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Myra Kreger,
Secretary/Treasurer

Tioga County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council
99 William Farrell Drive
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Draft minutes from 01.19.2017

*The regular quarterly meeting of the Tioga County EMS Council meeting was called to order by Chairman, Peter Lupkowski, on January 19, 2017 at 1900 hours at the Blossburg Firemen's Ambulance and Fire Department Social Hall.

The Secretary's minutes were approved as presented.

The ALS report was presented by Andy Tom.

*there was discussion regarding the possible use of nasal glucagon

*it was noted that overdoses of heroin laced with carfentanil is of great concern even to EMS providers.

It is a possibility that 1 dose of NARCAN may not be enough to reverse the effect of the drugs.

NARCAN may reverse effects – just long enough for the patient to refuse treatment- then an hour later

the patients goes unresponsive again – you get called again, the process continues. This can go on

possibly up to 8 hours. It was also noted that personnel should wear PPE that includes a N95 mask.

*ALS protocol for a heroin overdose is to administer enough NARCAN to improve the patients respiratory status.

*UPMC is distributing "STOP the BLEED " kits to all the schools.

*There will be a Wilderness EMT class in April

*the EMR class at the Wellsboro High School has started with 11 students.

Penn College has announced that there will be an EMT class this fall at the Wellsboro campus.

There was discussion regarding the County EMS Response Plan. Some of the discussion was: * is there more than 1 station needed to cover the sections *when ALS responds, is that call actually covered *what kind of time frame are we looking at to implement a plan *will this plan satisfy our obligation to respond 24/7 * where does the paid departments fit into the plan *will 9-1-1 dispatch be on board with these changes. It was decided that even though we had lots of questions, we needed to move forward with the County EMS Response Plan. It was decided that we would have a meeting with all county EMS departments on February 23, 2017, at 1800 hours at the Wellsboro Annex. All departments would be notified via certified mail.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- The following were elected as the 2017 officers for Tioga County EMS Council:
- Chairman – Peter Lupkowski
- Vice Chairman – Andy Tom
- Secretary – Myra Kreger
- Representative to Regional Council – Denise Ayers

OLD BUSINESS:

*There were no updates from Benton regarding EMS protocol for a bus incident in the county. He stated that he would be meeting with Northern Tioga School District in May.

*The Tioga County Firemen's Association has moved forward with the purchase of the ID tags. These tags would be used for both Fire and EMS personnel. They are working on the final format to be used. All personnel would receive 2 tags at no cost, but any replacements would be \$2.50 each.

NEW BUSINESS:

*The cost of the Wilderness EMT class will in part be covered by funds from the commissioners.

*It was noted that Valley Ambulance is advertising for part time paid EMS personnel to cover calls Monday thru Thursday from 7AM to 3 PM.

*Nelson is also advertising for part time paid EMS personnel.

*It was noted that AHA is now doing electronic CPR cards.

There will be NIMS 200, 300, and 400 in April and May. All classes are on the web site.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Tim Johnston and seconded by Bill Page at 2050.

The next Tioga County EMS Council meeting will be April 20, 2017 at Valley Community Ambulance.

NOTE: The next meeting for the County EMS Response Plan will be February 23, 2017 at the Willsboro Annex.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra Kreger, Secretary