

Chester County EMS Council, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
January 11, 2012 Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Leo Scaccia called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance with the following in attendance:

Tim Grattan
Robert Clarke
Robert Fleming
Jeff Gewertz
Bob Hotchkiss

Keith Johnson
Frank Piscitello
John Sly
Frank Sullivan

Field Services Division:

Pat Cook
Chrissy DePaolantonio
Steve Webb

Harry Moore
Rob Linnenbaugh

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the November 17, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Reports

3.1 Commissioners

In Director Atkins absence, Deputy Director Steve Webb reported on the following:

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

Re-Banding:

The project remains on hold as mediation continues with the Federal Communications Commission to secure the additional \$180,000 that is needed from Sprint to complete the project. We are examining the ramifications of a potential solution presented by Sprint that would involve changing the radio programming sequence so that the frequencies they need are made available to support their schedule.

Voice Radio Project:

Continue to review the proposals in preparation for the vendor presentations on January 17 and our final recommendation meeting on January 31. Proposals were received from four firms: ARINC, EF Johnson, Harris, and Motorola.

New Fire/EMS Paging System:

Final system design work is continuing with great cooperation from the emergency responders. The next major milestone will be in early February when the equipment is ordered and we will be operational on the new system by the end of 2012.

Training Facility:

Renovation of the Academic Building continues with an expected completion date of June 2012. The interior walls are now being framed out and we are finishing the business plan and policies in anticipation of starting classes there in the fall.

The Chester County Economic Development Council (CCEDC) continues to work on closing the approximate \$2.5 million gap needed to complete the Tactical Village and Firing Range. Renovation of the Academic Building continues with an expected completion date June 2012.

Southeastern PA Regional Task Force:

It still is very difficult and slow to get regional contracts approved by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). This situation may improve as the new e-grant system comes into operation.

3.2 Deputy Director

Deputy Director Webb gave an update on the PCR program switch over which was very difficult in trying to get everyone into EMS Charts. The Western Regionalization project continues to move forward. EMT Graduation was held at Goshen Fire Company and was very well attended. Congratulations to all those graduated! With the new curriculum DoH is implementing, the Educational part will be difficult and time-consuming to transition to. There have been committee's and meetings that are involved which have taken up lots of time. Steve has been working on State Plans that will in turn have Regional Plans and he hopes that each service will do that same. House Resolution 315 has gained lots of interest which in the end, all the EMS regions will in turn be part of the task force, eliminating most Regions. More to follow...

IV. Committee Report

4.1 Finance

There is nothing new to report other than interest.

4.2 Medical Advisory

Dr. Anderson is currently in Arizona attending the Physicians Conference. The state MAC meeting is next week, January 18 and the Region MAC Meeting is January 31.

4.3 Training

Spring EMT Class will begin next week with 30 students enrolled. At this time, we will not be holding a summer Course since that is when we will transition to the new curriculum.

4.4 Operations

Keith handed out the 1st draft for EMS Dispatch for review. Once reviewed, it will be brought to the Fire Chief's for review. Jeff is currently working on a dispatch procedure for the Rehab trailers. It was suggested to add a prompt in the 911 CAD system to ask command if they want that. Jeff reported that the committee he sits on will hopefully offer the 1st tactical EMS class this year. More will follow. John Sly discussed a 'log off' button on the MDC. President Scaccia asked John to write up a brief proposal to bring back to the Board in March.

4.5 Disaster

Nothing new to report.

4.6 By-Laws

They have been approved...PLEASE read them!

4.7 Aero medical

Nothing new to report.

4.8 Awards

President Scaccia would like to have an awards committee meeting with in the next few weeks. It was suggested to change a couple accommodation bars; after a brief discussion, it was decided that we

could switch the stork bar however keep the CPR save the same. If anyone has any suggestions for locations, please let Leo know.

4.9 Public Safety Training Facility

Please see the Commissioners report above.

4.10 CQI

Defer to Council Meeting immediately following.

4.11 EMS Advocacy Committee

Defer to Council Meeting immediately following.

V. Old Business

5.1 Trauma Center Update

The complete update will be deferred to the Council Meeting.

VI. New Business

VII. Good of the Order

Keith Johnson reminded everyone that if you want EMS to be heard, then everyone involved needs to speak up.

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 7:15 pm.