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Tioga County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council
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01-18-2018: The regular quarterly meeting of the Tioga County EMS Council was called to order by Chairperson, Peter Lupkowski, on January 18, 2018 at 1904 hours.

The Secretary's report was approved as presented. All departments were reminded to submit their representative and alternate names to the Secretary.

ALS report: *Andy Tom stated that the February continued education would be presented by Peter Lupkowski and will be the yearly continued education needed by all EMS drivers for licensure. *We will be getting new badges for entry to the hospital(UPMC)* the opioid crisis continues- we need to be sure we are taking care of the children that are witnessing these overdoses. The march ALS coned will deal with DEC (drug endangered children). The schools and day cares will be notified with the child's name as "handle with care" and nothing else. They will in turn monitor the child and counselors will be available if needed. This is work in progress and hopefully implemented soon and include any traumatic incident that a child is exposed to. *the Pennsylvania governor has made NARCAN available for all narcotic overdoses. The ALS office (Matt Russell) will be monitoring our supply. All licensed responders need to complete the continued education on over doses, Matt will provide the practical education needed for the associations to carry NARCAN on their ambulances. If you use the NARCAN the hub is to be returned to the hospital to be replaced. Williamsport Platoon Chiefs will also be able to replace your doses. No NARCAN doses are to be left with the patient or family. (NOTE-THIS HAS CHANGED SINCE OUR MEETING) It was noted that Morris had already purchased NARCAN and they have had to use it. It is still recommended that all overdoses even after the successful use of NARCAN are brought to the hospital so we can get the help that is needed. The BLS protocol calls for 4 mg nasal application- which is what is being supplied. *Steve Seeley and Andy Tom are instructors for fit testing of the N95's.

EMT class: * Penn College class at Wellsboro has 14 students. * Tom Shaw stated that the paperwork for the traditional class is progressing.

ID CARDS : The cards are being processed. It was noted that all providers will receive 3 cards. It was also restated that you can either have an EMS ID or a Fire ID, NOT both. If you are both, the fire ID will be appropriate, it has your EMS information.

The Task Force will host an Symposium in April at the Williamsport Holiday Inn.

There was discussion regarding the issue of personnel going to scenes instead of to stations for equipment(ambulances) and posing as an ambulance provider. We need to remind everybody that the GOOD SAMARITAN laws only apply if you provide care or treatment that you have been trained and certified to do.

The LTS EMS council meeting will be January 25, 2018 in Wellsboro.

The new EMS dispatch policy is in effect. It was noted that communication will be one of the key factors for this policy to make the appropriate changes needed. A department has the option to call and change their status as attended or unattended. Patient treatment and transport is the goal of this policy. We all need to understand that this policy change is not the solution to our state licensure requirement, we still need to adopt a policy that the state will accept in regards to every call being attended in an appropriate time and manner.

The next EMS council meeting will be Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 1900 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra Kreger, Secretary