

TIOGA COUNTY EMS COUNCIL

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The regular quarterly meeting of the Tioga County Emergency Medical Services Council was called to order by Chairman, Peter Lupkowski, on January 21, 2016, at 1905 in the Tioga County EOC building.

The minutes were approved as presented by a motion made by Linda Beacker, Galeton representative, and seconded by Steve Kreger, Morris representative.

REPORTS:

The training calendar was presented by Ian Druetto, Tioga County training supervisor. All class applications can be accessed through the Tioga County training site.

Matthew Russell, Wellsboro ALS representative reported that they added the fourth unit. Two are at the hospital and 2 at the Wellsboro ambulance garage. He also reported that there is an ITLS instructor class on 02/17/2016 and upon completion the ALS personnel will be able to offer classes.

John Getty (NCTF Health and Medical committee) reported they are working on a patient tracking app. The DOH/HIMS is leading this effort through Knowledge center. There is a class on March 3, 2016 in Williamsport Regional Medical Center and John has been requested to bring the information back after this class. Benton Best suggested that the Council put together a committee to discuss and plan the implementation of the patient tracking app in EMS operations within this county. HIPAA compliance was listed as a concern.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lisa Rice, Tioga County Quality Assurance, stated that the billing for "I am responding" will be sent to the commissioners. They will decide what to do with the bills at that time.

The EMT class is now running with 18 students. It is still unknown how many passed or failed the previous class.

Andy Tom is still working on the details of the New York City bus trip to Ground Zero.

Ian Druetto reminded all that their nominations for EMT of the year, etc need to be in by April 21, 2016.

There was much discussion regarding the criminal background checks and the child abuse clearances. It was noted that they are free at this time and we should take advantage of the service. All departments were reminded to check with their solicitor regarding what is mandatory. The original guideline was for all clearances for paid personnel be in by 12/18/2016(12/31/2016) and all volunteers by July 1 2016.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The nominating committee recommended the following for our 2016 officers. President- Peter Lupkowski, Vice President, Andy Tom and Secretary- Myra Kreger. There were no nominations from the floor. Dan Rice(representative for Middlebury) made a motion seconded by Tom Shaw we accept the committee's recommendation. Secretary will cast 1 vote.

There was discussion regarding the ambulance "subscription" memberships. It was noted that this is not an insurance policy.

Some of the EMS continuing Education classes are: On 2-9-2016 coned in Blossburg, Wellsboro is working on hosting a Sreet Survivial class, Galeton is hosting an EVOC class on 2-10-2016, 2-11-2016 from 1830-to 2230 and 2-13-2016 from 0800 to 1700.

Tom Shaw reported that Nelson/Lawrence want to host a traditional EMT class. He stated that the class would include modules that would assist personnel get their expired/lapsed EMT certifications back. Tom would offer his services free of charge. He is willing to do two classes, one in the daytime and one at night time for classes of 10 persons each. There was much discussion. Tom will develop a formal proposal including cost, sources of funding, equipment, facilities, and personnel and present it.

There was a discussion regarding the fire, ems and law enforcement instructors that are in the County. It was decided that we have a meeting to discuss what we could accomplish working together.

Nelson VFD is pursing putting an ambulance in their community. Their personnel would need dual certification due to their location(near N.Y.). They are proposing staffing be 4-6 hours stationed at the department., bunks and kitchen would be available. If they didn't have personnel to staff the ambulance, they would be out of service for that time frame.

Benton Best presented the After Action Report of the tire fire in Mansfield. One of the points noted was that we would like to have an ALS unit assigned to a large scale incident. Peter Lupkowski will discuss with ALS director.

Benton Best explained the process and purpose of a Working Group regarding an active assailant. Matt Russell was appointed as the primary person of the working Group. John Getty and Tom Shaw were appointed as alternates. More information in the near future.

It is noted that the TCFA has started working on photo ID tags for all personnel. These would be used for identification and credentialing, not accountability. Peter Lupkowski recommended that we add a signature to this card. It could then be used as a 2<sup>nd</sup> form of ID.

Benton Best reminded us that the American Red Cross does more than help fire victims. They can assist in replacing documents and aid in financial planning after any disaster.

Benton noted that he wishes to visit all the county departments. Please contact him with your meeting times so he can attend your meeting. He wishes to meet all personnel. He will explain his roles and how he can assist your department.

Lisa Rice discussed box alarms. She noted that the EMS responses need to be more specific for Middlebury EMS.

Lisa also handed out the policy/procedure used at potential unsafe scenes. She noted that it is the same p/p that was sent to the State Police. Lisa is working with PSP so all are on the same page where safety to personnel and patients are concerned. She requested that this be posted at our departments.

There was discussion on "call the center for details". The concern is that the text message states where the incident is. Lisa recommended that the Council put together a group to come up with recommendations on how to change the procedure.

Status checks for EMS incidents was discussed. Matt Russell suggested that EMS calls have a status check, the same as fire or MVA incidents. Lisa suggested that ideas be brought to the next meeting for discussion and consideration.

The next meeting of the Tioga County EMS council will be Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra Kreger, Secretary