

**Thomas Jefferson EMS Council, Inc.
Board of Directors – January 11, 2006**

Members Present (per signature sheet at meeting):

D. Burns	W. Archard	D. Bickley	R. Bickley
M. K. Allen	W. Crigler	B. Keene	M. McAllister
B. Meadowcroft	A. Snyder	S. Mullinax	G. Nuckols
W. Thompson	S. White		

Others:

W. Evatt	D. Conrad	T. Johnson	D. Evatt
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Recognition of Guests and Proxies:

Donna Evatt held proxy for Carolyn Bramble.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Donna Burns. Quorum was established and the meeting continued in formal session.

Minutes:

Motion to approve by Garland Nuckols and seconded by Junior Thompson, the minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

Storage cabinets, a new computer for the Training staff and several Task Force expenditures are one time expenses. Madison and Greene have not asked for budgets as yet. On motion by Garland Nuckols and seconded by Bill Keene, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

President's Report:

Amiodarone and Vasopressin will be put in the drug boxes and lidocaine will be removed. Central Shenandoah and TJEMS will work out drug box set up in order to keep multi regional boxes. The Auto-Pulse would cost approximately \$14,000.00 with the bands costing approximately \$100.00 each. Under new AHA guidelines, BLS providers would provide 100 compressions per minute not stopping compressions for breaths. If the patient has been down for more than 4 minutes then do 5 cycles of 30/2 compression/breath ratio before shocking. Stacked shocks will no longer be given and all shocks will charge to 360 so all AED's will need to be reprogrammed. The March Mega Code will cover the introduction of the new drugs to be placed in the drug boxes.

The Task Force Member and Commander training went well. Fifty percent of the email addresses are not current and an effort will be made to update the email list. 25 providers took the class but only 4 people turned in applications. The Miller School will let us host a Survival Weekend in April.

Martha Jefferson and UVa are working with CARS to test the 12 Lead Program. Jim Miller wants to go live with the project on the second Friday in February. The 12 Leads would print to a machine at the HUC station at Martha Jefferson but no station has been designated at UVa. Phillips has donated the \$12,000.00 server to TJEMS and UVa has supplied 2 cellular phones. CARS did not count on the \$19.00 per line monthly charge. The goal of the project is to decrease the door to cath lab time. Eventually patients will

be triaged to the first available cath lab whether at Martha Jefferson or UVa. CARS, WARS, Lake Monticello, Zion Crossroads and Fluvanna have Phillips units. The Heart Center and IT at UVa will maintain the server. Phone service in Greene and other outlying areas is not reliable and may be cause for concern in sending 12 Leads. Some OMD's are training EMT-B providers to obtain and transmit 12 Leads and Dr. Lindbeck has already trained Louisa County providers.

Staff Reports:

Executive Director:

Drug Box Exchange: Mary Kathryn has been working with UVa and Martha Jefferson hospitals on the Drug Box Exchange Project. UVa can't decide how to charge for revenue recovery agencies. UVa has hired an outside law firm to work with Novation for drug supplies.

RSAF Grant: TJEMS has received 80/20 RSAF grants for a color copier and a truck for the Task Force. We will be able to spend up to \$36,000.00 for a 350 Crew Cab, which will be used to tow the Task Force trailer.

RSAF Grants and Regional Awards Banquet: We are busy planning our 2006 Regional EMS Awards Banquet, which will be held in May. March 15th at 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for the awards submissions. A packet has been posted on the TJEMS website so that nomination forms can be downloaded and printed. Reminders and invitations will be sent out later. The banquet will begin at 7:30 p.m. following the May BOD meeting, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. The RSAF grant submission deadline is March 15th at 5:00 p.m. but if anyone wants Mary Kathryn to deliver a grant request to OEMS, it must be turned in to the TJEMS office prior to 9:00 a.m. on March 15th.

Strategic Plan: OEMS has come up with a Strategic Plan for a 5 year period from 2006 through 2010 to be updated annually. Each Regional Council has been asked to devise a Strategic Plan as well. Mary Kathryn and her staff will work on developing specific goals for this plan but Board input would be greatly appreciated.

Training Specialist:

The Scottsville class is completed and 11 students tested in December. Classes will begin soon in Crozet and Madison. The BLS CE topic for January is Medical Scenarios, February and March will cover MCI and April will be Skills Drill.

Program Coordinator:

7 students tested from the Lake Monticello class and several still need to test from the Louisa class. Cookie will teach a class in Madison beginning this month. CATEC will be testing the end of January. Lake Monticello and Mineral have requested classes. There will be a CombiTube class and an EMT-J class held in March. There will be an EVOC class in Louisa on February 18th and 19th.

New Business:

UVa and Martha Jefferson would like squads to turn vehicles off while patient is being delivered to the ED since fumes from the vehicles are entering the buildings and causing problems. This is a complex problem since it is sometimes difficult to restart the diesel engines after they have been turned off and it is not possible to just jump the battery should the ambulance fail to start again

The General Assembly opened today and we will need to lobby hard for the Four-For-Life money.

Closing:

There being no additional business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna S. Evatt
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