

Durham County EMS Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2013

5:30pm

Present-Todd Rogers, David Marsee, Dennis Tingen, David Weatherspoon, Donna Kovalick, Doug Calhoun, Jackie Holmes, Brandon Mitchell, Christy Eubanks, Mark Holland, David Jacobs, Winslow Forbes, Mike Smith, Kevin Underhill, Eric Ossmann, Fred Boisvert, Jerry Sawyer, John O'Donnell, Sara Houston, Amuden Srinivasan, Pres Creery

Call To Order at 5:32pm by David Marsee

Vacancies and Appointments EMS Advisory Council- 2 resignations from advisory council: Henrietta Cook- Durham Regional Hospital and Jeff White- Johnston Ambulance. 2 new appointments- Jerry Sawyer- Bethesda Fire Department and Julie Mercer- Eno Volunteer Fire Department. Both have been sent a welcome letter with by-laws by Mike Smith. Their times have been set up to take their oath and a short class. Their appointments will end in 2016. One individual that needs to be discussed, a consumer, has not been to any meetings in a while. Will need to be discussed later; by-laws state you have to attend at least 50% of the meetings. Question raised regarding Bethesda becoming a county agency, once they do become a county agency, will they still be able to serve as a department on the board. This matter will need to be looked into.

Life Flight Franchise Renewal- Renewal expires 6/30/13, recommend re-franchise by Mike Smith. Second by Brandon Mitchell. Recommendation will go before the board on 6/10/13 for first reading and on 6/24/2013 for the second required reading and final approval.

Safety Committee Report- Survey and needs assessment to line guys regarding concerns with safety issues. Main concerns are cardiac arrests and back issues. PTSD responders and combat medics; making sure there are no triggers when put back on the trucks and on the streets. Want to make sure they are going to be okay before putting them back into working conditions.

CIT Training Update- To date have done over 650 first responders. Class coming up for police on June 4-10. 3 classes coming up on July 30, 31, Aug 1 at DSS. Only 8 persons signed up for an 8 hour session. Can hold up to 30 people. Send Mike Smith an email, needs to know who is interested. Over 400 officers between Sheriff's department and Police department that have been trained in the 40 hour class. Duke Police, Durham Tech police also have had the 40 hour class. Only municipal sworn officers can qualify for the fee waiver and not have to pay. Fire and EMS are not covered if it is listed under a Law Enforcement Class Number.

Announcements- Protocols are in, Tripp has them, should hear back in the future. Changes in credentialing and re-credentialing a person- get individuals re-credentialed as soon as they can before expiration. If a person re-certifies in plenty of time, if they are flagged for a back ground check, they will still be credentialed. CIS may show as expired. If people have to have a back ground check, can take up to 2 weeks for results which may cause credential to lapse. Last meeting for Mike Smith as EMS Director, everyone wishes him well. EMS week next week- May 19-25.

Other Issues- Brandon Mitchell talked with Lt. Campbell of Durham Police Department regarding switching over to ops channels. Remind everyone of time lapse between police and EMS channels, police will get dispatched first, go to ops channel to listen for EMS, but also need to listen to their channel. All need to be aware of transmission over the radio, to each department and each facility, be respectful. EMS does blood draws for police drawn at MO for DWI, drug arrests. Some confusion over whether EMS did blood draws for HIV exposure. They do not do those blood draws; the police officer exposed has to go to the hospital to have the blood drawn due to the types of tubes and how to process the blood. No statutes for EMS to draw for HIV. Law enforcement is not covered under the Ryan White act. Other healthcare workers are covered, if the healthcare worker and police officer is exposed, do not have to notify the police officer of the exposure. Eric Ossmann proposed to meet with occupational health and others regarding exposure issues for police officers.

Next meeting is September 19, 2013.

Motion to adjourn at 6:12 by David Marsee, 2nd by Brandon Mitchell