

Chester County EMS Council, Inc.
November 17, 2011

I. Call to Order

President Leo Scaccia called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance with the following in attendance:

Cindy Schroder	Jeff Gewertz
Robert Weer	Glenn Heininger
Chris Griesser	Rosi Wurster
Ed Atkins	Penny Knotts
John Applegate	Erik Brecht
Frank Sullivan	Debbie Supplee
Glen Morgan	Ron Griffin
Keith Johnson	Frank Piscitello
Fred Wurster	Scott Thornton
Gary Weigel	Mike Edwards
Chaz Brogan	Charles Foy
Emily Michaels	John Sly

Field Services Division:

Pat Cook	Steve Webb
Chrissy DePaolantonio	

Visitors / Guests:

Scot Kreger, Pomeroy Fire Company

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the July 13, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Reports

3.1 Finance

Frank Sullivan reviewed the bank statements.

3.2 Medical Director

The next MAC Meeting is November 22, 2011. The main topic for the meeting is Infusion pumps for ALS. There are many questions that need to be answered before June 2013 for this to go into effect. Finance of the pumps is a major concern. The other topic is EKG transmission to the Hospitals. June of 2013 is the tentative date for all ALS services to have a device for this to happen.

3.3 Commissioners

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

The winter storm in October resulted in 2,146 emergency calls with 425 fire/EMS dispatches and 1,550 police dispatches. On a normal day we have about 100 fire/EMS dispatches and about 800 police dispatches.

Re-Banding:

Fire/EMS installations and training on hold due to problems with the collar microphone emergency button. The fix is re-programming all radios for about a 3 month slip. We have started the mediation process with the Federal Communications Commission over Change Order Request #13 that asked for

\$180K to cover additional expenses caused by EF Johnson equipment problems. Without this funding, we have enough money to replace all the radios but not to retune the infrastructure. The retuning was the purpose of the project. There is now only about a year between Re-Banding completion and the new system being operational.

Voice Radio Project:

Responses to the Request for Proposal (RFP) are due November 21. Contract award scheduled for August 2012 and the Advisory Committee will make the recommendation to the Commissioners.

New Fire/EMS Paging System:

The contracts for the pager units and the infrastructure will be signed this month with equipment hopefully ordered by the end of the year. We will be operational on the new system by the end of 2012.

Training Facility:

The renovation on the Academic Building has begun. We hope to start academic classes in the fall of 2012. The Chester County Economic Development Council (CCEDC) continues to work on closing the \$2.9 million gap needed to complete the Tactical Village and Firing Range.

Southeastern PA Regional Task Force:

Planning continues for the 2012 Grant Application.

3.4 Deputy Director

Deputy Director Webb talked about the Strike Team deployments. 1st was to New Jersey: 47 units, 103 providers, 8 Chester County units. Several hundred patients transported between 911 calls, transports, and picking up medical equipment. 2nd was to Berks County to help evacuate patients from Wernersville State Hospital. 5 Chester County units were deployed. Steve and Harry were asked to bring 50 cots to Norristown Hospital from the MSEC trailer.

Steve discussed many of the events that happened since the last meeting: LUCAS devices were distributed to the ALS services, Auto Vents were distributed to the Strike Team Services, we received a small number of Pulse Ox devices to hand out, DES participated in the Limerick Drill, the Public Safety Training Facility event, and the EPEX drill that was held at Philadelphia Airport.

If any providers have any questions about the new Rules and Regulations from the State, please contact your regional council.

3.5 Operations

Continue to work on dispatch times; 5 minutes for 1st dispatch.

3.5.1 EMS Advocacy Committee

Fred Wurster held a discussion in reference to many house bills and senate bills that EMS as a whole needs to look into for support. Fred handed materials out to support this. He will email more information to everyone as he receives it. If you are interested in being part of the committee, contact Fred Wurster.

3.5.2 CQI Committee

The committee has met a few times and looked at different ways to get data from the services. The next meeting is in December if anyone is interested, contact Fred Wurster.

IV. Old Business

4.1 Trauma Center Update

Rosi Wurster reported the statistics from the trauma center. There was a Trauma Symposium that was held and was well attended by Hospital Staff. Paoli Trauma Center was approved for a 3 year accreditation. They have also initiated the 'Yellow Dot Program'. This is a program for the community to place a sticker on their rear car window which alerts First Responders to look in the vehicle's glove box for patient information when an accident has occurred. Information was requested to be sent to some services for their websites to get word out to the community.

4.2 By-Law Revision

This process was started by the Operations committee 18 months ago. We are here now tonight to vote. A motion was made to approve and update the current By-Laws with the revision that has been provided. The motion was seconded and approved.

V. New Business

5.1 PCR Update

Aprille Kronmuller gave an update on EMS Charts and the Data Analysis Program that the County has been interested in. At this point, we are waiting for the approval for the finances from the Commissioner's Office. As soon as an update has been made, we will forward out to the services. More to follow....

5.2 Council Elections

The ballots were passed out and all members voted. The Emergency Medical Technician voted in is John Sly.

Andrew Chambers remains the Police Chief's Association representative, Charles Wright remains the Consumer Representative and Representing the Medical Society is Dr. Mian Jan. Congratulations to all!

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

5.3 Temporary Adjournment for 'Board Elections'

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

5.4 Announcement of New Officers

The 2012 Board Officers are as follows:

President	Leo Scaccia
Vice President	Keith Johnson
Treasurer	Frank Sullivan
Secretary	Frank Piscitello

5.5 Selection of nominating Committee

President Scaccia named Emily Michaels, Chuck Foy, Erik Brecht, and Jeff Gewertz as the Nominating Committee.

5.6 Financial Authorization

A motion was made for Authorization of Finance. That motion was seconded and approved.

5.7 2012 Meeting Dates

Please see one of the handouts that have all meeting dates for 2012. We normally cancel the May Meeting due to the Awards Banquet; however we will KEEP this meeting this year.

5.8 Strike Team Deployment Recognition

President Scaccia, Steve Webb, and Pat Cook handed out certificates and commendation bars for all the Chester County providers who were deployed with the Strike Team to New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Thank you to all those who took time away from their families.

VI. Good of the Order

Fred Wurster made a motion for the Council to support a house bill. In order to support the bill, he will submit a CC Council Logo. The motion was seconded and approved.

It was asked that Leo email to everyone a list of the committees and their openings.

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 8:50 p.m.