

Tioga County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council
99 William Farrell Drive
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The regular quarterly meeting of the Tioga County EMS council was called to order October 20, 2016 by Vice Chairman, Andy Tom at the 9-1-1 Center at 1932 hours.

The minutes were approved by motion made by Greg Button and seconded by Bill Page.
Motion so carried.

Robert Kipferl, Tioga County training supervisor, gave an updated list of coming classes. He also reminded us that classes are listed on the Tioga County web site.

ALS REPORT: SSMH Susquehanna is now UPMC Susquehanna, SSMH Campus. Andy Tom stated that Robert Kain is now the EMS manager of the ALS program for SSMH. There may have to be some changes with the Tioga County EMS Medical Director in the near future, but now Dr Doan is the Medical Director for Tioga County. Andy Tom also stated that there is a possibility that we would be adding "*nasal glucagon*" to our protocols. More information coming soon.

STRIKE TEAM: No new updates. The meeting had to be cancelled.

BUSINESS

*There was discussion regarding the Tioga County school bus incident policy/procedure. Benton Best stated that Wellsboro School district has adopted a policy/procedure that would be followed for all incidents, no matter the severity of the incident. They take all students to the hospital for evaluation and/or treatment that is needed. There is no charge to the student for the evaluation. The student would be discharged to a parent/guardian. Benton will be meeting with all the districts to assist with implementing a policy/procedure that will assist all bus incidents.

*ID tags for county EMS has been discussed many times. It was decided that we would benefit at scenes from being able to be identified. A committee of Myra Kreger, Benton Best, Bill Page and Linda Beacker was formed to check on the options for EMS ID tags.

*Benton Best stated that the Tioga County Web site is operational at this time. He stated that it contains many options that will be beneficial to all personnel. It has a site where minutes of meetings and agendas can be posted.

*The county has implemented a new program for all county residents. It is called "swift 911". Information pamphlets have been sent out along with mass media reports being issued. This will notify residents of weather alerts in a timely manner or any other emergencies that need to be communicated for the safety of the residents.

*There was discussion regarding the contracts that we need with our local municipalities naming our associations as the provider for their EMS coverage. It was noted that we need to be sure we have all signed.

*There was discussion regarding the ambulance services providing 24 hour 7 days a week coverage to their communities. It is a part of licensure that states that all associations provide this service. It was noted that all departments had to verify that an association provided this service in their licensure applications. A meeting has been set up for November 1, 2016 at Valley Ambulance. All departments have been requested to attend. The subject will be "partnering together" to comply with this licensure requirement.

*There was discussion about the "traditional EMT class". It has been decided to go forward with the plans with the class, finishing all the paper work that needs to be completed. Nelson has offered the use of their building and Tioga County EMT instructors will be the instructors. The commissioners had no objections to us offering another class room setting to add EMT's to our teams. We would be able to offer con-ed to licensed personnel. We would also provide tutors to those that need assistance to successfully pass the national registry. More information will be available at the next council meeting.

Nomination committee for officers for the 2017 EMS council will be John Getty, Terry Kreger and Robert Kipferl.

There was discussion that the Tioga County EMS council meeting be held at different locations. Blossburg Ambulance will host the next quarterly meeting on January 19, 2017 at 1900 hours at the Social Hall of the Ambulance and Fire Hall.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra H. Kreger Secretary