

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
September 2, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

<u>Representatives</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Tonya Beasley, Station 5	E. Bryan Rush (Station 3)
James Bagwell, Station 6	Angela Nock (Station 10)
William Hamilton, Station 9	Dick Surran (Station 11)
Troy Justis, Station 10	Jason Loftus (ACDPS)
Marge Surran, Station 11	Jeff Flournoy (911 Center)
Tabitha Borum, Station 20	
Woody Gaskins, ACDPS	
Maryann Fitchett, NCEMS	<u>TEMS</u>
Jennifer Barnes, SMH At-Large	Hollye Carpenter
Dr. Richard Hatch, At-Large Physician	Jim Chandler

Minutes prepared by Hollye Carpenter

The meeting was called to order @ 1900 hours by President, Jennifer Barnes.

A demonstration of a CPAP System was provided by Steve of Southeastern Equipment.

A motion was made by T. Justis, seconded by M. Fitchett to accept the minutes of June 3, 2008. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by J. Bagwell and seconded to spend a maximum of \$25,000 to purchase 29 CPAP Systems (one per EMS licensed vehicle), requiring each agency to pay 20% of the purchase price prior to distribution. Motion carried. Per protocol, the use of CPAP is a standing order for I & P, and a physician's order for E.

The group discussed the impact of the elimination of intubation & various medications from the current Enhanced curriculum. Dr. Hatch agreed to continue current protocols and business as usual until additional info could be obtained.

ALS Training

- An ITLS course will be offered in Melfa during this month, with JJ. Justis as the course coordinator. ALS training funds have been applied for; however these funds will not fully pay for the course. M. Surran made a motion, J. Bagwell seconded, to provide up to \$2,700 in additional funding for this course.
- Plans are still in the works to begin an Intermediate Course in January 2009. More information will be coming soon.
- Discussion took place regarding:
 - The Intermediate accreditation process
 - Partnership with TCC
 - Potential grant application to pay coordinator to get program up and going, with the locality taking responsibility

- Need for continual cash of students to sustain program
- Regional sanctioning issues with students attending/completing EMS courses at Wor-Wic Community College.
- A question was raised regarding the use of the EZIO by Enhanced providers. It was explained the TEMS protocols only allow for Intermediates and Paramedic.

BLS TRAINING

- Two EMT Classes are underway and both are currently scheduling hospital orientations.

HOSPITAL ISSUES

- EZIO replacement needles are not yet available.
- Paperwork for orange boxes still not being completed. H. Carpenter was requested to provide a “list of offenders” to the representatives.
- Providers are reporting increasing issues with the following:
 - Speaking directly to the physician, without 101 questions from the nurse taking the call
 - Belittling to EMS staff by Doctors & Nurses; professional interaction in ED is at all time low.
- Dr. Hatch provided significant insight into the ED issues at SMH regarding physicians and other staff and asked for everyone to deal best as they can, be professional and put any complaints in writing to B. Enoch or him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BLS

- No Report.

Mutual Aid

- No Report.

Infection Control

- No Report.

QA/QI

- No Report.

CPAP/12 Lead

- B. Rush is still working in 12 lead w/blue tooth capabilities. Upgrades will probably cost \$9,000 – \$12,000.

OLD BUSINESS

- A motion was made by M. Fitchett, seconded by J. Bagwell to purchase a King Airway Kit (4 airways) for each licensed EMS vehicle with a cost of approximately \$3,700.

NEW BUSINESS

- CPAP & King Airway Train-the-Trainer will be offered very soon with a rollout date of 11/1/08. J. Barnes will coordinate the Train-the-Trainer. D. Surran & K. Holloway expressed interest in taking.

- There was an expressed need for the procurement of CPR manikins and second set of EVOC cones. H. Carpenter will research and bring info back to next meeting.
- J. Barnes requested someone to represent the Eastern Shore EMS Council on the Communications Infrastructure Work Group, beginning this Thursday night. D. Surran volunteered and will report back at the next meeting.
- H. Carpenter requested funding for the upcoming CISM peer and group training course. T. Justis motioned and J. Bagwell seconded to fund up to \$1000 towards this course for books, registration & refreshments.
- T. Justis motioned, M. Fitchett seconded to pay for travel, room & food for instructor teaching upcoming MCI I & II Course at Oak Hall Rescue.
- Issues still exist with Pocomoke calling Oak Hall to transport patient to SMH. They are allowed to transport to SMH, however choose not to.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2105 hours.

<p>The next Eastern Shore EMS Council Meeting will be held on October 14th, 2008 at 1900 hours at the Eastern Shore of VA 911 Center in Accomac.</p>
