

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
March 4, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

<u>Representatives</u>	<u>Guests</u>
James Bagwell, Station 6	James Linton
Willie Kirkpatrick, Station 7 (alt)	Randi Merritt
Pam Taylor, Station 9 (alt)	Donn Rodgers
Marge Surran, Station 11	Bryan Rush
Amy Wilcox, Station 16	
Sharon Johnson, Station 18	<u>TEMS</u>
Mike Rudder, Station 20	Hollye Carpenter
Jennifer Barnes, SMH At-Large	Jay Porter

Minutes prepared by Hollye Carpenter

The meeting was called to order @ 1910 hours by President, Jennifer Barnes.

A motion was made by M. Surran, seconded by A. Wilcox to accept the minutes of January 22nd, 2008 as distributed. Motion carried.

H. Carpenter provided the treasurer's report. A motion was made A, Wilcox and seconded by M. Rudder to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

ALS Training

ALS CE

- A master training schedule is available on the ESEMS Council website.
- B. Rush reported a large attendance at the Chincoteague CE classes.

BLS TRAINING

- None

HOSPITAL ISSUES

- H. Carpenter reported the room for NCEMS has been relocated to the old EMS pixis room. EMS supplies are now accessible through the main pixis in the supply room. IV boxes have also been relocated to the main supply room. Work and discussion are still underway for outside water access and disposal.
- Medications in the WMD boxes have recently expired and due to budgetary restraints and the availability of the CHEMPAK at SMH, they will not be restocked. WMD boxes need to be returned to JJ Justis as soon as possible.
- Lifepak 12 pads are in the pixis.

OLD BUSINESS

- Protocol books are still on hold, pending a TEMS reprint and additional protocol changes.

- An EMS Instructor meeting was held on February 25, 2008. Issues discussed included:
 1. Bringing Intermediate to the Shore; use of a college verses private agency; cost range from \$500 to \$3,000 per student; unsure of number of interested students; need to require deposit to hold seat and determine interest; hold informational workshop to further determine student interest.
 2. EMT Evaluator Training will be held May 6th, 2008, location TBA.
 3. The need for good/better BLS planning was also addressed.
- J. Porter reported Southampton had requested an Intermediate class with 28 students. It may be possible to tele-tech this class, allowing both Southampton and us to benefit. The lecture portion is 292 hours, with 6+ practical skills sessions. It will be held 2 nights per week and would require a coordinator at each site. There would be a \$100/student commitment fee.
- The Accomack Fire/Rescue Commission had requested a representative from our Council to attend their meetings. J. Barnes stated she would ask D. Surran to represent the Council on this committee.
- J. Porter reported the Easy IOs are set to roll out in August. A two (2) hour training session will be offered for Intermediates and Paramedics with equipment distribution (2 per licensed unit) soon thereafter. TEMS is working with the EDs to get 1 for 1 restocking.
- Discussion revolved around the submission of a Fall RSAF grant for CPAP, 12 lead or other. B. Rush stated he would research options.

NEW BUSINESS

EMT Testing

- B. Rush stated he was concerned with the lack of consistency in EMT testing evaluation (verbalize vs. hands on). OEMS is also considering changing the EMT testing process to add random skills to Medical and Trauma Assessment. More information to come.

Maryland Response

- Virginia agencies are now alerted more frequently to respond into Maryland, due to a new GPS dispatch procedure. Issues related to this include: level of Virginia staffing verses Maryland (paramedic or not), billing out of state, need for mutual aid agreement. *A committee of T. Borum (D. Rodgers – alternate), B. Justice or C. Justice, and J. Bagwell was established. This group needs to consider the inclusion of representatives from the ACF/RC, ANFA and NCF/RC. This committee is tasked with providing a draft mutual aid agreement at the next Council meeting.*

QA/QI

- J. Barnes reported two QA issues had been brought to her this year. One from Maryland which is closed, and the other from TEMS which was unfounded.
- There is a need for a formal process. All licensed EMS agencies are required to have a plan and process in place. This process should focus on changes to protocols, education, equipment, etc.

- *Every agency needs to provide a representative to the QA/QI committee. A committee of five (5) will be chosen from names provided. There needs to be a provider mix to include career/volunteer and BLS/ALS.*
- TEMS is working on a grant to provide SIGMA training for QA/QI. More information to be provided at a later time.

Infection Control

- *A new Committee was appointed to work on updating our Infection Control Plan; W. Redmond, R. Merritt, M. Surran and a representative for NCEMS.*

BLS

- Need strategically planned and located EMT classes.
- Need for accountability from students and instructors, for classes receiving Council funding (practical & test site fees).
- Need for consistency in training, rules and grading.
- Need committee to oversee courses (material presentation and organization).
- Testing should not be weeding out students. Instructors need to be empowered to make decision regarding test eligibility of students.
- Stations need to have program in place to clear new EMTs to function as AIC.
- Sponsoring agencies should be receiving good and bad information back regarding students in class.
- *B. Rush was empowered to create a committee to begin working to address these issues.*

Other

- PRMC will open their new ED on March 26th, 2008. Pictures were provided with an overview of the ED.
- J. Bagwell requested consideration of the establishment of RSI capabilities, with 1-2 kits located centrally for easy access. H. Carpenter stated we should at least consider the re-establishment of the difficult airway class. *J. Bagwell was tasked with getting information on the King airway for the next meeting.*
- Requests for PPCRs from local law enforcement are on the rise. H. Carpenter will forward a copy, to all representative, of the Virginia law allowing for this release.
- J. Bagwell requested the status of the ACDPS medic assault investigation. No official information was available at this time.
- The date of the next Council meeting, April 17th, conflicts with the ACF/RC meeting. The date was changed to April 15th.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2045 hours.

<p>The next Eastern Shore EMS Council Meeting will be held on April 15th, 2008 at 1900 hours at the Eastern Shore of VA 911 Center in Accomac.</p>
