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Trumbull Emergency Medical
Service Commission

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Trumbull Emergency Medical Service Commission
June 23, 2020
7:00 pm
Trumbull Town Hall via Video Conference

Present: Chairman Diane Mayo, Commissioners Jeffrey Pranger, Philip Lukianuk, Thomas Kiely Jr, Joel Hirshfield, Matthew Wheeler and Dr. Shea Gregg

Also Present: Chief Leigh Goodman

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by Chairman Mayo following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Past Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Pranger to approve the Commission minutes from February 13, 2020 as written.

Seconded by Mr. Kiely and approved unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Goodman noted the following:

- 1) The community's HEARTsafe status was renewed.
- 2) Approximately 80 parades were held during the COVID-19 state shut down as part of ongoing community outreach and engagement. Birthday parades ended on May 20th, but graduation and other special events have been accommodated.
- 3) Food drives started in house. Weekly socially distant food drives were held to help support the local food bank with the support of State Representatives Devlin, McGorty and Rutigliano.
- 4) Open discussion forums were held via Zoom to see what the community needed help with during the pandemic. Networks were organized with Trumbull Counseling Center.
- 5) High School Graduation was held on June 20th. It ran smoothly with no noted complications, with multiple TEMS volunteer crews on site.

- 6) TEMS was present at the Black Lives Matter Protest on June 6th. There were numerous heat related medical emergencies.
- 7) The EMT class went very well despite the challenges of switching to an online learning method half way through the class. The students are currently taking their finals.
- 8) The Summer 2020 EMT Class is currently full with a wait list. The class size was kept smaller to respect social distancing.
- 9) Clinical Education was stalled during the pandemic and has just recently resumed.
- 10) BLS Instructor class was held for in house for TEMS volunteers, all of who agreed to teach for TEMS.
- 11) ALCS for the experience provider is being held in July.
- 12) Several Pediatric Emergency classes are scheduled to be hosted at the end of June and beginning of July.
- 13) EMS week was positive despite no open house or picnic.
- 14) Meg Zietler, Trevor Bellow and Danny Ullman, were recognized for their professionalism and commitment in taking on temporary EMS Unified Command roles to help with the pandemic. They helped ensure the crews were safe and that we were well stocked and prepared with PPE.

Old Business

Building update – The Capital Plan meeting was approved with funds set aside for planning of a new building. There is a meeting in July with Economic Development to discuss the possible grant funding that might be available. Chief Goodman is looking to put together a building committee soon.

904 update – The new 904 has arrived and passed the OEMS inspection. Chief Goodman is just waiting for the paperwork to go to the DMV for the truck to be registered. 903 was also approved to be replaced come this fiscal year.

Policy rewrite – The individual policies are close to done and are ready to be set out for review.

New Business

Special Agency funds for EMS week – Most of EMS week spending was covered due to cancelation of events. Chief Goodman is hoping to come back at a later point in the year to discuss the possibility of hosting the EMS week picnic if the social gathering guidelines relax.

TEMS PACE Go Bags – The Go Bags are given during the class and the students earn items to add to the bag. The original order was placed, but the class was able to grow and accept additional students. This requires more bags and items to be purchased. It is more cost effective to purchase a large amount, than the 2 extra bags that are needed. Chief Goodman is looking for an advancement to purchase 15 bags that would be covered by the winter EMT class registration fees. The cost of the bags and items would be \$70 each. A motion was made by Jeff Pranger to approve and seconded by Joel Hirshfield and approved unanimously.

COVID-19 Pandemic report – In January, Chief Goodman, Health Director, Lucy Bango and Trumbull Office of EM began to monitor the pandemic. In March, TEMS implemented their COVID-19 response plan that included mitigation and surveillance and to make sure all

protocols and guidelines were met. The building was shut down to visitors and employees had to self-screen when they arrived at work. This was done very early in the pandemic as well as mask distribution. Field guidance and infection control plans were implemented as well as mental health resources. (For specific details and statistics, please reach out to Chief Goodman.) Funding was given from the Care Stimulus Fund that can be put to any revenue lost and TEMS has also applied for further funding for COVID related calls. TEMS maintained 100% staffing during the pandemic. A survey was provided to the staff that responded to 911 calls during the pandemic (for the results, please reach out to Chief Goodman) Chief Goodman is exploring options to store extra PPE.

Fundraising – Chief Goodman would like the Association to explore using Amazon Smile for fundraising with the Commission’s input. If the Commission has no issues or concerns, the Association will use Amazon Smile for fundraising. Chief Goodman would like to look into having the Association taking on cosponsoring the EMT classes.

TEMS PACE – Chief Goodman is looking to expand the training and education program. The education logo is being used as positive PR for the training program without implying the person advertising it works for Trumbull EMS. Chief Goodman wants to use the education program to help build and create relationships with local offices

Explorer/Youth Program – Officer Tim Fedor of Trumbull Police would like to do a combined youth safety program with Trumbull EMS and Trumbull Fire to give an introduction to the different emergency services fields.

Executive Session

Motion was made at 8:13pm by Mr. Pranger to enter into an Executive Session to discuss upcoming contractual changes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hirshfield and approved unanimously. Those included in the discussion were Diane Mayo, Jeffery Pranger, Philip Lukianuk, Joel Hirshfield, Matthew Wheeler, Dr. Shea Gregg, Chief Leigh Goodman and Katherine O’Connor. Thomas Kiely Jr exited the meeting at 8:15pm. A motion was made to leave the Executive Session at 8:43pm by Mr. Lukianuk and seconded by Joel Hirshfield. It was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Hirshfield to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. It was seconded by Mr. Pranger and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine O’Connor
Clerk

