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Trumbull Emergency Medical
Service Commission

Diane Mayo, Chairman

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Leigh Goodman, Chief

Trumbull Emergency Medical Service Commission
July 28, 2020
7:00 pm
Trumbull Town Hall via Video Conference

Present: Chairman Diane Mayo, Commissioners Jeffrey Pranger, Philip Lukianuk, Joel Hirshfield, Matthew Wheeler and Dr. Shea Gregg (entered at 7:10pm)

Also Present: Chief Leigh Goodman

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

Add to Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Hirshfield to add to approve funds for the cost of the Summer 2020 Emergency Medical Technician Graduation.

Seconded by Mr. Pranger and approved unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Past Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler to approve the Commission minutes from June 23, 2020 as written.

Seconded by Mr. Hirshfield and approved unanimously

Chief's Report

Chief Goodman noted the following:

- 1) Chief Goodman has joined the CT EMS Advisory Board COVID-19 Sub Committee
- 2) For 3 weeks, Trumbull EMS transported no patients who tested positive for COVID-19. The past 2 weeks, we noted a minor increase with 1% of the patients transported, tested positive
- 3) Surveillance suggests a possible surge in COVID-19 at the end of August, early September, rather than October like originally anticipated.

- 4) Trumbull EMS has maintained adequate personal protective equipment. Chief Goodman along with other town leaders are looking into other options for PPE storage that provide secure, temperature regulated storage to protect the gear from degradation and allow for appropriate allocation of resources as needed.

Mr Gregg entered the meeting at 7:10pm

- 5) The graduation for the Summer 2020 Emergency Medical Technician Class will be hosted on Thursday, July 30, 2020. The graduation will be hosted in the bay to allow distancing between the inside and outside for invited guests. Additional guests may view the graduation via our Facebook Livestream.
- 6) The past Winter EMT class had their first 3 students test and pass all their practical stations this past week
- 7) Trumbull EMS partnered with CT EMS Council for Children to welcome Dr. Mark Cicero, as we hosted an outdoor Pediatric Simulation Water Event in July. It was hosted outdoors to properly allow social distancing and offered to multiple EMS providers from around the state. The Trumbull Police Dive Team participated and allowed providers to practice simulations on the water.
- 8) We hosted an Advanced Cardiac Life Support for Experienced Providers Class. (ACLS for EP)
- 9) There are several CME classes scheduled in the month of August.
- 10) Statistics for the year: TEMS saw decreased call volume and transport rate due to Pandemic COVID-19 as noted in our data chart.
- 11) We are closely monitoring the fiscal ramifications from this, and utilizing all available options provided by HHS. We are still maintaining appropriate levels of revenue generation and covering our operating costs.
- 12) Chief Goodman is looking to host a Town Hall meeting to educate people when to call 911 and to encourage people to feel safe to call 911. Additional PSA planning is taking place to support this. Mr. Hirshfield suggested to push the knowledge that if you call 911, it does not mean you have to be transported, but that this would help people to seek an assessment. Dr. Gregg noted that the Emergency Rooms have also been seeing a decrease in volume and patients with later stage diseases and reiterated the importance of informing our community that if patients came to the Emergency Room, wore their masks, washed their hands and kept socially distant, they would have a low chance of being exposed.
- 13) Staffing update: Chief Goodman is looking to have a subcommittee for the interview process.

Old Business

Policy rewrite: The policy is being reviewed for any final corrections before it is released. It will be sent to the Commission for review this week for comment and will be disseminated before the paramedic start on September 2, 2020. It will be discussed at the next Commission Meeting. It is a working document and can be updated and changed as needed. Chief Goodman is also waiting for the Town of Trumbull legal department to review.

904 update: The new 904 is on the road. The new 903 has been approved and will be put out for a new RFQ in the next few months.

New Business

EMT Class Graduation/supply funds: Chief Goodman requested approval for \$400 from the Special Agency Account to reimburse the TEMS PACE staff for the supplies and graduation gifts that they purchased out of pocket. Many of the supplies purchased will be used for future classes. A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler and seconded by Mr. Hirshfield. It was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pranger to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm. It was seconded by Mr. Hirshfield and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine O'Connor
Clerk