

Sullivan County EMS Advisory Board Meeting

October 6, 2021

Attending:

R Ackermann – Secretary JVFAC

American Legion – T LaRuffa	Neversink – A Bivins
Bethel –n/a	Rock Hill – n/a
Grahamsville – R Mahnken	Roscoe – n/a
Cochecton – P Grosser	Tusten – n/a
Jeffersonville – R Ackermann	Upper Delaware – n/a
Livingston Manor – n/a	Woodbourne – (pending appointment-Nancy McClain)
Lumberland – A Steimle	Mobile Medic – A Bockman
Mamakating – P Goodman	Hatzolah – n/a
Mountaindale – n/a	EMS 1 – Alex Rau

Meeting called to order @ 19:03

Pledge to the Flag

Motion to accept August meeting minutes –T LaRuffa, 2nd- Ann Steimle So Carried

January SCCC will hold an EMT class.

Committee Reports:

Mutual Aid Sub Committee – see attached for committee report

Albee spoke with Public Safety Commissioner Tom who said Corps have to be responsible. Should have set crews, arrange MA with neighboring corps, first respond if only one person available to render care until MA arrives. Follow Pike County, PA if Corps doesn't make 2 calls than Corps is put Out of Service.

Tony L stated PA has done that to them.

Ruth - thought MA committee was going to look into the MA Districts as recommended by the Benjamin Study?

Albee – That was not discussed

Albee- If BLS crew does crew up for an ALS call and ALS gets on scene within 10 minutes of arrival of BLS then ALS should transport to keep BLS crew in service.

Ann B – If she is on scene for 10 minutes they will load and go and not wait- meet enroute.

I f we don't get innovative and help each other out we're all in trouble. There's only so many resources. We need to come up with something that's better than what have now.

Tony L- If we have an EMT and no driver they have Lumberland who will provide a driver.

Albee - thinks what Neversink, Grahamsville & Woodbourne was doing was going great.

Nancy – They may go back to that.

Pete G – what about using fire depts for a driver?

Albee – Public Safety Commissioner is looking for something formal.

Nancy – You want ALS to transport but sometimes ALS is one person in a Fly Car.

Albee – keep your BLS in service for your area. Per Public Safety Tom corps must get rig out 24/7. Corps must be held accountable. Handed over NYS MA statement 12-06 – Last page, 2nd paragraph, 2nd dot (see attached).

Ruth – didn't we have a law suit about this a few years ago?

Albee- Yes. He believes MA should go to county CON holder.

Nancy & Ann discussed belonging to more than 1 squad – cannot do with FD related Squads – only can be member of 1 FD at the same time. They're working on the restarting the AMA between the 3 squads again.

Discussion of MA between Squads/Corps and being listed as on AMA and not OOS in case they miss a call while on MA

Alex – Our MA goes by closest unit

Ruth will call 911 to have info to discuss SC MA @ next meeting.

Proposals to submit to Legislators-

See attached-

None of the proposals from the committees or Benjamin Study were discussed at the last Captains meeting.

Ruth – Is the Benjamin Study's suggestion of MA Districts something to be considered also?

EMS Coordinator Alex – EMS report:

New public safety commissioner Tom Kearny is on vacation that was booked before he started. He spent 3 weeks trying to get him up to speed. He was worked with Fire and EMS prior.

Summer call volume was up 18%

Dispatches 202/2021 – June/July/August - 3575/4218 increase of 36% in dispatches

Thanks again for those agencies covering their own and helping neighbors cover theirs

We'll be looking at response times: 2015/16 – 12 minute response

2019/20 Benjamin Center found 12 min response time

EMS coordinator responded to calls over the summer. Standing back - not jumping calls – there to help

Narcan – EMS 1 is doing classes for first responders, Bethel constables, public & several townships

SC Public Health Nursing doing narcan @ schools. May be located by AED or Extinguishers. Also awareness for kids to know about narcan. Acknowledges it in a band aid – not a fix. Teachers are trained.

More interest is needed for the Narcan Leave Behind program- contact Public Health if interested.

EMT class at SCCC – speaking with College President to make the class more consistent – more on this next meeting.

Sent out to captains and training officers email regarding Zoom classes offered by Garnet Orange. Can send your roster with email addresses and he will send the notifications to all.

Vital Signs Conference is both in person and online.

CME recert - No Longer required to be a member of an agency but still need a CIC to sign off. Nelson Machado Lead CIC of the SCCC class will work with us to sign off, etc what's needed.

Rumor about extensions as result of Executive Order Governor to. DOH EMS sees no reason to extend at this point so that won't be happening.

Pete heard a rumor DOH EMS was going back to those expired a few years back to reinstate.

Alex – not true

Discussion regarding Vaccine mandate – as of now EMS does not have to vaxed.

Legislators etc have been watching EMS. We need to start focusing on a direction. Choose a direction. Speak with 1 voice. Comes from this body – not individuals even if they disagree

Tony – what time is “on scene”? Alex – 1st responder on scene is

Once decided we should email to Ann Marie for Legislators.

Pete – requests more details from sub committees for December meeting

Alex & Albee – discussions on costs

Motion to adjourn @ 20:20 Pete, 2nd Ann S So carried

Meeting adjourned at 20:20