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Trumbull Emergency Medical
Service Commission

Diane Mayo, Chairman

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Leigh Goodman, Chief

Trumbull Emergency Medical Service Commission
August 25, 2020
7:00 pm
Trumbull Town Hall via Video Conference

Present: Chairman Diane Mayo, Commissioners Jeffrey Pranger, Philip Lukianuk (entered at 7:08), Thomas Kiely Jr, Matthew Wheeler (left at 7:31) and Dr. Shea Gregg (entered at 7:10pm)

Also Present: Chief Leigh Goodman

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Chairman Mayo following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Past Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler to approve the Commission minutes from July 28, 2020 as written.

Seconded by Mr. Pranger and approved unanimously

Chief's Report

Chief Goodman noted the following:

- 1) There has been a 2% increase in positive COVID-19 calls, both patients transported from the same facility.

Mr. Lukianuk entered the meeting at 7:08pm

- 2) Crews have been utilizing their PPE appropriately to maintain low risk exposure
- 3) First Narcan training was hosted by TEMS with TPAUD and My Friend Abby for college age students. It was addressed how to cope with COVID, mental health challenges during college. Peer led. It was very well received.

- 4) A new suicide loss group was formed for the Town of Trumbull to assist any families that have been affected by suicide, and TEMS is part of this team. Chief Goodman is on the regional suicide advisory board. We are working on town plans his would offer support to families immediately after their loss. As a Town, we would be able to provide resources to the families instead of them having to go and look for it.

Mr. Gregg entered the meeting at 7:10pm

- 5) The Summer EMT Class graduated on July 31, 2020. They are the most successful class to date. The instructors put a fantastic hybrid class together. Many of them want to come and volunteer and TEMS has a volunteer waitlist from the class.
- 6) TEMS just started bringing back clinical education classes. A Dementia Workshop was held along with a couple of CPR recertification classes. The class number is limited, registration is mandatory and temperatures are checked prior to the start of the class and masks are required.
- 7) TEMS filmed a PSA with the local hospitals. It will be played on social media and Trumbull TV to ensure community is informed and feel empowered to call 911 knowing we follow strict infection control procedures.
- 8) 92% of emergency calls have been covered consistently. Chief Goodman would like to try to increase that percentage. We are considering proposed deployment pattern changes to address this in the future.
- 9) Staffing updates: The paramedic team will be starting September 2, 2020. There were about 30 applicants that were interviewed over 3 days with the help of Commissioner Pranger. There are over 70 applicants for the EMT applications. The EMT's will be on boarded by October 1, 2020.
- 10) 904 is on the road. 903 replacement specs are being drawn up with minor changes to address our growing needs.
- 11) The tropical storm was managed well. We created a detailed incident plan, provided additional transport units and worked with the town OEM throughout the storm.

Old Business

Policy Rewrite: A tentative policy will have to be implemented on September 1, 2020 for the new members as the old policy is from 2010 and outdated. Some policies that they Town have need more detail for the use in an EMS agency. Chief Goodman is looking for feedback on this and it will be reviewed and adapted as needed in consultation with HR and legal.

Mr. Wheeler exited the meeting at 7:31pm

Building Update: General discussion on next steps.

New Hire Event: Pandemic dependent, TEMS would like to host a welcome party for the new staff with the volunteers.

Paramedic Precepting Program: Consideration of precepting program for employee retention, and invested team planning.

The Commission would like to do a press release about the new hire paramedics and EMTs and would like updated professional pictures.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pranger to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. It was seconded by Mr. Kiely and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine O'Connor
Clerk