

Peter Lupkowski, Chair
Andrew Tom, Vice-Chair



Myra Kreger,
Secretary/Treasurer

Tioga County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council
99 William Farrell Drive
Wellsboro, PA 16901

The regular quarterly meeting of the Tioga county EMS Council was called to order by Secretary, Myra Kreger on April 20, 2017 at 1900 hours at the Valley Community Ambulance Hall.

Roll call of officers found Chair, Peter Lupkowski and Vice-Chair, Andrew Tom not present.

The minutes from January 2017 were reviewed. A motion was made by Tom Shaw and seconded by Brian Ferris to accept the minutes as presented. Motion so carried.

No ALS report available.

OLD BUSINESS:

- *It was noted that more information is requested regarding nasal glucagon.
- *Heroin overdoses are still a big issue in our region. There was much discussion on provider safety.
- *EMT and EMR classes are now in session.
- *The cost of the upcoming EMT class has increased. Tioga County Commissioners are hoping to help with the cost increase.

NEW BUSINESS:

- *EMS week is in May. Nominations for "provider of the year" are now due.
- *Triage Week has been cancelled for this year. It was stated that the data from prior years had not been completed. It was stated that not all hospitals and providers participated, so therefore more planning and executing needs to be done.
- *There will be a "Mental Health" training on October 20-21, 2017. This will also include CISM.
- *Please let Benton Best know if you have any ideas for classes in April 2018.
- *It was noted that the county municipal police departments are researching grants and/or funding for AED's for the local cars.
- *The ICS 300 and 400 classes were cancelled due to the lack of enrollment.
- *There was discussion regarding the EMS classes at Penn College sites. It was stated that they are working on changing the testing to include computerized tests throughout the class. The hope is that this will better prepare the students for the National Registry Test.
- *There will be a 'phone conference' for the LTS EMS Council meeting.
- *On July 1, 2017, BLS EMT's will add the skill of "using glucometers" for blood sugar levels. LTS has used EMSOF funds to purchase glucometers for all licensed trucks in the LTS region. All providers will need to complete the class (<https://pa.train.org>) with September 1, 2017 as the roll out date.
- *JUST A REMINDER- CQI is still a quarterly report and MUST be completed for all services. Monthly "safety Meetings" must be held and appropriately documented as part as licensure requirement.
- *There was discussion regarding the EMS ID badges. Benton passed out a sample application. Each responder will get 2 badges and any additional for \$2.50. It was decided that PHRN and CPR/First Aide

needed to be added to application/badge as option for provider. Greg Button made a motion seconded by Stanley Matthews that this association approve the ID badge application with the above changes/additions. Motion so carried.

*The REHAB trailer from Blossburg has been responding to the major structure fires in the county. It is noted that the rehab trailer is for your assistance, not to take over any scene. Osceola thanked Blossburg for their assistance at their recent fire.

*Benton Best stated that the EMS practicals will continue to be held at LTS regional office. There was much discussion.

*It was stated that we need to advertise NOW for the August EMT class. This would maybe get some new members and also allow any student time to get their prerequisites.

The next Tioga County EMS council meeting will be July 20, 2017 at 99 William Farrell Drive, Wellsboro.

The information for these minutes was supplied by Linda Beacker.

Meeting adjourned at 1945 hours.

Immediately following the EMS Council meeting, we met regarding the 'Tioga County Response Plan'

*There was discussion regarding being *attended or not attended*.

**attended* would mean that a department is ready to respond and will be responding within the 10 minute time frame with an appropriate crew.

**not attended* would mean that the department did not have the appropriate crew available to respond to a dispatch

*all departments will be listed as *attended* until such time the department representative notifies the 9-1-1 Center that they will be *not attended* or an *attended* department does not respond within the 10 minute time frame with an appropriate crew.

*the home department will continue to get their tone alert for a call in their response area, just not the dispatch narrative.

*the home department will be allowed to handle the call if they are now available.

*department representatives can notify 9-1-1 at any time that they are now available

*Lisa Rice stated that they are working on getting all the towers to simulcast dispatches.

*It was stated that PHASE 2 of this plan would address QRS services.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra Kreger, Secretary