

Oswego County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

October 9, 2001

General Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Jim Jones called the meeting to order at 1915 hours. Attendance attached.

There was no present for Open Forum.

Motion to approve the August minutes, MSP.

Correspondence: none at this time but Jim reported that he left the information at OCHD today regarding spring classes.

Chairperson: Jim expressed his thanks to John Hinds and Pat Egan for their assistance in sending crews to NYC, also to the corps who attempted to prepare and send crews. The cooperation from the Fire Coordinators office was great. John will extend his thanks to Kim for all her efforts on our behalf. John is expecting clarification from Albany DOH after the fact, but it did show weaknesses in the availability of our EMS responders.

Coordinator: Judy is learning a lot regarding EMS and extends her thanks to Jim and Mark and everyone else who is helping. The OCHD is trying to push forward with defining the EMS coordinator's position and filling it ASAP. The events of 9-11-01 has brought the issue to the immediate attention now more than ever. Further discussion during new business.

Committees:

Education & Training: EMT original and refresher at NOCA Sat course, Penny Shutts is instructing.
EMT original & Refresher Oswego City starting 10-29-01 Mark Murray is instructing.
Potential course at Northshore
EMT Original & Refresher in Phoenix, Anne Marie Howell is instructing.

NOCA is trying to get an AEMTCC/I Original ASAP. We need a senior instructor, this may be from Onondaga Co. and we will publicize as soon as info is available.

Jim Jones has a CC/I refresher scheduled to start around the first of the year.

Pilot Program training is available in all current classes with the instructors OK. All current instructors welcome Pilot participants at this time.

The Fire Service is willing to include EMS dates on their Fire County Training Schedule we also need a paper schedule. The hope is involving EMS and Fire may help avoid conflicts and make it easier for people to schedule classes.

Mark David and Jim have completed the assessment of need and it should be mailed next week.

The proposed deadline for spring classes is 12-01-01.

Dr. Ianolo is preparing a presentation on Bioterrorism and the Effect on EMS, dates to follow.

Reminder at the Corp level to review BSI Basics, Justin will put together a short bullet presentation for distribution to Fire Departments and Ambulance Corps. Re Chemical and/or biological hazards.

Communication; The committee didn't meet but Jim did meet with Mike Allen re 155.340. The county is open to a proposal from EMS, and Jim is willing to draft a letter for each Corp to sign and then forward to Mike. Motion MSP.

Recruitment & Retention: No meeting but we did receive good press from the Syracuse Newspapers.

Public Education: Not active

Planning: Not active

Nominating: Not active Jim did suggest we attempt to get additional members from our agencies to attend EMSAC.

Clinical Coordinator: Terri Allen could not attend this meeting but she is planning on attending CQI next month.

Fire Advisory Board: Greg reported that the EMS coordinator position was discussed and Jim Jones has been invited to the next meeting to explain the status. Next meeting is scheduled for 10-17-01 at 1930hours at Parish VFD.

A suggestion was made to include EMS personnel in the County Training Committee for Needs. They meet every other month and the next meeting is scheduled for 11-26-01 at Granby Center at 1930 hours. Justin Norfleet will attend and appoint an alternate if necessary. Greg wondered if Fire personnel enrolled in the pilot program are welcome to attend any in-services? It is agreed that in-services are available to all personnel.

Has there been any progress in a countywide Pilot Program? Nothing at this time. Each agency still has to apply to be a Pilot Program Agency.

There is currently a program for radio transmission practices, John reported that he has completed his training as well as the State Fire Instructors and the Battalion Chief's are being scheduled, but ambulance corps have not been included at this time. The plan is to send 5 people per department and then have them go back and train their personnel. The maximum per class will be fifteen people.

Unfinished Business; Final EMS Report Summary has been passed out. Option 4 seems to be the closest to our original presentation of 7/00. Question of where we go from here? This goes to the County Administrator and then we see if there is any action. Jack Tierney will take it to the legislature. This may be the time for some push from EMS agencies especially after elections. We have sentiment on our side now, and it may be time to approach our legislators re action and support. Discussion followed re a list of information so our fact presentation is the same and we are all giving the same information. After discussion Jim Jones agreed to complete a list of points that we will need to get together and discuss and understand so we are prepared to present this to our legislators as information sharing. We questioned involving the press and at what level? We will hold right now.

New Business: Oswego County should have personnel available to handle any EMS issue that arises whether it is operational or administrative. General consensus agrees we need an

operational infrastructure, but how do we go about it? Jim will draft a letter stating we will appoint contacts and then we will get a pager to rotate through interested personnel.

LMA Training needs to be completed before 11-01-01, if anyone is having a problem getting trained let Jim know.

REMAC needs a replacement for Sharon Southwell, any interested parties let EMSAC know. We need to send a letter to all EMS agencies to see if there is any interest, then discuss at the next meeting.

Next meeting Joint News Center 12-11-01 1830 hours.

Christmas Party, Menter Meat Tray
NOCA rolls
Northshore relishes
McFee Salad
SOVAC Dessert
Oswego Fruit

Motion to adjourn, MSP.

Respectfully submitted

Sandie Hargrave, Sect