

**APPROVED** 11/12/2012

CT EMS Volunteer Committee, a Committee of the CT EMS Advisory Board

Meeting held at: Stratford EMS 2717 Main Street Stratford, CT

Attendance: J. Paretzky, Angell, D, Heavin, P, Kosciusko, S. McKeon, R. and Onofrio, P. Guests: McQuilton, H., Meyers, L., Lutheran, T., Saranics, K., Mancini, C., Kelly, B., Forrester III, G., Slomka, S., and Giasullo, K.

1855 Introduction to the Stratford EMS by its Director Phillip Onofrio. The service was formed in 1979 as an all volunteer EMS. The current service is at the Paramedic level, running six ambulances with about 6,400 calls per year. Staffing is paid and volunteer members. The service has EMR'S, A-EMT'S, EMT'S and Paramedics. They have five paid Paramedics, 30 per diem staff and about 100 volunteers. Funding comes from billing. The service in a new building and has three fly cars. The Fire Department is the First Responder and are at the EMT level.

Stratford EMS has an Explorer Post and a Bike team. Transports to four area hospitals and they have a sub-station in the Northern part of the Town as needed. Some Committee members took a short tour of the building.

1920 Meeting called to order by Chair Jay B. Paretzky

Draft minutes for the 9/10/2012, as corrected for the meeting held at K-B Ambulance in Danielson, CT-**APPROVED**

**Chair Report:** The Chair review the procedure for recommendations for the Chair of the Volunteer Committee and electing our Vice- chair and Secretary.

As a Committee of the CT EMS Advisory Board we do not elect our Chair. The Chair is appointed by the Chair of the Advisory Board. The Committee may make its recommendation to the Chair of the Advisory Board as to who it would like appointed, but the Chair of the Advisory Board is not required to follow the recommendation. We do elect our Vice-Chair and Secretary.

The Chair indicated that he is no longer interested in Chairing the Committee. Discussion followed and motion made to recommend Jay to continue as Chair of the Volunteer Committee- motion passed. Jay indicated that he did not expect to be re-appointed as Chair, but would continue if appointed. The Chair will notify the Chair of the Advisory Board of the Volunteer Committee recommendation for its Chair.

Vice-chair elected Skip Kosciusko and Phil Heaven as Secretary – elected

**Advisory Board:** Review draft minutes from October's meeting Committee reports review: FOI review, still looking for Chair recommendations for the Volunteer and Emergency Preparedness Committees, Nominations: John Quinlavin as Chair, Charlee Tuffs Vice Chair and Irene Smith Secretary, Legislative- see minutes, Training, spinal immobilization and CPAP in review by CEMSMAC and Data collection continues.

Legislative Committee proposals: Peer review- support, Orderly transfer of Patient care- follow, Advisory Board membership- follow, Tax-free gas- support

The status of the current AEMT program is now being reviewed by the new Director of CT OEMS and the Commission, Along with the tourniquets program and the proposed 12-lead pilot program out of Danbury Hospital.

**DPH/OEMS:** Review changes at OEMS AND DPH OEMS now under Dept of Public Health Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch,

**Old business:** PSOB, as of 10/1/2012 is \$328,612. Flyer given out **New Business:** 17<sup>th</sup> Annual CT Conference: March 22& 23, 2013 in Cromwell at the Crowne Plaza Meeting schedule for 2013- Discussion- continue with meeting on the second Monday in

January, March, May, June, September and November as before- **APPROVED**

**The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2013 location TBA**

Meeting adjourned at 2030 Jay B. Paretzky Chair





CT EMS Volunteer Committee, a Committee of the CT EMS Advisory Board  
DRAFT Minutes 9/10/12 Held at KB Ambulance Corps, Inc. 294 Westcott Road Danielson, CT

Attendance: R. McKean, M. Miraglia, J. Paretzky, E. Phillips and T. Sullivan.

Guests: R. Daggett

CT OEMS: K. Brown, J. Lillpopp and d. Bailey

1840 Introduction the KB Ambulance Corps by its Administrator Randy Daggett. The service was formed in 1939 as an all volunteer EMS. The current service is BLS, running four ambulances with about 2,800 per year. Staffing is paid, volunteer and paid by stipend members. Funding comes from billing and payments from the Town for special event stand-bys. Paramedics are provided with an established system of sharing paramedics from surrounding communities. The service has a payment plan for its members based upon shift covers, per call, report writing, meetings attended, page in response and hours worked. They have a tax abatement program. Members are paged in for second, third and fourth calls as needed. All ambulances, training and HQ's are at one location. Randy conducted a walk-around for the attendees of the meeting.

2012 Meeting called to order by Chair Jay B. Paretzky

Draft minutes for the 6/11/2012 meeting held in Newtown, CT at 45 Main Street were **APPROVED**

Chair Report: The Chair review the procedure for recommendations for the Chair of the Volunteer Committee and electing our Vice- chair and Secretary.

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The Chair indicated that he is no longer interested in Chairing the Committee. Members that are interested in Chairing or fulfilling the Vice-Chair or Secretary's position please let him know. Elections will be held at the November 12 meeting in Stratford.

The Chair stated he will not a candidate for the Chair position since he has held that position for ten years and feels its time for someone else to lead the Committee. The Chair pointed out some of the improvements to CT EMS due in part, to our taking a position with the Advisory Board and OEMS, for system improvements of the last ten years.

The Chair distributed the report dated 9/7/2012 from OEMS showing the active EMS Personnel in the State. Discussion followed about how we can determine how many of the 23,291 individuals listed on the report were active in CT EMS. The Chair stated we have been asking this question for many years and hope we can get some way to learn this number.

The status of the current AEMT program is now being reviewed by the new Director of CT OEMS and the new CT DPH Deputy Commissioner of Health.

The Chair will see if he can present the Volunteer Committees' position to both individuals like he did with Lenny Guercia and the former Deputy Commissioner.

CT EMS Advisory Board: The Advisory Board did not meet in July or August and the next meeting is scheduled for September 12 at AHA in Wallingford starting at 9AM. A review of the June 13, 2012 Board meeting was conducted. Highlights were the activities of the CEMSMAC, Awards, Legislative, Training and Education and Clinical Coordinators committee. Copies of Board minutes are on the CT OEMS web-site. CT OEMS-report by David Bailey Lenny Guercia has left CT OEMS and the new Director of CT OEMS is Raphael Barishansky who starting work on 9/ 7. There is also a new Deputy Commissioner of Public Health. There is a pilot program being worked on for 12 lead monitoring by EMT'S out of Danbury Hospital.

A white paper for Community Paramedics has been submitted to the Commissioner for review. Regional guidelines continue to be worked on.

Dr. Teal is no longer with DPH and the Data program is now being managed by Jean Speak, Jean will continue in her position at Region Five Coordinator also.

Kevin Brown reported on education and training issues. Kevin spoke about the transmission program over the next few years for current EMT to up-grade to the new National Scope of Practice; this class should take about 20 hours as part of the required 30 needed for recert.

Jonathan Lillpopp reported on the 11/3 work shop for Parliamentary procedures headed by Marie Wilson

New business: Red discussed the DOJ PSOB program and how important it is for Service Chiefs to understand the program.

The Chair will send out the link to the DOJ PSOB program shortly.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual CT EMS conference is schedule for March 22 and 23, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell

The next meeting of the committee is November 12, 2012 at Stratford Emergency Medical Service 2712 Main Street Stratford, CT 203 385-4060 at 6:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 2015

Jay B. Paretzky Chair CT EMS Volunteer Committee

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CONNECTICUT EMS VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE, a COMMITTEE OF THE CT EMS ADVISORY BOARD  
DRAFT (2) **Minutes** 5/15/2012 Held at Winsted Ambulance Association 655 Main Street Winsted, CT

**Attendance:** S. Kosciusko, J. Paretzky, P. Heavin, D. Angell, C. Clement, R. McKeon, W. Minacci, S. Mudge & B. Ziegler.  
Guests: S. Guan, M. Thurnau, R. Dillon, K. Peterson, V. Wheeler, J. Keller and S. Gelati

1840: Introduction to Winsted Ambulance Association by Debbie Angell and Mary Thurnau.  
The service was formed in 1968 and functions at the AEMT level service running about 1,600 calls per year. The service has a paid staff of three employees, and a volunteer roster of 120 volunteers, including Explorers at the EMR level. It bills for transports and contracts with a commercial firm for Paramedic coverage. It handles many mutual aid calls for area services as needed.

1905: Meeting called to order by Chair Jay B. Paretzky  
Draft minutes for 3/12/2012 at Westport Volunteer EMS, in Westport were **APPROVED**

**Chair report**

Discussion about the status of the AEMT level of certification in the State with the Chair reporting that the CT EMS Advisory Board voted again at the May 9, 2012 meeting to support CEMSMAC'S recommendation to:

- Not support the adoption of the 2007 AEMT National Scope of Practice Model in the State of Connecticut
- To support cessation of courses for initial certification of the National Standard of the National Standard Curriculum- Intermediate/1985.
- That the current CT AEMT Certification as described by the National Standard Curriculum Intermediate/1985 should be phased out by July, 2013

The Chair reported the vote on CEMSMAC'S recommendations had to be taken again, since the April meeting of the Board was not posted at least 24 hours before the meeting, as required by the FOI. The vote was 14 yes, 2 no's and 3 abstentions. Therefore the Chair of the Advisory Board will notify the Commissioner of Public Health about this vote, to eliminate the AEMT level of certification as of 6/30/2013.

Both Art Groux, Chief of Service for Suffield EMS and Annie Kosciusko from West Cornwall V FD/EMS spoke in support of having the AEMT level of certification in the State.

Jay B. Paretzky speaking as an AEMT and Chair of the Volunteer Committee asked the Board to postpone the vote on CEMSMAC's recommendation for ninety days and have a task force look into alternatives for keeping a level of certification between the EMT and Paramedic levels. Most other States have some level of certification between EMT and Paramedic. This suggestion was not considered by the Board.

The Chair also reported on other activities of the Board:

- Michelle Connelly hired as the new Region One Coordinator
- Trauma Triage Guidelines- Approved
- Tourniquet Guidelines submitted by Education and Training. To CEMSMAC for comments and approval
- Ad Hoc Committee of the Board charged with continuing working for funding for EMS in the State
- The Ad Hoc Committee reported some Legislators supported a funding program for EMS in CT
- EMS Week 5/21 with State-wide awards being given out in Hartford by CORC
- Legislative issues- the Board did not support the original Bill 5526 that reduced the Board membership from 41 members to 13, the Ad Hoc and Legislative Committees with the approval of the Board submitted changes that would not give a Volunteer from EMS, a voting position on the new Board.

Discussion followed about how the Volunteer EMS community can best have a central place to discuss issues and take action to improve EMS in the State. The Chair reported that there is a group working on an EMS Chiefs organization that would have the ability to lobby.

**Motion: That any EMS Advisory Board allow for a minimum of one Volunteer EMS representative have a voting position on such Board- VOTE APPROVED unanimously.**

**Motion: To explore the formation of a CT EMS Association to represent all those working or volunteering in EMS and to advise the Commissioner directly on the issues as needed. VOTE APPROVED unanimously.**

The Chair was charged with starting to see what needs to be done to establish such an association and report back to the Committee.

Phil Heavin spoke about not enough support from the hospitals, Doctors and the State to continue with a level of certification between the EMT and a Paramedic.

The Chair also discussed issues with the National Scope of Practice for the AEMT and the length and depth of the training required. The National Registry will only test to the new AEMT as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

Discussion followed with both Committee members and guests expressing their concern with the actions of the Board, CEMSMAC and OEMS with the AEMT program. Many spoke out about moving to the new AEMT level over several years, as other States are doing. Motion for meet with the Commissioner to discuss the AEMT level and the Chairs request to the Board to postpone any discussion on the elimination of the AEMT level for 90 days and have a task force look in what other States are doing for some level of care between the EMT and Paramedic levels.

**Motion: APPROVED unanimously**

The Chair will contact the Commissioner for scheduling the meeting and will keep the Committee members advised accordingly.

OEMS report given by the Chair

Data collection continues with 15 services not submitting data as required by regulation and have the possibility of losing their license/certification to function as an EMS organization. OEMS has been working with the services for several years to assist them, but some services do not want to submit the data as required.

On going work on Community Paramedic program by OEMS

OP Sail in New London July, 2012

New Business: Red reported on several federal bills HB 7637, 933 and Senate 911 and 933 that provides funds for both Fire and EMS organizations.

Meeting schedule: June 11 at Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Corps Location: Edmond Town Hall 45 Main Street Newtown 06470 in the Alexandria Room (which is the big room at the front of the building on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
September 10 and November 12 Locations are needed for these meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 2020

Jay B. Paretzky Chair CT EMS Volunteer Committee, a Committee of the CT EMS Advisory Board

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Philip Heavin Secretary

## CONNECTICUT EMS VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE, a COMMITTEE OF THE CT EMS ADVISORY BOARD

**APPROVED Minutes** 3/12/2012 Held at Westport Volunteer EMS, 50 Jesup Road Westport, CT 06880

**Attendance:** S. Kosciusko, J. Paretzky, P. Heavin, and E. Phillips

Introduction to Westport Volunteer EMS by Jay Paretzky. The service was formed in 1979 and functions as a combined paid and volunteer EMS at the paramedic level. With a paid staff of six employees, five are paramedics and one AEMT, along with a roster of 130 volunteers, including Explorers at the EMR level, the service handles about 2,600 calls yearly. WEMS is under the Westport Police Department and we share the building with them. The Director of WEMS is a Deputy Police Chief. WEMS is the paid staff organization and WVEMS is the volunteer organization. The volunteers receive a part of revenue collected by the Town for transports, along with an annual fund raiser. The volunteers provide staffing 24/7 for three ambulances and purchase all capital equipment such as ambulances, fly cars, and most supplies and equipment for the service.

Meeting called to order at 1920 by Chair Jay B. Paretzky

Draft minutes for 1/9/2012 at the Connecticut State Police Academy, Meriden were **APPROVED**

### **Chair report**

The chair reported on the activities of the Advisory Board.

The Chair asked members to provide suggestions to improve EMS in the State, if there was a steady funding stream.

Discussion about the activities of the ad-hoc group of the Advisory Board to obtain funding for EMS, suggestions are:

- More local support from the State for the smaller services and their needs
- Funding for educational grants
- Funding for equipment grants
- Establishment of a centralized state EMS purchasing department
- Funding for an independent study of EMS in the State

Discussion about how the funding would be managed and who would handle the administration of such funds.

Phil reported on CEMSMAC discussions about how they feel funding would benefit EMS such as a State Medical and Trauma Director and support for hospitals.

Phil reported on CEMSMAC and what they are working on.

Discussion about CEMSMAC's minutes of 2/9/2012

CEMSMAC voted to:

- Not support the adoption of the 2007 AEMT National Scope of Practice Model in the State of Connecticut
- To support cessation of courses for initial certification of the National Standard of the National Standard Curriculum- Intermediate/1985.
- That the current CT AEMT Certification as described by the National Standard Curriculum Intermediate/1985 should be phased out by July, 2013

Questions:

1. If a hospital wants to support the AEMT for the services that transport patients to them, will that be allowed?
2. Will there be an AEMT level certification in the state after July 1, 2013?
3. Have all hospitals and EMS services been surveyed to see who supports or does not support the AEMT level?

OEMS report given by the Chair

Meeting schedule: May 14, June 11, September 10 and November 12 Locations are needed for these meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 2020





CONNECTICUT EMS VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE, a COMMITTEE OF THE CT EMS ADVISORY BOARD

APPROVED Minutes 1/09/2012 Held at the State Police Academy 285 Preston Drive Meriden, CT

**Attendance:** C. Clement, A. Downs, S. Kosciusko, R. McKeon, J. Paretzky, P. Heavin, and M. Miraglia

Guests: Z. Sawick, F. Jones, D. Bailey (OEMS) and K. Brown (OEMS)

Meeting called to order at 18305 by Chair Jay B. Paretzky

Draft minutes for 11/14/2011 at Dairen EMS-Post 53 in Darien/12/ 2011 were **APPROVED**

**Chair report**

Jay B. Paretzky, appointed Chair by the Chair of the Advisory Board

The Chair asked members to provide suggestions to improve EMS in the State, if there was a steady funding stream.

The Chair also asked members if they would serve on the following committees of the Advisory board:

Awards, MICS, Education and Training and Trauma. Mary indicated interest in the Trauma committee depending on when it meets. Review of the Awards procedure and Jay will get the form and procedure for recommendations to the members.

Members are requested to let the Chair know what committee (s) they can represent the Volunteer Committee on.

CEMSMAC report by Phil Heavin, looking for funding from moving violations for EMS.

CT EMS Advisory Board report:

The review of proposed regulations continues with the Board scheduled to vote 1/11 on the proposed changes.

The proposed changes after being approved by the Board go to OEMS and the legal Department for review. Red reported there has to be five public hearing held on the proposed regulations.

The Legislative committee initiatives for 2012: Tax free gas for ambulances; revise Board membership appointments, EMS responsibilities for patient care, Paramedic Peer Review and EMS response in hazardous conditions.

The Awards Committee is looking for nominations.

Motion made by Skip: to allow an EMT or EMR whose certification has expired with in six years to take a recert class, pass all tests, to regain their certification. The motion did not carry.

Andrea reported on an EMS Symposium March 10, in Lakeville Connecticut. The Chair will forward the notice to the members.

The EMS Conference will be March 15-17 in Cromwell this year.

DPH Report: By Kevin Brown and David Bailey.

Kevin reported on the ability of a student that fails the NR EMT exam to become an EMR and that program has been approved. Kevin also reviewed the updated procedures for EMS-I's and the on going training of EMS-I's to the new program. Discussion on problems that Instructors may have and that Kevin is working on streamlining the training and reporting process.

David reported on Data collection and that it continues state-wide. One item that needs to be addresses on the run reports is obtaining the patients social security number. OEMS is working on a tie-in with the hospitals and the social security number is important for this process. OEMS conducting interviews for the Investigator, Manager and Program Assistant for review of state EMS plan and EMS-C contracting. OEMS also working on statewide sheltering task force and monitoring of narrow band compliant Met Net radios to Regional CMED/RCC'S.

OEMS continues communication between local, regional and federal partners.

Discussion about tourniquets and STEMI programs.

New business: Phil suggested we look into the CT Ambulance Association and agreed to meet with them to see if there is a way to work together on legislative issues.

Trauma conference at the end of March

Fire Grants are also given to EMS organization not just Fire based ones.

Next meeting: March 12, 2012 Location to be announced.

2012 Meeting schedule: May 14, June 11, September 10 and November 12

Host services are needed for the meetings after January. Let the Chair know if you can host the Committee

Meeting adjourned: 2050 Jay B. Paretzky Chair, [ctemt80@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ctemt80@sbcglobal.net) Phillip Heaven, Secretary

