

*Chester County EMS Council, Inc.*  
*July 14, 2010*

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the January 13, 2010 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

**III. Reports**

**3.1 Finance**

No activity other than interest. Please see statement for more information.

**3.2 Medical Director**

Harry Moore reported that during the May MAC meeting, there was a PCR update given, everyone met the new coroner Steven Dickter, MD, a discussion about dispatch codes and a discussion about Chester County policies and procedures. Leo Scaccia reported that some ALS medications are not in the pre-filled dispensers right now.

The July MAC Meeting has been cancelled.

**3.3 Commissioners**

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

Re-Banding emergency responder training has begun and practically all of the replacement radio equipment has been delivered so that the field replacement process can begin on July 14. The unsatisfactory training held in June will be re-accomplished on July 13, 14, and 15. Change order #1 for \$161,051.14 has been submitted to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) appointed Transition Administrator (TA) to support additional replacement radio parts and warehousing costs.

The Voice Radio Project Management / Engineering contractor, ACD Telecommunications, completed the technical assessment of the current system on May 28 and is about finished with the

emergency responder interviews to determine what is needed for the new system. There are no surprises in either. Major desires for the new system include: more intuitive operation of the radios; better coverage; improved and easier local, regional, state, and federal interoperability; better reliability; more channels; thorough initial and continuations training; and improved battery life. This information will be used to develop the System Requirements that will be included in the system vendor request for proposal (RFP). The requirements document should be completed by September of this year. The RFP should be released by September of next year.

The initial part of the new Fire/Emergency Medical Services paging system required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will be the selection of a project management / engineering firm. The scoring panel (Ed Atkins, John Haynes, Mike Spirito, someone from the Contracts and General Services Department, and one representative each from the Fire Chiefs, Fire Police, and the EMS Council, Inc.) will still meet on July 16 to score the proposals. If necessary, we will meet with the top scoring potential vendors on August 3. Recommendation to the Commissioners is anticipated on August 17.

#### *Public Safety Training Facility*

##### Land Update –

Due diligence efforts continue with the intent of closing on the property in the fall. Coordination of these efforts is being handled by the EDS. So far the following hurdles seem to have been overcome: environmental Phase I evaluation – clean except for some asbestos floor tiles in the research building, which is not a major problem; wetlands delineation – approximately 45 of the 93 acres are wetlands and serve to provide a buffer between our proposed operation and the neighbors; utilities – available; preliminary layout of the facilities seem to fit without encroaching on sensitive areas such as wetlands. Possible DEP rule changes need to be considered with the help of the Conservation District. Remaining to be completed prior to closing: appraisal justifying the purchase price for the ground; cross easement agreements with Arcelor for access, storm water, utilities, etc; actual agreement to purchase the property-being developed by EDC attorney. He has come up with a way to purchase in lieu of condemnation. It appears that the County will be the owner of the land and the EDC would like to own the newly constructed buildings. Final ownership has yet to be determined.

The money that is committed is \$17.5 million. Total spent so far is \$ 2 million. More to follow...

*Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force*

The agreement with the new fiduciary agent, the Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) of Philadelphia has been signed. The transfer of accounts from Bucks County has started and should be completed this fall. Start thinking about 2011 grant projects. Probably about \$150,000 will be available for EMS projects.

**3.4 Deputy Director**

Deputy Director Steve Webb reported that Director Joe Schmider will be going around to most of the EMS regions to hold a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the new rules and regulations. All providers are encouraged to attend.

Summer EMT class is going well and testing is scheduled for the end of July.

The Chester County EMS Council, Inc website is currently down. The new one is in the process of being up and running soon. More to follow...

Steve thanked everyone who contacted their legislation to avoid future loss of EMS funding.

**IV. Old Business**

**4.1 Trauma Center Update**

Doug Houghes commented that the survey that was recently completed went very well. Possibly Paoli will hear early Fall. More to follow...

Paoli is asking all Providers for their Patient Care Reports to better serve in the process for a Trauma Center.

**4.2 EMS PCR Software Update**

Frank Piscitello reported that some services have already changed software vendors. There were 6 vendors that came back from the response to the RFI. They will be scored and the top 2 will be asked to come in for a short presentation to any and all pre-hospital providers.

**4.3 Swine Flu H1N1 Update**

Steve Webb asked everyone to please keep this in the back of your head entering into the winter months. It was voted on to remove this from Old Business.

**V. New Business**

**5.1 Draft Rules and Regulations**

A motion was made to approve the Rules and Regulations. The motion was seconded and approved.

**5.2 EMSOF Funding**

Please see 'Deputy Director's' Report above.

**VI. Good of the Order**

John Pierce asked if at the Operations Meeting, there are some ideas in reference to other funding that is out there for EMS services. Please follow up....

Jerry Peters announced that GFAC's Paramedic Program has completed its 5<sup>th</sup> successful class. Jerry extended the invitation to all to celebrate Graduation next week. Great Job Everyone!

President Scaccia reported that there were 19 providers at the Operations Meeting that was just held. That is the kind of turnout we need EVERY time.

Leo stated what a success the EMS Awards banquet was. He would like a small meeting held to discuss other ideas for next year.

There was a letter send from President Scaccia in reference to inappropriate use of radio's. He asked everyone to review the proper radio etiquette.

**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 8:35 p.m.