

***Chester County EMS Council, Inc.***  
***July 13, 2011***

**I. Call to Order**

President Leo Scaccia called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance with the following in attendance:

Jerry Peters  
Ed Atkins  
Adrienne Pohar  
David Garver  
Dennis Keenan  
Frank Sullivan  
Glen Morgan  
Nathan Spece  
Fred Wurster  
Gary Weigel  
Keith Johnson

Doug Dowlin  
Elizabeth Corle  
Doug Hughes  
Penny Knots  
Erik Brecht  
Bob Hotchkiss  
John Pierce  
Beth Leonardi  
John Applegate  
Frank Piscitello  
Scott Thornton

Field Services Division:

Pat Cook  
Chrissy DePaolantonio

Harry Moore  
Tom Mamo

Visitors / Guests:

Robert Fleming, Board of Director, Consumer Representative  
Richard Constantine, Malvern Fire Company

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the January 12, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

**III. Reports**

**3.1 Finance**

There is more money in the checking account from deposits from the banquet. There was a \$4,500 deposit from the state to help pay for a consultant toward the Regionalization project.

**3.2 Medical Director**

Harry reported at the May Meeting, the ALS/BLS rollout was held. The July meeting is cancelled. The State MAC meeting was today. Items of discussion were: 2 VTR's were approved for 12 Lead acquisitions to take effect today; ALS use of infusion pumps for ALL infusions to take effect today as well. July 1, 2011 – ALS/BLS protocols were implemented.

**3.3 Commissioners**

Director Atkins reported the 911 statistics. Overall telephone, radio and EMD formal reviews are at or above 98%.

***Re-Banding:***

The training and distribution of new radios resumed on June 13. The current authorized project services budget of \$8,391,858 is at least \$183,048 short of what will be needed to see this project through to completion. We do have enough, if nothing further goes wrong, to complete the training

and distribution of the new radios for the emergency responders. We do not have enough to complete the re-tuning of the infrastructure. Sprint rejected change order request #9 for the additional costs since they see it as an EF Johnson problem. We are in discussion with EF Johnson, but unlikely they will pick up cost. The next step will be back to the Federal Communications Commission to request they mediate the issue with Sprint.

*Voice Radio Project:*

Following extensive coordination between DES and the emergency responders and with support from the Department of Procurement and General Services, the RFP for the new voice system will be ready for release in early July. The due date for responses will be October 19.

*New Fire/EMS Paging System:*

The revised RFP that simplifies some of the paging distribution control operations in the Radio Room was released on June 21 with response due by August 12. For the revised RFP we'll continue to use the existing paging terminals and probably replace them as part of the Next Generation 9-1-1 project.

*Training Facility:*

The final lighting / electrical plans and the furniture list for the Academic Building were finalized with the Facilities Department. About 25 fire, police, and emergency medical services instructors toured the Academic Building on June 28. The Facilities Department continues with the Land Development process. Plans were submitted on October 29.

*Southeastern PA Regional Task Force:*

Several people from DES and the Task Force attended the Urban Area Security Initiative Conference along with about 2,000 other representatives of Urban Areas, Dept of Homeland Security, and FEMA. It appears that there will continue to be downward pressure on all Homeland Security grant programs. As one of the 11 Tier 1 Urban Areas we are in good of a position as possible to expect the least reductions.

### **3.4 Deputy Director**

In Deputy Director Webb's absence, Harry Moore reported Ambulance inspection totals. There has been 1 BLS investigation and 2 ALS along with 5 CISM activations. 38 EMT students were tested from the spring classes. \$88,752 of EMSOF was distributed to 33 services. The 2011 protocols were implemented on July 1. We are trying to finish up the distribution of all the items we have given out since 2007.

### **3.5 Operations**

The July meeting was held at Malvern Fire Company. Changes in the 'zero' response policy were sent to the Fire Chief's and will be reviewed at their September meeting. Jeff is currently working on a Fire Rehab Class involving the trailer's that are in the county. More to follow on that once it is approved. John Pierce is working in the EMS Advocacy Committee and Fred Wurster is working on the CQI Committee. BOTH committees' need more support from providers in the county. If interested please contact one of them.

Director Atkins reminded everyone that now is the time for EMS to be involved in the Task Force work groups. The best place to get money is from the work group but we need more representation from EMS.

Keith Johnson stated at the previous OPS Meeting, it was discussed if the Council wants to have a Facebook / Twitter account. After a short discussion, it was decided that they would try it under specific circumstances that providers would not be allowed to post or comment so it does not become a complaint forum.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **4.1 Trauma Center Update**

Doug Hughes reported there were 1,432 trauma patients. 918 were admitted; 90 were transferred in; 100 were transferred out, 40 of those were pediatrics. Paoli Hospital has seen an increase in Cardiac Hypothermia Patients recently.

Paoli is trying to hold con ed classes and would like the word to get out to EMS providers.

##### **4.2 EMS PCR Software Update**

There are still about 5 or 6 services that continue to use EMMA. All the other services use EMS Charts and EMStat. This item can be removed from the agenda since there has been software chosen in the county.

#### **V. New Business**

##### **5.1 Update of By-Law Revision**

Since the By-Laws have been reviewed by the Solicitor, Leo would like to vote ASAP. At the previous Board meeting, there was a motion made and approved to bring to the Council.

\*\* The vote was approved \*\* The By-Laws will go into effect starting January 2012. There is a huge change in the attendance policy. Please read so you are aware.

##### **5.2 EMS Advocacy Committee**

This committee is headed by John Pierce in order to educate the public and elected officials about what the EMS Council does. We need to get the word out to everyone about what we do. John Pierce discussed all the opportunities that EMS providers should be looking into. Things that will affect EMS as a whole in the future. More will follow on this...

##### **5.3 CQI Committee**

Fred Wurster has sent out emails 3 different times for meetings. There has been no reply / interest. If you are interested please contact Fred.

#### **VI. Good of the Order**

The November Council Meeting will be elections for 2012. Please attend so you have a vote! President Scaccia asked again, please go back to your service and ask around for people to get involved!! Now is the time!

#### **VII. Adjournment**

There being no additional formal business for the committee, a motion was made for adjournment. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.