

EMSAC MINUTES
3 October 2000

Justin Norfleet	Oswego City	Dave Martin	Oswego Hospital
Penny Shutts	NOCA	Laura Potter	NOCA
Greg Potter	Fire Adv Board	Mark Murray	Oswego City
Susan Pierce	EMS Coordinator	Kathy LaVigne	Northshore
Sandie Hargrave	McFee	Jim Jones	Menter
Sue Edee	SOVAC		

The meeting was called to order at 1919 hours by Dave Martin Vice Chair, no one present for open forum. The minutes were approved for April meeting.

Correspondence was discussed by Jim Jones and passed to members for review, including the 2001 meeting schedule, 911 Newsletter, Jim's letter to the Legislature, Letter to 911 re: radio communications, and Oswego County 911 response, Mutual Aid Agreement, a copy of the slides from Jim's presentation to the Legislature.

Chair report: Jim discussed his presentation to the legislative committee re: the proposal to revamp the EMS structure, are they interested in support or do they prefer to set us a float. There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow (10-4) at 0930 hours.

911 issues: Our questions were not well received, Bob Hayes is drafting another response. We also discussed EMD supervision at 911, and several specific incidents. It has been recommended that we all use the dispatch reporting forms so we can track and respond to these issues.

Standardized radio configuration: all agencies are encouraged to have reprogramming done to standardize county wide use

Jim introduced the restocking changes in store for us after Jan 1 2001. There is a meeting scheduled at Liverpool Fire Station I; 10/10/00 at 1800, there are representatives from Oswego City attending.

Committee reports:

Education & Training: Dave Martin reported that the hospital is pursuing inservices and is interested in corp input regarding topics. Local corps are doing well with inviting other corps for inservices. Os Co Traffic Safety Council is

sponsoring a 4 day class Nov 2,3,4,5, for car seat safety check technicians, the program is all grant funded and applications are available.

Recruitment & Retention: A survey needs to be done for wants and needs of different agencies. The discussion was introduced again regarding sharing personnel for better utilization of paid medics.

Clinical Coordinator's report: Advanced Airway CQI, the survey is complete. There was a small number of participation from the region, but Oswego County did well again. The results were discussed, a new patient refusal form is being written, the reading grade level needs to be adjusted so it is an informed consent for all patients. NYS may adjust the statement on the back of the PCR at a later date.

Fire Advisory Board Report: Greg reported problems with the 911 center, he states there is a draft of 911 policies & procedures that has been sent to the Fire Departments for review. Jim Jones will contact 911 for a copy for our review. John Haines was invited tonight to discuss the school bus policy. Fire chiefs are concerned that the district superintendent will not sign for the uninjured patients. If they don't sign we take everyone and the bus to the hospital. Jim Jones will draft a letter describing our policy & procedure and start the process for school superintendent's in our county.

Unfinished Business: Discussion regarding awards dinner for 2001. Penny will chair the committee and report at the December meeting.

Sue reported that the website has had better cooperation, she is looking for someone in-house at OCHD to keep it updated. Justin will set up a site for EMS.

New Business: The Oswego County MCI plan is not yet in effect, training hasn't started.

The pilot project is started. We need coordination of efforts to make more available for a larger number. This is also now available for CC's.

Radio Modifications: already discussed.

Mutual Aid Agreement: SOVAC is still concerned about the need to replace the old agreement. Jim Jones explained the changes, and will meet with Sue to address her concerns.

Restocking Changes; after 12/31/00, the ER's will no longer restock supplies. SUNY has pulled out and when one goes they all go. It is a result of changes in the Medicare laws regarding charging capabilities for the ER's. There

is concern for the financial burden this will place on ambulance corps, as well as concerns for added out of service time to allow rigs to return to base for restocking. We have been advised to wait for input from Regional Council before we reinvent the wheel, the hospitals will all need to do something uniform.

Next meeting, December 5, 2000 at the Joint News Center, Christmas Party 6:30PM

Respectfully Submitted


Sandie Hargrave, Sect.