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Tioga County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council
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The regular quarterly meeting of the Tioga County EMS Council was called to order by Chairman, Peter Lupkowski on July 19, 2018 at 1900 hours.

Secretary's minutes were approved as presented.

BUSINESS:

*The radio communication committee is a joint committee with the Firemen Association.

*There was discussion regarding the shortened dispatch procedures. Steve Kreger from Morris stated that he would like to see a change in dispatch to add department name, Example- 15 and 16 are not easily distinguishable on radio. Peter Lupkowski stated that the communication committee would review this and report back at the October meeting.

*the EMS dispatch was discussed. It was stated that the dispatch procedures have shortened time to arrival to the patient. Thank you to departments that use the "unattended" status when they know they do not have appropriate personnel. There were questions regarding "attended" vs "unattended". It was requested that we find a way to know when we are unattended. Another issue is what needs to happen to change status- just accepting the next call isn't the procedure used. Clarification is needed. Benton Best and Lisa Rice will be made aware of the concerns.

*Reminder – get information in regarding ID tags

*LTS has provided CO monitors. Please pick up tonight. Any questions, contact Robert Kipferl. Remember to sign for them.

*The deadline to sign up for the EMT class is fast approaching. Please get your applications in asap. Make sure application includes paper work for the assistance from the commissioners.

*Robert Kipferl stated that he has supplies from DOH. Please pick them up tonight for your departments.

*There was discussion regarding recruitment for EMS. Steve Kreger noted that we are not targeting the correct age group for membership. Utilizing the colleges for classes is user friendly for the younger person, but they are not the persons that have the time or passion to volunteer. We need to direct our attention and resources to the 40 to 60 year olds. These persons are established in the community. They have their families and hopefully they now have a little more time to volunteer. One of the biggest issues we are seeing is that their computer skills are not the same as the younger generation- a more traditional class would benefit them.

*Tom Shaw stated that he has most of the paper work completed needed to allow him to offer a traditional class. His goal is to offer a traditional class in our county.

*Dylan Ferguson is the new director of the Bureau of EMS.

*Peter appointed a nominating committee for next meeting: Mark Goodwin and

Bill Plummer, a Clymer Twp Supervisor, spoke to the group. He stated that the Clymer Twp Supervisors are working to find solutions for retention and recruitment in our area. They understand that there has not been enough progress made. Paying for classes and maybe a paid service are some options they are investigating. They wish to thank everyone for all they do and have done. They are planning a celebration for September 8, 2018.

There was discussion regarding police being dispatched to drug overdoses. It was discussed that this procedure is for our safety.

The next EMS council meeting will be Thursday, October 18, 2018.

Meeting was adjourned at 2001 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra Kreger, Secretary/Treasurer

