

Draft minutes of the Tioga County EMS council meeting

The regular quarterly meeting of the Tioga County EMS Council was called to order by Chairman. Peter Lupkowski, on July 21, 2016 at 1900 hours.

The secretary's report was approved as presented.

Robert Kipferl was introduced as the Tioga County Services Training Coordinator. Welcome.

The training calendar was presented by Robert Kipferl. It was noted that if a department has a need for a class, contact him.

Kaleigh Seiter, business development manager, from Cornerstone EMS billing company, gave a power point presentation on their company. She outlined their company procedures and shared some of the latest changes that are challenging the billing process. There was discussion regarding the ICD-10 and documentation. (a copy of the power point will be filed with these minutes)

OLD BUSINESS:

There was discussion regarding EMSOF money. Benton Best, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated that the funds have been allocated.

During EMS week, departments participated in the Triage Tag program. It was noted that we would like a better replacement procedure and also a final report on how we did.

There was discussion regarding the need for a policy/procedure on school bus incidents. Benton Best stated that he is working with the Tioga County school districts and hopes that he will have this done in the near future.

The Tioga County First Responder's Festival will be July 30, 2016.

Nelson Fire Department's, Ambulance 18-6, is in service. They have not changed the response assignment for the area.

The Mansfield EMR has completed. The next class date has not yet been set .

The EMT class will be started on August 15, 2016 at the Penn College campus at Wellsboro High School.

Tom Shaw reported that he wishes to host a traditional EMT class. The class would be held in Nelson. The instructors would volunteer their time. The class would be open for coned. There was much discussion. It was stated that we discuss this request with the commissioners(especially after all the support they showed regarding the Penn College EMT class). The class would start as soon as possible. It was suggested that we also host a “test taking” class.

NEW BUSINESS

Benton Best reported that one of the Department of Health state licensure requirements is to have a mutual aid agreement with surrounding(neighboring) departments. It was noted that we used to have individual mutual aid agreements with neighboring companies but when the county fire association adopted the mutual aid dispatch policy, mutual aid assignments were assumed thru that policy. A committee of Benton Best, Tom Shaw, Bill Page, Peter Lupkowski, Terry Kreger and Greg Button will meet before next meeting and draft a mutual aid agreement.

Benton Best states that the 9-1-1 dispatch is working on a possibility of using texting to call for help/assistance.

Benton Best is in partnership with the Law Enforcement Association to purchase 26 refurbished AED's. These will be available to the municipal police departments. More information will be provided soon.

Benton stated that mile markers on RT 15 would be in place 2017 (summer).

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 1900 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra Kreger, Secretary

