

SULLIVAN COUNTY EMS ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING of February 1, 2023

Ashley and Camille from SC Healing Community Study came to speak about narcan and some of the usage in SC. They asked how many agencies are using narcan and how many agencies are participating in the leave behind program. Talked about how eventually there will be lock boxes of narcan available throughout the county and where agencies and individuals can obtain narcan. Discussion followed.

Regular meeting called to order by acting chairman Prentis followed by the pledge.

The meeting opened with nominations of the officers for the 2023 year.

Chairman: Robin nominated Norman, Peter nominated Connor. Both accepted, Norman had majority votes

Co-Chair: Nancy nominated Sue, Robin nominated Connor, Both accepted, Sue had majority votes

Secretary: Nancy was the only one nominated, she accepted, Chairman cast one ballot.

Previous minutes: motion made by robin 2nd by coby to accept all in favor.

By-Laws: Albee no report Nancy spoke with ann marie about them, albee will continue to chair.

Alex Rau: Welcome to the new and remaining delegates. Year end stats are out, call dispatches have increased. Early in December NYS Legislators passed FF & EMS tax relief. 10 percent of the assessed property value. If tax district done by 3/1. Tony mentioned that towns have until 2025. Every tax district has to adopt this and put on tax bill for exemption. Rehab team is ready to go for cold weather calls. Rehab team is not your auxillary to provide coffee etc. February is heart month – team ems web site from heart a thon for heart month corps sponsors. Maybe for heart month ems corps could sponsor a cpr class. Alex will promote

any training that agencies are doing just email him the information. Ems awards are still happening.

Ems bbq committee starting to plan the bbq for 2023. Either a date of 8/6 or 8/13 for the 2nd annual bbq.

Ems recruitment and retention will be in place by next month. This will be similar to the one the fire side has. Alex stated that we need to focus on retention that the recruitment numbers seem to be ok.

Qa/qi is progressing. Met with Dr. McKinley he is on board for the medical side.

Jerry Dunlevy who is the CEO of the hospital will be trying to get the stroke center renewed. We are lacking staff in two areas. There is a video out that was done by Chris Rameriz that was done for recruitment that alex will share with everyone.

Alex mentioned still spotlighting agency members by department by month. 1 spotlight per agency submitted with a brief bio on the member.

Training: the next emt class will be out at the training center. The challenge will be 2/26 and the first night of basic will be 3/1. The reason for being held at the training center is because covid vaccine is not required. The mlss class already started. Sullivan life lines in Neversink is 3/18. Required training of sexual harassment and work place violence is now required by nys. If your agency wants or needs fit testing for N95 masks contact alex and he will arrange it. Firefighter down cpr is being presented throughout the county by Nate Rutledge and Mike Bruce. QPR/suicide prevention training will be held at the training center on 2/16.

On the 911 side the rockhill tower is up. The equipment will be going on it and the tower operational by the end of the year. They are looking for other fill in sites for towers.

New staff there will be 4 new dispatchers in the near future.

Working on a 988 diversion policy. It is still a work in progress, working on the needed policies then to legal.

Good and welfare: 911 assisted in the delivery of two babies, the first one done by dispatcher Tyler Black and the 2nd one by supervisor Rampe, congratulations to Jeff EMS this was Mike Bruce first baby.

Committees: Albee mentioned covid and to hold off to give committee reports until the new commissioner of Public Safety is in place and due to the fact that things have not been followed through with. Susan spoke briefly on the paid mutual aid of 4.8 million for 2 als, 2 bls units and 1million 50 thousand for 2 als and one bls. There is the other option like the presentation from E5 for agencies to hire their own people to ensure they have crews. 157,680 for 1 paid emt and that is only for their salary. We have been discussing this for pver a year now, do we want to move forward. Sue said to get nancy how much mutual aid your agency has done so that she could forward it to sue and it can be incorporated in the numbers. County wide mutual aid 92 received and 1974 calls went mutual aid. Norman asked what are we looking at county wide. Alex said when everyone in the association is ready to move we would submit something to Nick Salamone. The going rate of pay for an emt is \$18.00 an hour. Jason, what is the purpose of a fly car if you are going to rely on someone to grab an ambulance. Sue and Jason both said it comes down to a billing issue, if the transporting agency cannot do a pcr then they cannot bill for that call. Jason wanted to know if we have done a cost anaylsis to see if the county can even afford to hire people. Sue – can the county maybe help to supplement paying 2 emt’s for 15 agencies at 18 and change per hour salary only? Tusten has two hired people, the town doesn’t help at all, they are strictly billing. If the cost could be matched they could afford 24 hour staff. Mamakating has paid staff, they are a tax district and they bill. We are loosing people to Orange County because they are raising their pay rates.. Mamakating currently has 7 paid people. Albee stated that the volunteers need to consider consolidating before we consider spending big bucks – but corps who are close together should also consider trying to set up crews with which rig is going to be used.

Remsco: nothing to report

New Business: need to decide who our delegates are going to be.

Motion to adjourn

Respectively submitted

Nancy McLain, Secretary