oversee the BTLS courses or the OMD can apply for and be issued a one-time, one-class waiver.

J. Bagwell made a motion to allow Norman Poole, Network Medical, to teach the BTLS program and for stations to pay the bill; seconded by J. Buyea. There was a request for a count of votes: Yes-2, No-12, and Abstain-2. Motion failed.

T. Justis motioned for instructors to handle the BTLS program in-house, allowing providers who have expired, two (2) EMS recertification cycles to meet the requirement. The motion carried.

HOSPITAL ISSUES

B. Enoch requested thoughts and/or ideas for the EMS pyxis system. She reported the yearly rental of the machine is \$4116.00 and an additional loss of \$5375.00 last year to null transactions. She explained null transactions are where no button has been pushed for a supply. Discussion ensued:

- Default programming of pyxis to show one vs. zero
- Total elimination of the machine.
- Alternative distribution of supplies requiring nurse interaction
- Vending style machine
- The need for a good partnership with the hospital
- An Honor system

B. Enoch reported the addition of pre-filled NSS syringes to be placed in the IV box along with pediatric electrodes.

A request was made by council reps for the stocking of LifePak 12 defib pads in the pyxis.

A review (once again) was distributed to council reps regarding BLS call-in reports. Comments were made if the hospital is given a short, to the point report, the caller will just be asked questions anyway. An increase in IV establishment requests was also discussed. B. Enoch is to review these points again with her nursing staff.

T. Kennedy reported emergency room visits are trending upward with the volume shifting towards evening to early morning versus daytime.

BLS TRAINING

EMS Instructors Meetings: there was a request made for H. Carpenter to review/confirm who is on the email list. Not all instructors are receiving notifications.

President Green presented the need for checks and balances for BLS providers and the need to provide a proficient service. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by J. Barnes for H. Carpenter to dust off the BLS form and bring it to the next regular business meeting for discussion and formal adoption for BLS providers to assess their skills on a 2-year basis. These skills can be precepted through street training or at any OEMS approved training; seconded by J. Hilton. Motion carried.

An EMT class will be held starting January 2007 in Oak Hall. Lead Instructor will be Daniel Green.

A confirmation of an EMT class being held in Northampton County has not been made.

An EMT class will be held on Chincoteague August 2007. Lead Instructor will be Bryan Rush.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Buyea questioned why Atlantic Fire Company, who has received previous EMS grant money, is not being alerted for ambulance calls in their district. President Green stated 911 has received the proper paperwork but the alert procedure has not been established. He stated 911 is not making any changes until their new system is completed. It was recommended J. Buyea take this issue to the fire-rescue commission who is tasked to deal with local government issues.

It was announced the new ALS training manikins have been received.

GRANTS

The review and written ranking of RSAF grants took place. Grant requests:

- Greenbackville: A desktop computer and a laptop computer.
- Eastville: Extrication cutter and a 60" ram.

OTHER BUSINESS

OMD agreements are available to Rescue Captains. The agreements must be signed. Captains were directed to see H. Carpenter prior to leaving the meeting. It was noted H. Carpenter will send copies of the OMD agreements to the Office of EMS as required by regulation.

The following 2007 EMS Council meeting dates were set:

- January 9, 2007
- April 10, 2007
- July 10, 2007
- October 9, 2007
- December 2007 TBA

A request was made to hold this year's EMS Council banquet at the Inn and Garden Café, Onancock, on December 7, 2006 if same date is available. Further information will follow.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann B. Fitchett