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Trumbull Emergency Medical
Service Commission

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Trumbull Emergency Medical Service Commission
September 23, 2014, 7:00pm
Trumbull EMS Headquarters

Present: Chairman William Schietinger; Commissioners Diane Mayo, Joel Hirschfield, Matthew Wheeler, Joseph Peddle. Philip Lukianuk entered the meeting at 7:30pm.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by the Chairman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Past Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes of August 26, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Peddle. One correction was noted on Page 1 under Unfinished Business #1 – first line should read “Chief Laucella noted the RFP was put out but part of the specs did **NOT** upload to the website”. Also, clarification was requested regarding the FEMA grant. Chief Laucella noted the paramedic contract was extended so that paramedic equipment could be purchased as it will be TEMS responsibility to provide such equipment when the new contract is signed. There was no further discussion. Minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

Special Commission Meeting minutes of 9/8/14 will be approved at the next meeting after review. With regard to the purchase of the new ambulance, Mr. Schietinger noted he sent the Director of Finance a document that pointed out the reasons why the commission approved AEV as the vendor. Chief Laucella noted that he also sent a document with his analysis and a disclosure that he had a past relationship with the vendor.

Old Business

Chief Laucella noted the following:

1. Furniture has been ordered and should arrive shortly.
2. Cardiac monitors were ordered last week. He thought they had been ordered but money was being transferred into the appropriate account. We should have the equipment within three weeks.
3. Letter of Intent was sent to AEV to purchase another ambulance. AEV has acquired the 2015 chaise. The vehicle may be ready by 10/25 unless the Whelan light bar delivery is delayed.

4. Lucas devices will be ordered tomorrow. Chief Laucella noted that several pieces of equipment were being demoed such as new paramedic bags and mass casualty supplies. Various pieces of equipment are being considered for the remainder of the donation including new AEDs, flashlight/spotlight combination as in 904, bikes, extrication gear, airway manikin, Toughbooks, vests for incident command/trauma, 15 radios, TV for day room to display dispatch information program and 3 stair chairs. The donor would prefer to remain anonymous but the service will acknowledge them in some way when the equipment has been purchased. Mr. Peddle asked whether any upgrades to technology were considered. Chief Laucella noted that the town, at this time, will not approve anything with a recurring cost. He did note that he is working with the Director of Finance on a contract for alpha pagers which will help with communications when our radios are not picking up signals such as in the hospital ERs.
5. Chief Laucella presented another draft of the standby rates to the commission. He noted he has spoken with the Police Department as requested and they have an event budget for the revenue and they pay out of that account for the special details covered. Ms. Mayo asked when this would be put into effect. Chief Laucella stated that an exact time has not been determined but noted that St. Joseph's High School has been informed they will be billed for football game standbys at the end of this season. This topic will be put on the next meeting agenda for further discussion.
6. Chief Laucella presented statistics regarding the third ambulance he staffed on Mondays. This coverage is working well. Paramedic intercepts were 92 from January 1 – Sept 23 during the day (6a-6p). This would be the time frame for the second paramedic. We have paid \$25,760 to the mutual aid services to cover these intercepts.

Mr. Lukianuk entered the meeting at 7:30pm.

Discussion was held regarding the advantage of the second paramedic. It was noted that by doing so, it would definitely increase the level of coverage to the community.

Chief's Report

Chief Laucella presented his report which included call statistics, volunteer statistics, upcoming events, and events covered since the last meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hirshfield, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Crandall
Executive Administrative Assistant

These minutes are considered a draft until approved at the next meeting of the Trumbull EMS Commission.

Chief of Service

EMS Report

September 23, 2014

2014 Stats

2014	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31					
Total calls	347	307	378	350	355	359	349	303					2748
TEMS Covered	318	280	346	325	331	331	311	286					2528
Percent covered	92%	91%	92%	93%	93%	92%	89%	94%					
Mutual Aid	29	27	32	25	24	28	38	17					220
Total response Times	6.9	7.1	7	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2					7.1
Transport Rate	75%	78%	79%	80%	75%	75%	78%	75%					77%
ALS Intercept	6	16	14	17	14	11	19	12					109

2013 Stats

2013	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31	
Total calls	335	325	293	298	378	316	314	332	310	354	315	352	3922
TEMS Covered	265	237	243	267	345	296	299	316	282	330	291	331	3502
Percent covered	79%	73%	81%	90%	91%	94%	95%	95%	91%	93%	92%	94%	89%
Mutual Aid	66	86	50	31	33	20	15	16	28	24	24	21	414

September 1st-September 22, 2014: 232 total Calls- TEMS Covered 94%

New Volunteers in Training:

TEMS currently has 17 new members who are actively training. Over the last three weeks, 10 new members have been interviewed and have started or have been scheduled to start new member training.

The TEMS Explorer Post begins this weekend. We currently expect 15 teenagers to participate. Four new people have expressed interest in the program.

The EMT class being held at Fairfield University currently has sixteen students. Those students will begin their clinical ride time at TEMS during the month of October.

Vehicle Status:

All vehicles are in service.

Upcoming Events:

Trumbull EMS will be participating in the Home Depot Safety Day on Saturday October 4, 2014 from 9a-12p.

Trumbull EMS is hosting an EMR/EMT refresher for Trumbull Emergency Services. The class will begin on October 15th.

Critical Incident Stress training will be held on October 15th for all Trumbull Emergency Service departments. Class will be led by CISD State Team Leader Charlie Epstein.

Recent Events:

TEMS provided ambulance standby coverage for St. Joseph and Trumbull High School Football games over the last few weeks. Volunteer staff has been providing coverage for these events.

TEMS provided standby coverage for CT United Ride that took place on September 7, 2014.

TEMS participated in a large safety event and touch a truck held at the Trumbull Mall on September 13th. Thank you to all those members who participated in the event.

TEMS attended a Sacred Heart University volunteer recruitment event which gave an opportunity for students to learn about Trumbull EMS and volunteer opportunities. We spoke to over 50 students who have expressed interest in taking an EMT class and volunteering.

TEMS volunteers rode a total of 271 shifts (minimum 813 hours) for the months of August and September. Thank you to all those volunteers who have been riding and helping with our community events.