

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL  
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Trumbull Emergency Medical  
Service Commission

William Schietinger, Chairman



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Trumbull Emergency Medical Service Commission  
October 28, 2014, 7:00pm  
Trumbull EMS Headquarters

**Present:** Commissioners Diane Mayo, Joel Hirshfield, Matthew Wheeler, Joseph Peddle.

**Absent:** Chairman, William Schietinger and Philip Lukianuk

The meeting was called to order at 7:14pm by Commissioner Peddle in the absence of the Chairman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Past Minutes**

Motion was made by Ms. Mayo to approve the minutes of the Special Commission Meeting held on September 8, 2014 as written. Seconded by Mr. Hirshfield. Motion carried unanimously with an abstention vote from Mr. Peddle.

Motion was made by Mr. Wheeler to approve the minutes of the Commission Meeting held on September 23, 2014 as written. Seconded by Ms. Mayo. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

1. Standby Rates – Chief Laucella presented a revised draft of the medical standby rates noting he has removed the ALS Ambulance rate from the list. This rate list would go into effect on July 1, 2015. The Chief would like to be able to inform organizations what to include in their budget for next year. It was recommended that charges should apply whether the standby is covered by paid staff or volunteers as costs are still incurred with the vehicle and supplies. Discussion was held regarding the various organizations that request coverage at events, including town events. Additional discussion was held regarding exceptions and it was agreed that further discussion was necessary on this topic as details would need to be worked out. Motion was made by Ms. Mayo to accept the rates and to continue discussion regarding requests for coverage. Motion seconded by Mr. Hirshfield. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Lucas Devices – Chief Laucella noted both devices have been received. A brief demonstration was given to the Commission. Chief Laucella noted a thank you has been sent to the donor. One device will be in the paramedic vehicle and the second will be in the BLS car on duty. No additional response has been received from the donor regarding the other equipment.

3. LifePak 15s have been received and are in service. The capability of sending EKG information to the ER was discussed. It was suggested that Chief Laucella speak with the cardiologists in town for their input on this option.
4. Chief Laucella noted he is trying to purchase two refurbished Toughbooks with the money earmarked for three radios in our budget. Although the service still needs new radios, there is only one working Toughbook out of seven. He will be in touch with the Finance Department regarding this purchase.
5. Discussion was held regarding the training and talk tracks pertaining to the Lucas and LifePak 15. Chief Laucella noted a press release is planned for both pieces of equipment and he will try to demo the Lucas as much as he can at events the service attends. It was suggested that a presentation be made for Channel 17 and Chief Laucella noted the Physio rep will be doing a demonstration next week for EMS members and this could be a possibility. Discussion was also held regarding interfacing with family on those occasions when the Lucas is used for CPR.

### **New Business**

1. Infectious Disease Update – Chief Laucella noted he and Barbara Crandall have been attending meetings for the past two weeks regarding ebola. He is currently creating documents on infection control with the help of Sponsor Hospital. Personal protective equipment has been ordered as required by the CDC. We may need to purchase additional supplies as the recommendations for protection may change. Decontamination supplies for the ambulance have been purchased. He noted the service is doing everything it can to provide its crews with the equipment to make them safe. Guidelines have been written which will be sent to staff including donning and doffing instructions. Chief Laucella noted a call for suspected ebola patients could take up to 3-4 hours due to the prep time required prior to transport. The State has been contacted to discuss alternative methods for transportation besides ambulances such as recommissioning old ambulances on a temporary license that is stocked with minimum supplies to be prepared in advance and ready to respond when necessary. The State has not responded favorably to this recommendation as it is still in discussion. Chief Laucella noted he is taking this very seriously.
2. Paramedic Contract – the Commission was given a draft copy of the contract which is scheduled to begin November 1, 2014. Chief Laucella noted this contract is very similar to prior contracts. The Chief is awaiting the signature of the Director of Finance,

### **Chief of Service Report**

Chief Laucella presented his report which included call statistics, volunteer statistics, upcoming events, upcoming events and equipment.

The Chief approached the Commission to discuss allowing EMTs under the age of 18 to work as a second crew member on shift. There is a current policy, set by the commission many years ago, that allows EMTs 17 ½ years to petition to ride as a second crew member. They need recommendations from other partners and the Director of Training to be considered. Discussion. It was felt by the Commission that further discussion was necessary and Chief Laucella was requested to obtain information regarding insurance coverage.

**New Business**

1. January 9, 2015 is the Awards/Recognition Dinner at Marisas.
2. Next meeting is November 25, 2014.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion was made by Ms. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall  
Executive Administration Equipment

These minutes are considered a draft until approved by the TEMS Commission at their next meeting.

Chief of Service

EMS Report

October 28, 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	30	27			
Total calls	347	307	378	350	355	359	349	303	317	331			3396
TEMS Covered	318	280	346	325	331	331	311	286	298	304			3130
Percent covered	92%	91%	92%	93%	93%	92%	89%	94%	94%	92%			
Mutual Aid	29	27	32	25	24	28	38	17	19	27			266
Total response Times	6.9	7.1	7	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	6.9				7.1
Transport Rate	75%	78%	79%	80%	75%	75%	78%	75%	76%				77.00%
ALS Intercept	6	16	14	17	14	11	19	12	21				130

**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

October 1, 2014- October 27, 2014: 331 total Calls- TEMS Covered 92%

**New Volunteers in Training:**

TEMS currently has 11 new members who are currently in training. We currently have two applicants who are awaiting interviews.

We would like to congratulate Lauren Pettinella who was just recently cleared from training.

The TEMS Explorer Post has been meeting on a regular basis. We have had 12 teenagers participating in the post.

The EMT class being held at Fairfield University currently has fourteen students. Students have started their clinical ride time here at TEMS.

**Vehicle Status:**

All vehicles are in service.

**Equipment Update:**

TEMS has received and has started to use the brand new Physio-Control LifePak 15 Cardiac Monitors. These monitors were purchased from the recent \$80,000 FEMA Grant.

The CPR Lucas Chest Compression devices were just delivered and will be going into service in the next few weeks. The devices arrived five weeks earlier than expected. These devices were purchased by the very generous donation of a local resident. These two devices cost \$34,000 and will help crews when dealing with Cardiac Arrest patients. Trumbull EMS would like to express its sincere gratitude to the donor who at this time will remain anonymous until they give permission for TEMS to release their name.

The new furniture for headquarters that was approved in the summer has arrived and has been placed in our newly renovated day room. TEMS would like to thank Allen White and his team for their assistance with recent improvements here at TEMS.

The new 2015 AEV Sprinter is set to arrive on October 29, 2014. Thank you to Joe Mitri and Aaron Traussi for offering to drive the vehicle back to Trumbull from the factory in North Carolina.

**Upcoming Events:**

Trumbull EMS will be staffing a few more St. Joseph and Trumbull High football games including the Thanksgiving game.

TEMS is prepared to start purchasing ALS supplies and using TEMS owned ALS equipment on November 1, 2014.

The Center for Domestic Violence will be conducting a First Responder Sexual Assault training on Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. All members are invited to attend.

**Recent Events:**

TEMS provided ambulance standby coverage for St. Joseph and Trumbull High School Football games over the last few weeks.

TEMS was contacted by Trumbull Pop Warner and provided an EMT on standby for a playoff game that took place on October 26, 2014.

Trumbull EMS hosted and instructed a CPR class for the staff of the Trumbull Early Childhood Education Center.

An ambulance was staffed for the recent Trumbull Pumpkin run.

TEMS recently participated in Nichols, Trumbull Center and Long Hill FD open houses over the past few weeks.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have staffed all the recent community events.

Barbara Crandall and Chief Laucella participated in the annual Senior Health Fair.

Trumbull EMS just completed an EMT/EMR refresher. TEMS had 23 students from Trumbull EMS, TFD and TPD. Training Officer Tim Fedor and Chief Laucella coordinated the program and joint training.

Critical Incident Stress training was held on October 15th for members of Trumbull EMS.

A table top exercise reviewing local and state guidelines with a suspected EVD patient was held on October 22, 2014. Ongoing training will occur on this subject as well as PPE review and practice donning and doffing equipment.

TEMS volunteers rode a total of 274 shifts (minimum 822 hours) for the month of September through October 21st. Thank you to all those volunteers who have been riding and helping with our community events.

