

## MEETING AGENDA and Notice- 11/11/13

CT EMS Volunteer Committee, a Committee of the CT EMS Advisory Board  
September 11, 2013 7:00 PM  
Location: Newtown Municipal Center 3 Primrose Street  
Newtown, CT 06470

### **Agenda:**

Review draft minutes for meeting held on 09/09/2013 Winsted EMS.

Overview of Newtown EMS

**Chair Report: CEMSAB updates**

**Advisory Board:** Review of discussions from September meeting.

**DPH/OEMS:** Review or Report from July meeting.

**Other Advisory Reports (if any)**

**Old Business:** Goals and Objectives for Committee in 2013, progress.

Website Possibility Discussion

**New Business:** Discussion regarding OEMS delays in processing certifications.

NHTSA Report

PSA Task Force reporting

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gavin Forrester at 1905. The minutes of the previous meeting held September 9, 2013 at Winstead were approved on motion by Jay Paretzky second by Kirsten Peterson.

An overview of Newtown volunteer EMS was presented.

Discussion of the committee accomplishments for 2013 included established new goals and accomplished a EMT white paper.

Discussion was held regarding new EMT recertification test being expanded to 160 questions.

The need for subcommittees within this committee was discussed to include a EMT website and PSA.

The chair reported on activities from the advisory board and encouraged everyone to check the department of public health website for updates.

Concerns were raised about the delay of issuing recertification cards for active status personnel due to DPH backlog. The chair indicated he would bring those concerns to the next advisory board meeting.

A review of the PSOB was presented by Red McKeon. Those present were encouraged to go to the Department of Justice website for further information and contact read directly.

No further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM on a motion by Jay Paretzky cited by Steve Dorfman.

Submitted by Gavin Forrester 11/15/13

## MEETING AGENDA and Notice- 09/09/13

CT EMS Volunteer Committee, a Committee of the CT EMS Advisory Board  
September 09, 2013 6:30 PM

Location: Winsted Ambulance Association 655 Main Street Winsted, CT

### **Agenda:**

Review draft minutes for meeting held on 07/08/2013 Lyme EMS. Overview of Winsted Ambulance Service

**Chair Report:** No Report available for summer 2013.

**Advisory Board:** Review of discussions from July meeting.

**DPH/OEMS:** Review or Report from July meeting.

### **Other Advisory Reports (if any)**

**Old business:** Goals and Objectives for Committee in 2013, progress.

Thoughts on gathering new members and expanding interest in the volunteer committee.

Social Media i.e Facebook, is this a direction we should look to move into?

Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board  
Volunteer Committee

September 9, 2013 meeting at Winsted Volunteer Ambulance. *DRAFT MINUTES.*

Attendance: D. Angell, P.Heavin, J. Paretzky, S. Kosciusko, W. Minacci, K. Peterson, A. Stone, M. Bascetta, K. Becker

Called to order @ 18:48 by J. Paretzky. Minutes approved with spelling corrections. Sorry for the misspelling of names.

Advisory board will Wednesday and vote on spinal immobilization and revised equipment lists.

Unanimous votes of support for both items.

Jay was asked about the status of the AEMT and advised the group it would be addressed at the Advisory Board meeting by the OEMS Director.

PSA task force had its first meeting Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Will await report at Adv. Board meeting.

Discussion of NHTSA study and recommendations. No known input from volunteers.

Discussion of long wait time at OEMS for new and recertification cards. OEMS is understaffed and doing the best it can. NHTSA study stated the need for more money for EMS.

Discussion about using social media to get in touch with other volunteers and keep them updated on state happenings. Group seemed to dislike the use of Facebook, but was receptive to the use of a web page.

No discussion of goals and objectives or increasing attendance.

Next meeting to be held at Newtown on November 11, 2013 in the town hall.

Motion to adjourn at 20:00.

Submitted, 9/10, 2013 by Sec. P. Heavin.

## MEETING AGENDA and Notice- 07/08/13

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

July 08, 2013 6:30 PM

Location: Lyme Ambulance Association

213 Hamburg Road (Route 156).

Lyme CT; Lyme Fire Company.

**Agenda:**

Review draft minutes for meeting held on 05/11/2013 Suffield EMS. Overview of Lyme Ambulance Service.

**Chair Report:** Connecticut State EMS Advisory Board.

**Advisory Board:** Review of discussions from May meeting to include AEMT Status.

**DPH/OEMS:** Review or Report from June meeting.

**Old business:** Goals and Objectives for Committee in 2013

**New Business:** Thoughts on gathering new members and expanding interest in the volunteer committee.

## MEETING AGENDA and Notice- 05/13/13

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

January 14 7:00 PM

Location: Suffield Volunteer EMS

205 Bridge Street

Suffield, CT 06078

### **Agenda:**

Review draft minutes for meeting held on 03/11/2013 Derby EMS

**Chair Report:** Connecticut State EMS Advisory Board

**Advisory Board:** Review of discussions from March meeting to include discussion on proposed legislation before the CT General Assembly.

**DPH/OEMS:** Review or Report from April & May meetings.

**Old business:** Goals and Objectives for Committee in 2013

**New Business:** None

Attendance: Gavin Forrester, Phil Heavin, Carl Clement, Skip Kosciusko, Red McKeon, Kevin Brown

Meeting called to order @ 07:06

Committee given a tour of Suffield Ambulance headquarters.

Draft minutes passed with additions and changes.

EMS conference was a success. Attendance at the event was up.

DPH: OEMS is changing wording in regulations to eliminate mention of IV Tech or AEMT. They will attempt to have them ready for a vote before end of current legislative session.

Kevin stated that any new or recert IV courses will be approved by the training department until eliminated.

OEMS website is updated daily.

Review of complaints about EMS-I's is handled by Education and Training.

Legislative bill 6518 is being closely watched should it be changed back to original content or added to a bill.

NTSHA will in the state on July 30 and 31 to study the EMS system.

EMS preparedness is discussing response during inclement weather and amount of drills and triage.

CEMSMAC: Some legislators are still pushing to give their towns the PSA. OEMS believes about five towns are still pushing for it. OEMS works with towns to solve problems between them and providers.

OEMS Director is reviewing regs and making changes to modernize them.

Discussion of spinal immobilization continued. Choosing Protocol template and wording changes are to be finished for the next meeting. Hoping to have the package in the Commissioners hands by June. KED may be taken out of the extrication protocol.

A by-law change for CEMSMAC was passed.

A request for removal of mast trousers from the equipment list passed. OEMS will work thru channels to take them out of the regs without having to go through the legislature.

Discussion of narcan at the bls level was tabled.

There is a group working on statewide guidelines. The state Medical Director working with other state directors to come up with New England guidelines. Both are a work in progress with no date of completion.

EMS brochure is being created by Public Information and Education. Draft has been given to Advisory Board.

Congress is working on changes to PSOB, Red will keep us posted.

Phil Heavin will meet with the Commercial Ambulance providers about joining forces. HB 6518 as originally proposed has brought about concern for our future. We need to join together now more than ever.

Next meeting, July 8 in Lyme. Adjourned @ 20:32

## MEETING AGENDA and Notice- 03/11/13

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

March 11, 2013 6:30 PM

Location: Storm Ambulance, Derby CT

### **Agenda:**

Review draft minutes for meeting held on 01/14/2013 State Police Training Center

**Chair Report:** Meeting Locations for 2013

**Advisory Board:** Review of discussions from February meeting to include discussion on proposed legislation before the CT General Assembly.

**DPH/OEMS:** Review or Report from February meeting.

**Old business:** None

**New Business:** Goals and Objectives for Committee in 2013

## VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MINUTES 3/11/13 (draft)

Meeting held at Storm Engine in Derby. Called to order @06:42.

Attendance: Gavin Forrester, Phil Heavin, Jay Paretsky, Skip Koscisko, Red McKeon, Peter Gruauskas, Kristen Peterson,

Minutes approved with one change.

Hand out explaining Storm Engine Co.

John Quinlavin reappointed chair of the Advisory Board.

Still waiting for the Commissioner to sign off on various changes, including AEMT.

Motion to support a level of service between EMT-B and Paramedic and white paper explaining stand of the Volunteer Committee.

EMS awards on May 20.

EMS conference in Cromwell on May.

Proposed bills effecting EMS were discussed and voted on.

Motion to oppose Bill #6518 due to change in PSA status was unanimous.

Mission statement, goals and objectives created by was unanimous.

Peter Grusaskus explained Bill #6434, and asked all volunteers to oppose it. It will give CONNOSHA, rather than Federal OSHA, the ability to inspect volunteer fire and ambulance groups. Motion carried 10-1.

Adjourn @09:00

Phil Heavin; Sec.

## MEETING AGENDA and Notice

CT EMS Volunteer Committee, a Committee of the CT EMS Advisory Board  
January 14 6:30 PM

Location: CT State Police Academy 285 Preston Drive Meriden, CT

### **Agenda:**

Review draft minutes for meeting held on 11/12/2012 Stratford Volunteer EMS

### **Chair Report:**

**Advisory Board:** Review draft minutes from January meeting

**Pending issues:** tourniquets, 12-Lead pilot program, A-EMT status-all with the Commissioner for review.

### **DPH/OEMS:**

**Old business:** Chair for Volunteer Committee situation

**New Business:** Volunteer Committee meeting schedule for 2013

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

DRAFT Minutes 1/14/2013 Held at the State Police Academy 285 Preston Drive Meriden, CT

**Attendance:** C. Clement, S. Kosciusko, R. McKeon, J. Paretzky, P. Heavin, M. Miraglia, T. Sullivan, G. Forrester, S. Gelati, K. Peterson and E. Phillips

Guests: L. Kosciusko, D. Bailey (OEMS) and K. Brown (OEMS)

**Meeting called to order** at 1833 by Chair Gavin Forrester

Draft minutes for 11/12/2012 at Strafford Volunteer EMS in Strafford were **APPROVED**

**Chair report**

Jay Paretzky reported that Gavin Forrester was appointed Chair of the CT EMS Volunteer Committee.

**Motion:** to recommend Gavin as Chair made- unanimous support

Skip Kosciusko resigned as Vice-Chair.

**Motion:** Skip Kosciusko made a motion to vote for Jay Paretzky to be Vice-Chair of the Committee- unanimous support

Gavin gave the Committee his bio and welcomed all attending.

CT EMS Personnel Report dated 1/11/2013 given out. Discussion about the increase at all levels of personnel. Question presented how can we determine how many on the personnel report are volunteers and currently active. Hopefully this issue will be addressed in the NHTSA evaluations scheduled for sometime in the Spring if funding is available.

A-EMT status discussed since the personnel report shows an increase in the number of A-EMT's in the State. Jay reported that the Commissioner is still reviewing the recommendations of the CT Advisory Board.

**Motion: Skip Kosciusko made the motion to support the current A-EMT level in CT until a study can be completed.**

**Vote: Yes – Gavin Forrester, Phil Heavin, Skip Kosciusko, Skip Gelati, Red McKeon, Kris Peterson, Emerson Phillips, Jay Paretzky and Timothy Sullivan**

**No: Carl Clement** Although Carl supported the concept that we should have a voice and that the AEMT added value to EMS in rural communities, he stated that the committee should draft a white paper with supporting evidence to strengthen the resolution; that the motion as proposed was too general. The Committee proposed this last year and it was rejected by OEMS and EMSAC. Making the same proposal again without supporting evidence was an effort doomed to failure and would weaken the Volunteer Committee's standing with the EMS Advisory Committee.

**Abstain: Mary Miraglia**

The Chair will notify the Advisory Board of this motion.

The Chair indicated that members of the Volunteer Committee can represent us on the other committees of the Advisory Board. We need a rep for the Trauma Committee. If you are interested let the Chair know.

**CT EMS Advisory Board** report:

Gavin did not have the minutes emailed to him from the last Board meeting held January 9 so Jay gave the report.

A review of the highlights from the Board draft minutes:

Bill Schietinger accepted the appointment as Chair for the Emergency Preparedness Committee and is looking for members.

CORC is looking for recommendations for state wide awards to be given out during EMS week in May.

The Legislative committee initiatives for 2013: Tax free gas for ambulances; revise Board membership, EMS responsibilities for patient care, EMS response in hazardous conditions, body armor for EMS personnel,

Ambulance diversion issues, PSOB, background check for initial certification/ licensure and Task Force/ Strike Team reimbursement.

Discussion with David Bailey and the committee on the Legislative initiatives.

**DPH Report:** Jay reported that Ray Barishansky, Director of CT OEMS thanked the entire state EMS system for their actions regarding the Newtown/Sandy Hook tragedy. The Governor has appointed a 14 member Commission to review the event.

Ray also indicated the 12 lead EKG and tourniquets proposals are with the Commissioner. Regulations review is with Legal for comments. The Legislative Committee withdrew its request for a Peer Review Board. David Bailey reported how a review of complains will be handled and will sent us an up date on the procedure. OEMS has an outside consultant to verify the pending corrective actions of the OEMS Director.

Data collection continues with about 10 services still not submitting reports as required.

**Old Business:** Red reported on the PSOB and reminded everyone that you must have a beneficiary form to receive any payment under the PSOB. HB-4310 has passed and provides additional coverage for EMS. Service Chiefs should look up the PSOB or contact Red for information.

Next meeting: March 11, 2013 Location to be announced.

2013 Meeting schedule: May 13, June 10, September 9 and November 11

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

**New business:** Goals and objectives for 2013 carried over from 2012 and additional ones will be added as needed.

Red reported ambulance crashes are the leading cause of on duty deaths for EMS

Meeting adjourned: 2040 Gavin Forrester Chair and Phillip Heaven, Secretary

