

Chester County EMS Council, Inc.
November 10, 2010

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:

Cindy Schroder
Ed Atkins
Adrianna Pohar
Frank Sullivan
Lorna Wohl
Gary Weigel
Matt Eick
Tom Amico
Keith Johnson

Jeff Gewertz
Kerry Larkin
Lisa Eckenrode
Penny Knotts
Ron Griffin
John Applegate
Frank Piscitello
Dave Faust
Brian Zimmerman

Field Services Division:

Steve Webb
Pat Cook
Rob Linnenbaugh

Chrissy DePaolantonio
Harry Moore

Visitors / Guests:

Rich Cardelli, Good Fellowship Ambulance

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the July 14, 2010 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Reports

3.1 Finance

Frank Sullivan reported that the money has been moved from the checking account to a savings account to gain interest.

3.2 Medical Director

Harry Moore reported that the next MAC Meeting is November 23, 2010. Discussion Items so far include: Paoli Trauma Center, PCR update, and PEHSC MAC Meeting. At the January meeting, we will review comments for the protocols.

3.3 Commissioners

Director Atkins reported the 911 statistics. Overall telephone, radio and EMD formal reviews are at or above 99%.

The Re-Banding training and distribution of new radios continues to be on hold because of technical problems with both the portable and mobile radios. Until EF Johnson develops a repair plan, this project will remain on hold. DES is seven months into this project. Of the \$7,958,801 estimated total budget, we have obligated \$4,080,256.

The Voice Radio Project: On October 5 there was a 'vendor day' where four manufacturers held brief informational sessions on their systems and what they can do. Motorola, Harris, EF Johnson, and EADS demonstrated their systems. DES is five months into this project. Of the \$1,800,000 budgeted for the engineering and project management we have obligated \$174,000.

The New Fire/Emergency Medical Services Paging System:
The technical assessment of the current system and Federal Commission licenses is complete. In conjunction with the emergency responders, the development of technical requirements, options, and recommendations is complete. DES is two months into this project. We have obligated \$18,000 of the \$180,000 engineering/project management costs associated with the \$6,000,000 project.

Public Safety Training Facility

The County will be managing the project now. We have spent \$2,289,986 of which \$1,000,445 has been County money. A total of \$18.3 million has been raised, which is about \$ 3 million short to complete the core facility.

Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force

Work has been started on the updates of the 2008 Regional Strategy that will be used as the basis for the 2011 grant application.

3.4 Deputy Director

Deputy Director Steve Webb reported that Department of Health will be completing evaluations for all the EMS Regional Council's.

Field Services will be distributing CO2 detectors tonight along with Duo Dotes to those that have not received their second round yet. Please make sure the expired Duo Dotes is wasted using a legal method. If you have any questions, please contact Steve or Leo.

President Scaccia has been designated as the point person for equipment / projects for Chester County providers when there is money available from the task force. Any and all ideas, please contact Leo. GPS units are in the process at this point of being purchased. Will follow up when we have more information.

IV. Old Business

4.1 Trauma Center Update

Kerry Larkin gave a brief update in regards to how the trauma center is growing and is such a learning experience everyday. Kerry introduced Lisa Eckenrode, who is the EMS Liason. Lisa would like to meet with all the EMS Services and talk to the providers and see how their experience or interaction was with the Trauma Center and staff. Lisa can be reached 24/7 by pager; 215.265.2755.

The Paoli Trauma Symposium deadline to register is tomorrow, November 11.

4.2 EMS PCR Software Update

President Scaccia asked Frank Piscitello if we could try to complete all PCR information by the end of March. Frank has contacted the 2 vendors and will try to set up an informational session right after Thanksgiving. Once we have a date and time, we will send out notices.

V. New Business

5.1 Response Times / Status Check System

President Scaccia reviewed the Board Minutes (September Meeting) when a motion was made to increase zero response from 2 hours until the ambulance logs back on to show available. The motion was seconded and approved.

There was a discussion in reference to how the radio room would accept 'available' status. Calling into the room vs. logging back on through the MDC. This will be discussed at the next OPS meeting and brought back to Council with an answer as to what is acceptable.

Rich Cardelli started a discussion about any service that is on 2nd alert gets a dual dispatch. There was a short discussion on that and President Scaccia tabled that motion to the January meeting.

Discussion Item for January Meeting: 2nd Alert; Dual Dispatch.

5.2 Update of By-Law Revision

The OPS committee is asking for feedback by their next meeting on November 23. Please contact Keith Johnson, Jeff Gewertz, or Leo Scaccia. Will review in detail at the January Council Meeting.

There is still a need to do CQI at a BLS level. They should be completed based on our contract with Department of Health. There was a suggestion to have 'BLS CQI' be a sub-committee off of OPS.

After a lengthy discussion about this, there were a few items that were specifically asked:

- Is there is some type of 'Train-the-Trainer' on QA.
- John Applegate asked if we could 'define' what's expected of BLS QA.
- Make a couple specific goals
- Would like some type of training set up.

More will follow on the next meeting.

5.3 Council Elections

The ballots were passed out and all members voted. The two Council Members at Large voted in are: Leo Scaccia and John Applegate. The First Responder voted in is Frank Piscitello. The Emergency Medical Technician voted in is Keith Johnson.

Greg Lewis remains the Fire Chief's Association representative and L. James Thomas remains Chester County Association of Boroughs representative. Congratulations to all!

There was a motion made to destroy all the ballots. That motion was seconded and approved.

A motion was made to appoint Jeff Gewertz to fill the position for ALS Provider at Large position the remaining term. The motion was seconded and approved.

5.4 Temporary Adjournment for 'Board Elections'

President Scaccia temporary adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm and re-convened at 8:37pm.

5.5 Announcement of New Officers

The 2011 Board Officers are as follows:

President	Leo Scaccia
Vice President	Frank Piscitello
Treasurer	Frank Sullivan
Secretary	Lorna Wohl

5.6 Selection of Nominating Committee

President Scaccia named Tom Amico, Matt Eick, and Adrienne Pohar as the Nominating Committee.

5.7 Financial Authorization

A motion was made for Authorization of Finance. That motion was seconded by John Applegate and Keith Johnson and approved.

VI. Good of the Order

The Wills for Hero Program is scheduling a session soon as a 'pilot'. There will be many dates scheduled in 2011 to choose from. DES will send out information as soon as it becomes available.

President Scaccia outlined a few goals for the EMS Council for 2011 that we can work toward:

- How do we advance our system / move forward as a region?
- Continue to work on the By-Law revision
- Outline some short and long term goals
- Need interested people for the Awards and CQI Committee
- Finalize PCR Software
- Adopt a Patient Care Bill of Rights

Leo thanked everyone for their support, participation, and hard work during 2010.

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 8:48 p.m.