

Oswego County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

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ATTENDANCE:

Mark Murray, Justin Norfleet Osw City
Dave Martin, V Chair, Oswego Hosp
Jim Jones, Chair, Menter
Penny Shutts, Laura Potter, NOCA
Sue Pierce EMS Coordinator
Greg Potter, Fire Advisory Board
Sandie Hargrave, McFee
Northshore Excused

Meeting was called to order at 1910 hours, by Jim Jones, there were no items for open forum.

Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a list of 2001 meeting dates and locations were distributed.

CHAIRPERSON:

reported his report would be incorporated within the meeting.

COORDINATOR:

Class lists should be out soon, Jim Jones discussed his proposed plan for the I/CC refresher, using a long date to incorporate the pilot program intermixed with the regular refresher to catch both the groups due this year and next. Neither group is very large. He is proposing classes be held once or twice a month depending on the county meeting schedule.

Susan reported on 3 current projects: AHA Rollout, course sponsor agreement, and expanding the AHACTC to include advanced courses at Oswego Hospital. Dave advised us to contact Mary Alice with interest for ACLS/PALS classes currently being held at the hospital, or for information regarding their availability to do classes elsewhere.

Penny asked if notices could be sent to the attention of the training officers and/or Rescue Captain, Sue stated they need to be went to the Chief or DO, but Jim will see that they are placed on the website including applications.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education & Training: The pilot Program was discussed at length, including concerns about ~~awareness of what is included and how it is done.~~ There has been some confusion. We have decided to do a newspaper article as well as a poster that can be placed in local appropriate agencies to heighten awareness. Jim needs information on the Basic and I portions, since the website already has the CC info, Sue will forward this to him. there are some questions regarding Fire Department eligibility & availability. We have decided to invite a representative of NYSDOH to come to EMSAC open forum and help us answer some of our questions.

Communications: Jim reported he has spoken with Bob Hayes re the audit of 10 calls per month. They are hoping to follow pre arrival instructions and just be sure the random review of calls will help our response information. Jim also addressed their attendance at CQI and EMSAC but hasn't received any response yet. Jim also spoke with Jim McMahon, OCL representative to the committee and he has promised to schedule a meeting with the committee ASAP.

EMS portables still require programming changes. One corp has had their radios done but none of the rest have, Jim will speak with Brian at United Radio regarding a schedule.

Oswego Hospital has a new 340 radio courtesy of Niagara Mohawk, and Dave reminded us that we have to hit the tones twice, the first time opens the radio and the second alerts them to the call. 6-8 also has a buzzer on it to help alert the staff to our presence.

Recruitment Retention: Penny reported the results of the survey regarding area corps and paid personnel.

Public Education: no report

Planning: no report

Medical Director: No report

CLINICAL COORDINATOR:

Not present

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FIRE ADVISORY BOARD:

Greg stated that the Pt refusal forms have reached all the agencies and there are some questions; they should be retained with the PCR, and a copy needs to be left with the patient. The request is to begin using these by Feb 1, 2001 but some agencies will be delayed due to training schedules. Menter has a flow sheet to help with the decision for no transports, they may be willing to share the information.

The school bus accident response seems to be better understood at Fire Advisory Board, the big concern seems to be if it is not an area bus (eg, at a sporting event,) and the concern about the principal or transportation director as their designee taking the responsibility for non injured patients, NYSDOH recommends forming a policy with all schools in our district and then drill on it.

Jim J will contact Emergency Management sine they have a mandated meeting with the transportation and supervisory personnel from all schools in the county. Maybe they can help us with cooperation and compliance.

There was no unfinished business since we dealt with the Pilot Program during earlier discussions.

NEW BUSINESS:

MCI: Parish VFD invited Jim to speak regarding the MCI plan training. they were the only department to respond to our letter. Jim recommended that we have 6 sets of paperwork per department, and the folders or portfolios be readily available to trained staff. There is a Power Point Presentation available if anyone would like to borrow it.

The level of the MCI indicates the number of response vehicles sent so be sure to make your crew chiefs and officers aware of this.

RESTOCKING: Most of the Volunteer Ambulances are restocking the Rescue trucks, Menter & Oswego City are not. This is an individual corp choice.

CFR: There has been no further information regarding withdrawing Th funds for CFR training.

There is currently one 800 portable radio at Mercy Flight, this is a trial program.

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EMS BANQUET: Penny brought preliminary forms for EMS nominations and Dave suggested we begin looking for people to fill these categories. We need to get started so the 8/01 deadline doesn't get here without any input from Oswego County. Jim J asked everyone to take this back to their agency directors and have them respond to Penny within one week so these can be sent to all agencies for nomination, including ambulance, fire and hospital.

Jim reported he had an extensive meeting with John Heins and he agrees although there is still huge gap between fire and Ambulance he seems receptive to working on it. He discussed rescue response and role of fire personnel in EMS. Jim and Dave have made themselves available for the next battalion meeting to help with any questions and concerns. They also reiterated the CQI policy and the need to try and work out problems between agencies at the local level.

Question regarding SAVAC's presence at meetings. Sandie will send a letter to them as well as a schedule of upcoming meetings. Current DO is Greg DeBritta.

We have notified Iroquois Healthcare Alliance that effective 6-30-01 we will become our own separate agency. Awaiting further information. Joe Galloway has gone to full time days at Syracuse City Fire Department.

Penny notified us that Guilfoyle is only covering 8AM-8PM in Sandy Creek and is currently not sending a rig down for back up.