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Trumbull Emergency Medical Service Commission
Diane Mayo, Chairman

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February 22, 2022
7:00 pm
Trumbull Town Hall via Video Conference

Present: Chairman Diane Mayo, Commissioners Philip Lukianuk, Joel Hirshfield, Matthew Wheeler, Shea Gregg and Tom Kiely Jr

Also Present: Chief Leigh Goodman

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Chairman Mayo following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment
No public comment.

Past Minutes
A motion was made by Mr. Hirshfeld to approve the Commission minutes from January 23, 2022 as written.
Seconded by Mr. Wheeler and approved unanimously

Chief’s Report
See attached Chief’s Report

Mr. Gregg entered the meeting at 7:40pm

Old Business
COVID-19 report: See Chief’s Report

Building update: Chief reports ongoing meetings regarding site and funding options.

Deployment Pattern Proposal/Staff Update: See Chief’s Report

Budget update: See Chief’s Report

A motion was made at 7:43pm by Mr. Hirshfield to enter an executive session. It was seconded by Mr. Kiely and approved unanimously.

At 8:17pm a motion was made by Mr. Hirshfield to exit the executive session. It was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and approved unanimously.

New Business

Chief Goodman is requesting to use $2,500 from Special Agency Account the purchase of simulation equipment for the TEMS PACE Program. $2,000 of these funds were donated to Trumbull EMS by the Trumbull Community Women’s Organization, with the intention to be used by the TEMS PACE Team for supplies. A motion was made by Mr. Gregg to approve the use of the funds. It was seconded by Mr. Hirshfield and approved unanimously.

Trumbull EMS Foundation Program (Pilot): See Chief’s Report.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. It was seconded by Mr. Hirshfield and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine O’Connor
Clerk
02/22/2022
TEMS COMMISION REPORT
PRESENTED BY CHIEF GOODMAN
Pandemic COVID-19

Pandemic COVID-19 numbers continue to trend down. We are maintaining our recovery surveillance and will continue to work to stay ahead of any associated variables to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our crews and the community we serve.

Trumbull EMS continues to offer free PCR specimen collection to all Town of Trumbull first responders, employees and their immediate family.

We will be adjusting our mask policy for visitors and students, once we get final word on what our Trumbull schools are doing. At this time, our EMT students will still follow our current student COVID-19 policies.
Our revenue stream continues to trend up and I am working with our billing vendor to improve collection strategies, in any area where there may be room for growth. With the introduction of our credit card billing services, we have seen some increase in timely payments with minimal impact on overall revenue through service fees.

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A detailed fiscal breakdown is attached which highlights payor mix analytics and associated revenue collection factors.
I was thankful to have the opportunity to present our proposed deployment pattern emergency funding request to the Board of Finance & Town Council.

The presentation and the minutes of this are available online. With the full support of the council, the request was approved as emergency legislation and we are currently taking steps to implement the changes, and onboard new team members.

Our second paramedic truck which runs Monday to Friday from 8am to 4pm will now run from 6am to 10pm, allowing for an extra paramedic unit to assist in covering high call volume.

We are in the process of extending offers to 2 new full time paramedics, one which fills a vacant position and another which is a newly approved position.
Thank you so much for coming to our rescue and for helping to deliver our healthy baby boy at home. It was a very scary moment for us and your calming presence made such a huge difference. Words cannot express how much we appreciate you and what you do.

Commendations

ROSC to Admit:
M Santiana, Paramedic  B Barry, EMT,
M Santiana, Paramedic, O Basuchouddhary EMT, D Kent, EMT

Field Delivery:
C Simoni, Paramedic, S Filo
B Barry, EMT, J Vollano EMT

Excellence in Care
Advanced Airway Management:
A Weber, Paramedic, O Basuchouddhary EMT,

Cardiac Arrest Save:
E Diaz Paramedic, N Gauruder, EMT, J Ayers, Student,
C Simoni, Paramedic

STEMI:
C Lovell, Paramedic, C Hoffmann, EMT
Fleet continues to see significant delays and challenges in acquiring new vehicles. Our new 903, was expected in March, however I was notified this week that this is now delayed until May.

We are working with the Director of Public Works to move forward with initial building space needs assessment and design plans. I continue to monitor the upcoming legislative season for forward movement on some promising funding opportunities.

Thank you for all of your efforts. We know you did your very best to try and save our Dad and we appreciate everything you did for him.
While we had to reschedule most of our community programs in January, February has been packed with multiple community classes, including another certified group of SafeSitters, multiple first aid lessons for our cub scouts, brownies, daisies and boy scouts and CPR for well...anyone who wants it!

To celebrate American Heart Month, we are offering all day CPR and AED reviews to all Town of Trumbull employees.
Let’s Talk Mental Health, Trumbull! We had such a successful kick off to our new monthly speaker series. Lively discussion on how to talk about mental health! Valerie Barton gave an excellent and well received presentation on how to talk about Mental Health. No shame, no blame and most importantly no more silence.

We have worked hard with our partners from TPAUD, Confidant Health, The Mary J Sherlach Counseling Center, Trumbull Community Television and others to help take what started as a casual chat about how to support Trumbull families and create this excellent ongoing program.

We remain active participants in the Town of Trumbull’s Postvention Committee and are looking forward to launching our Here to Help website, which helps provide access to information and support for survivors of suicide loss.
Trumbull EMS EMT (and current Yale Center for EMS Paramedic student) Ayers recently responded with her paramedic field instructor/preceptor TEMS paramedic Diaz and EMT Gauruder for a witnessed cardiac arrest. As a student she did a fantastic job, leading the team and providing prompt advanced cardiac life support and advanced airway management to the patient.

Working alongside her experienced team, Jen expanded her student experience, while appropriately treating her patient along with her excellent team. Paramedic Supervisor Simoni was on scene to assist as needed. The team worked smoothly together and were able to achieve return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) in the field, giving the patient the best chance of a positive outcome.

Trumbull EMS is so proud to be working with our local paramedic education program partners to help train high quality, field ready paramedics. Providing students an encouraging and safe environment to learn alongside experienced field clinicians is the best way we can ensure the continued delivery of patient focused, evidence driven care to our community.

EMT Ayers is a wonderful example of why we are implementing our new foundation employee pilot program this year to expand our investment in new EMS providers by offering a continued mentoring experience for our team members who wish to transition from EMT to paramedic.
EMS Advocacy

Your investment in our first annual subscription to the American Ambulance Association has already proven to be a wise investment and we already reaping the rewards of this excellent cost efficient and beneficial resource. With the initial cost being $1,395.00 I have already utilized over $3000.00 of their references and resources.

I am proud to have collaborated with CEMSAB to launch the new EMS Provider Guidebook for Resilience to help EMS providers in our region have quick access to various resiliency resources. (see attached)

I am continuing to work with EMS Service Chiefs from around the State to work together to address the EMS industry wide challenges. These include staffing; escalating wages in an environment of fixed revenues; declining interest and enrollments in EMS certification programs; the need and importance for DPH OEMS to launch MIH to address ED overutilization; and expanding the Connecticut Connect Jobs Training Program to support recruitment and retention efforts for EMS.

It is hugely important that we continue to highlight the importance of the essential services we provide to our State Representatives, and ask for their support in securing revenue from Medicaid to reimburse for 911 EMS essential services in accordance with the Medicare Fee Schedule and that schedule be subject to an annual COLA helping agencies underwrite the cost of increasing wages in order to recruit and retain well trained EMTs and Paramedics.
Along with our large commercial services like AMR and ACAP, municipal services such as ours must make ourselves heard and join the chorus of advocacy. In response to the Governor's proposal to provide additional funding to a wide array of non-profit front-line providers in the current budget, we must seek additional state funding to support the retention of EMS providers in the current system with high turnover rates, a lack of an adequate recruitment pool of hirable candidates, and the lack of recognition and financial support of the EMS industry by the state since the start of Covid.

Connecticut Job's Connect Grants have funding dedicated to not only underwrite the tuition, but also pay a stipend to trainees who enroll in EMS training programs (EMT and Paramedic) to pursue a career in EMS. AMR & ACAP suggested a focus for the EMS grants should be under-employed as well as under-employed minorities to support the importance of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion within CT EMS provider organizations as well.

They also strongly advocated for DPH OEMS fund the two positions necessary to establish and regulate MIH in CT in support of the law previously passed citing the ability to save considerable expenses by using MIH to address unmet gaps in the healthcare continuum. They specifically referenced Medicaid overutilization of Emergency Departments as one of several examples.
Life Saving Minutes lead to Life Changing Moments

We welcomed Michelle and her daughter Jennifer and family to TEMS where they met the Trumbull EMS team - Paramedic Michael Santiana, EMT Alan Bensen & EMT Michael Pappagallo who helped save Michele’s life, along with Trumbull Police first responders Officer Tom Dzurenda and Officer Caitlin Murphy who assisted insaving her life.

To celebrate this meaningful cardiac arrest save and highlight the importance of early CPR, Trumbull EMS will be hosting a free community CPR & AED class. The class will be held on May 15th, 2022 from 10am to 2pm.
"It was a Saturday night when she went into Cardiac arrest. No warning. No prior symptoms. Just a regular Saturday. Doing what grandmas do best. She died. She was purple. Her lips were blue. She was not breathing. Everyone always thanks the nurses and the Drs. Rightfully so. But I need to give a special shout-out to the Trumbull Emergency Medical Services (TEMS). Without them my mom would not be with us today. With CPR she started gasping for breath as we waited for the EMS TEAM to arrive. They came quick. They came prepared. They took over and they SAVED HER LIFE. Thank you’s are not enough. Please stay mindful when you see them on the streets trying to get somewhere. It could be someone you know I encourage everyone to take a CPR class. I never thought I would need to use it. Had I not known CPR I would not be able to live with myself knowing I could have saved the woman who gave me life but I didn’t have the skills to do so. We all say “It could happen to anyone” but we never truly believe it. Until it does.”
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