

Chester County EMS Council, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
March 9, 2011 Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Leo Scaccia called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance with the following in attendance:

John Applegate	Leo Scaccia
John Haynes	Frank Sullivan
Jeff Gewertz	James Thomas
Greg Lewis Jr.	Joseph Toner
Frank Piscitello	

Field Services Division:

Chrissy DePaolantonio	Rob Linnenbaugh
Pat Cook	Harry Moore

Visitors / Guests:

Nick Campbell, 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 Commissioners

Deputy Director Haynes reviewed the statistics from the Radio Room. Telephone, Radio and EMD Formal reviews are at or above 99%.

The Re-Banding training and distribution of new radios continue now that the problems with the portables and mobiles have been resolved. We are 10 months into this 40 month project and have completed about 39% of the service tasks.

The Voice Radio Advisory group continues to work on the system's Request for Proposal. That should be released in July 2011. We are 9 months into this 49 month project. About 11% of the engineering/project management tasks have been accomplished.

The New Fire/EMS Paging System's Request for Proposal was released on January 24 with responses due back by March 17. We are 6 months into this 20 month project and have completed about 25% of the tasks.

The Southeastern PA Regional Task Force continues to work on writing the Investment Justifications (IJs) for the 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program. The nine discipline specific workgroups are preparing IJs for about \$18,000,000 for regional projects funded by the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) while Chester County is preparing IJs for about \$800,000 for county projects funded by the State Homeland Security Grant Program.

3.2 Deputy Director

In Deputy Director Webb's absence, Harry Moore reported the Regionalization Project continues and they are considering hiring a project manager to help them along.

Steve or Leo is still looking for funding items through the SEPA Task Force. PLEASE send some ideas to Steve or Leo! There was a short discussion about a *Special Event Trailer* and 2 Segways suggestions.

Through the Department of health grant money, Uwchlan Ambulance is looking into a Bariatric Ambulance. More to follow at the next meeting...

IV. Committee Report

4.1 Finance

Other than the bank merger, there is no activity.

4.2 Medical Advisory

Harry reported tomorrow is Day 2 of the State MAC Meeting. The main topic is the statewide ALS and BLS protocols. Hope to have the protocol rollout at the next MAC meeting held here on March 29. If not, then we will hold them during the May MAC meeting. Topics for the March 29 MAC meeting is CQI Committee and Regional Drug List. More to follow...

4.3 Training

Training Coordinator Rob Linnenbaugh reported there are 17 students in the 2011 Spring EMT Class with a graduation date of May 5.

The EMS Management Class was a success with 12 students. There was a lot of great feedback given to improve the next class we hold.

The Accelerated Summer EMT class is now advertised and we are accepting applications.

We are starting to work toward a new curriculum with the law change that is taking place next year.

4.4 Operations

The By Laws are back from Legal with some minor changes. It will be brought back to the Council for approval at the May Meeting.

They are looking for small goals to set for 2011. It was suggested a class 'EMS Orientation for Officers'. For suggestions or more information, contact Jeff Gewertz or Keith Johnson.

4.5 Disaster

Nothing to report.

4.6 By-Laws

Since the By-Laws are back from Legal with some minor changes, it was asked if we can email the document to the Council Members to vote on at the May Council Meeting.

A motion was made to email the By-Laws to Council Members so they can read over and vote at the May meeting; the motion was seconded and approved.

4.7 Aero medical

President Scaccia would like to have a meeting in 2011 to show support.

4.8 Awards

May 19 at the Red Clay Room in Kennett; 5pm the doors will open. Currently there are 19 Clinical saves and 6 citizen awards. If you have not heard, Margaret Hoover Brigham passed away this year.

If you know anyone who would like to donate for the Awards ceremony, please contact President Leo Scaccia.

4.9 Public Safety Training Facility

Deputy Director Haynes reported the Facilities Department continues with the Land Development process. Plans were submitted on October 29. The Facilities Department in cooperation with DES and the emergency responders is developing the plan to rehab the Academic Building.

4.10 CQI

Fred Wurster and Harry met with Paoli Hospital however there was a meeting scheduled with the committee that was cancelled due to lack of attendance.

4.11 EMS Advocacy Committee

This 'NEW' 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. We will start with a table at Exton Mall during EMS Week to hand out flyers and talk to the public. If you are interested please contact John Pierce.

V. Old Business

5.1 Trauma Center Update

Paoli Hospital holds Continuing Educational offerings to discuss some case studies. There has been a low turnout for the past few offerings. Please get the word out there for providers to attend.

5.2 EMS PCR Software Update

Frank Piscitello reported on February 16 EMS Charts and EMSTAT were here at the GSC Building for a short presentation on each of their services. The Council is at the point to collectively lobby a cheaper price for who has more services. We need to figure out who would offer a cheaper price if they have most of the business in Chester County. Frank is going to follow up with Aprille to figure out what the County is doing with EMMA. More to follow...

5.3 Response Times / Status Check System

This has been implemented. Please get the word out to providers to carry their portables. This was agreed to be taken off of the Agenda.

VI. New Business

6.1 EMS Patient Bill of Rights

President Scaccia received this document at a previous PEHSC Meeting from the EMS Chief in Allentown, which has adopted this form. Leo would like to bring it to the Council to see if we want to pursue this and adopt as a County. It was recommended to send to legal to look over and then bring to the Council.

A motion was made if legal approves the EMS Patient Bill of Rights, Leo will bring to the Council for approval. That motion was seconded and approved.

VII. Good of the Order

In a past meeting, Dave Garver from the Coroner's Office gave a brief presentation on the Coroner's Interface Form that was drafted to see if any service had any interest in adopting. It would give consistency and help prevent asking the family members the same questions numerous times by different people/organizations. It was left as an optional form not a mandatory form. Dave is looking into money for copies to provide to all the services.

Leo asked the Board members if the March and September Board Meeting start time at 4pm was acceptable? A suggestion was made to move to 6pm for consistency. There was a vote and the majority voted to keep the 4pm start.

Leo wanted to bring to everyone's attention if they knew about the GPS capability in the 911 center. He spoke briefly about a call that a patient was tracked by their cell phone location so the providers could locate him. Great Job by all!

Let's try to get more providers involved in the EMS Council....That is what is going to make us succeed.

VIII. 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 5:21 pm.