

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

Minutes of Meeting held at Parksley VFC  
April 10, 2007

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> ) -	
Station 4 ( <i>Jim Evans</i> ) –	Jim Evans	Wallops FD -	
Station 5 ( <i>Tonya Beasley</i> ) –		Eastern Shore Ambulance ( <i>Donna Callaway</i> ) –	
Station 6 ( <i>Jody Bagwell</i> ) –	Jody Bagwell	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> ) –		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> ) –	
Station 13 ( <i>John McCleish</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> ) –	Sharon Johnson	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 – Chris Isdell, Kevin Holloway, Pam Taylor, Greg Ellis, Steven Kostrzema, Eric Redmond		TEMS Staff -	Hollye Carpenter

President Green called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

A motion was made by J. Rowley, seconded by R. Brooks to accept the minutes of January 10, 2007. Motion carried.

H. Carpenter provided the treasurer's report. A motion was made by R. Brooks, seconded by J. Evans to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

ALS Training

*INTERMEDIATE*

K. Holloway reported the accreditation committee met last Wednesday and discussed the following issues related to running an Intermediate program in conjunction with TCC:

1. The availability ALS Training Funds for each student is significantly reduced because TCC submits for funds to pay for equipment & adjunct instructors
2. Various scheduling options are available to include the possible use of ESCC, either 2 three/four hour nights per week with 3 or 4 Saturday/Sunday practicals or 1 eight hour weekend day
3. Current Enhanced program not blessed by TCC
  - a. 1 attempt allowed at challenging exam, passing with a 75 or better
  - b. Self study - access on line to study material, versus test prep class
  - c. Enhanced (EMT-153) offered in August, with Intermediate (EMT-153) starting in mid September
4. Later discussion will be needed to determine need to proceed to Paramedic
5. Lorna will probably teach program

6. We will coordinate and teach practicals; we need ACLS & PALS Instructors (weekend course for those interested)
7. Tuition is \$85/credit hour for a total of 17 credit hours; financial aid is available to all students in need

### ALS CE

- K. Holloway discussed the need to make some changes to the ALS CE program to increase attendance. Some changes considered include elimination of the NCEMS night class, additional weekend classes, a change in general format to include more hands on. A survey will be conducted soon to seek additional input and recommendations.
- Nightingale has stroke education they would like to bring to the shore.
- The Enhanced class currently has 18 students who are scheduled to test on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

### BLS TRAINING

- Dr. Hatch has approved the addition of the requirement of the BLS skills evaluation sheet for testing exemption of BLS providers. These skills can be evaluated in the field or a Council approved workshop. A formal letter needs to be sent to all providers and agencies. This will be effective January 1, 2008.
- The BLS CE program is in need of direction and coordination. Instructional funding is not available from OEMS and attendance has been minimal to non-existent. Discussion evolved around the possible need for Saturday/Sunday classes, other methods available for CE (i.e. EMT classes) and the need to get better information out to BLS providers. Melfa's ALS & BLS power hour weekend and Chincoteague's monthly BLS programs appear to be attracting providers. J. Bagwell suggested monthly 8 hour sessions rotated between Oak Hall, Parksley, Melfa & NCEMS.

### HOSPITAL ISSUES

- PRMC issues have been smoothed over; however Dr. Todd is still not happy with giving Virginia units orders. Lasix orders are being denied, as Lasix is no longer in the Maryland protocols. Instead they are using NTG, CPAP, Captopril and NTG Paste.
- SMH ED is transitioning to hiring their own ED Doctors. In the interim several Doctors from the Tidewater area will be filling in.

### OTHER

- A study is being conducted to determine the feasibility of doing away with the EMS Councils. It is being mailed out randomly to EMS providers. Please complete if received.
- S. Kostrzema with Nightingale was present.
  - Discussed the benefit to establishing reference points on the Shore.
  - Advised they have staff availability to teach any CE requested.
- The generator on the Accomack MCI trailer is dead. J. Loftus motioned and J. Bagwell seconded to do away with the generator. E. Redmond stated he would pick it up and evaluate its viability. J. Loftus withdrew his motion and referred decision to executive committee for decision to fund after evaluation.

### RSAF GRANT REVIEW

ES-C01 Greenbackville ~ (1) Type III Ambulance  
 ES-C02 Onancock ~ (2) Broselow Pediatric Systems  
 ES-C02 Onancock ~ (1) LifePak CR  
 ES-C02 Onancock ~ (2) Stryker Stair Chairs  
 ES-C02 Onancock ~ (2) Styker Power Pro  
 ES-C03 Tasley ~ (1) Hurst Mini Mate Power Unit  
 ES-C03 Tasley ~ (1) Vehicle Stable Struts  
 ES-C03 Tasley ~ (10) Motorola Pagers  
 ES-C04 Atlantic ~ (1) Ram, Ram Kit, Extension  
 ES-C05 Community ~ (1) Monitor/Defib  
 ES-C05 Community ~ (2) Intraosseous Therapy  
 ES-C06 Bloxom ~ (1) Hurst Power Unit  
 ES-C06 Bloxom ~ (2) Small Rams  
 ES-C07 Parksley ~ (1) LifePak 12  
 ES-C08 Accomack DPS ~ (19) TCD

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Hollye B. Carpenter