

The rescheduled regularly quarterly meeting of the Tioga County EMS Council was held at the Tioga County Department of Emergency Services 2nd floor conference room and was called to order by Vice-President Andrew Tom on 11/02/2018 at 1907 hours.

The minutes from the previous regularly scheduled quarterly meeting were presented to attendees, motion made by Tom Shaw (18) to accept the minutes as presented, 2nd by Todd Bourdette (12) motion carried.

Attendees:

Brenda Colegrove (9)

Brian Ferris (9)

Henry Brooks (11)

Tom Shaw (18)

Todd Bourdette (12)

Robert Kipferl (TCDES Training)

Matt Russell (UPMC S+S ALS)

Andrew Tom (UPMC S+S ALS)

ALS Report: Andrew Tom

UPMC S+S ALS will be providing an Ambulance to Charles Cole to be utilized for Inter-facility Transfers only. UPMC Cole will provide the staff.

UPMC S+S has been working with Clymer Township whom is working with their surrounding municipalities to form a “municipal authority” and provide a paid EMS service. They are currently working thru what hours the ambulance will be staffed.

ALS will be adding additional EMT's for 2 MICU's to be staffed 24/7. This is not to be perceived as a threat to any BLS agency. It is not the intent to “take over” any area. The intent is providing quality patient care.

The hospital is looking at alternative methods of transporting psychiatric patient's to lessen the burden on ambulance companies including ALS.

Dr. Doan will remain the BLS agencies Medical Director for 2019. New Medical Director Agency Agreements will be coming out in January. If your agency needs prescriptions or vendor requests signed by Dr. Doan, please email to Andrew Tom and he will get the signatures and have them returned to you in a timely fashion. Tom Shaw (18) reports they supplied QI information to Dr. Doan without feedback, Andrew Tom will check into this and get back to them.

Training: Robert Kipferl

Those that completed ITLS need to forward certificates to him so he can release the deposit.

2019 Tactical EMS Expo will be held in NYC 1/5/19 and 1/6/19. The North Central Counter Terrorism Task Force will pay for 2 participants per county to attend. Registration deadline is 11/30/2018, please contact Robert ASAP if you would like to attend.

Robert is getting pressure from his superiors regarding the county providing con-ed within the county. A lengthy discussion ensued and Robert will be looking at the feasibility of doing web broadcast co-ed sessions from a central location to any and all EMS agencies stations. Once additional input from agencies regarding their interest/participation is received, a platform decision will need to be made, equipment needs will be gathered and then funding sources will be looked at.

Andrew Tom reports on 11/20/2018 there will be a Stroke con-ed presented at the hospital. UPMC Soldiers + Sailors is becoming a "Stroke Ready" facility and this will be a great con-ed for everyone.

Old Business:

Reminder for all EMS providers up for renewal that it is the individual's responsibility to initiate the renewal process via the DOH website. The Region may communicate a pending renewal however the state most likely will not and however DO NOT wait to be reminded.

There has been previous discussion that Benton Best reports missed calls. Has this been done recently and if so to whom has this been reported and what exactly has been reported ~ just first due misses or all missed dispatches?

New Business:

The EMS council will collaborate with the Firemen's Association Communications Committee for recommendations to changes to the current EMS dispatch procedure. More specifically instead of having the "unattended" status reset at 0600 daily, change this to 0800 and 1800 daily along with daily announcements.

Todd Bourdette (12) expressed concerns that QRS is not receiving pertinent medical information via a med report upon responding in the same manner ambulances are. He also questioned if QRS agencies could be added to the "unattended status". The consensus by those in attendance is that both of these concerns are valid and should be addressed. These will be referred to the collaborated communications committee.

Tom Shaw (18) reports that Nelson Ambulance is now being staffed Monday thru Friday 0700 - 1500 by a paid crew. They are advertising and actively filling positions to also have paid staff from 2200 – 0800. They are very interested in working with others for whatever will work best. If that means agencies merging for a common goal they are open to this. Mr. Shaw states that if D18 is unable to assemble a complete crew they are very willing to assist whomever else in creating a legal crew, assisting with lifting or providing additional hands if needed. Mr. Shaw did raise concerns regarding D25 specifically their daytime crew whom has lifting assistance dispatched for every single call and is unable to function independently.

Andrew Tom (UPMC S+S ALS) reports he just returned today from training in Alabama regarding the Healthcare Coalition which is a federal mandate. This coalition is part of the Medical Subcommittee of the North Central Counterterrorism Task Force. The coalition co-chairs will be Wendy Hastings from the LTS Regional Office and James Slotterback from UPMC Williamsport. Their primary function is to oversee operations during a disaster and provide support to local government, not take over. There will be grant opportunities available as well. They plan to have a complete coalition group developed by 4/2019. More to come in the near future.

EMSOF Funding is in limbo as it was discovered the state was dipping into the EMSOF funds. The future of the program is not known at this time.

A short discussion regarding the election of officers for the council was held. Andrew Tom (UPMC S+S ALS) expressed that due to an overabundance of commitments he is no longer able to fulfil the duties of the vice-president and will decline any requests to hold a position within the council at this time. He along with Robert Kipferl (Tioga County DES) did consent to positions upon the nominating committee for the election of officers for 2019. They will report to the next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting to be held January 17, 2019 with a slate of office nominations for the council.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Henry Brooks (11), second by Brian Ferris (9) for adjournment. There being no further business the motion carried, meeting adjourned at 20:30.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Russell (UPMC S+S ALS), surrogate secretary.