



THOMAS JEFFERSON EMS COUNCIL, INC.

Board of Directors Minutes

Zoom Meeting

10 JAN 2024

19:00

In Attendance:

R. John Lye, Lake Monticello Rescue, President

Hal Schaffer, Louisa County Rescue, Vice President

Peter Davidson, Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue, Treasurer

Noah Hillstrom, Madison County EMS

Mike Riddle, Wintergreen Fire & Rescue

Michael Thomas, Charlottesville Fire Department

Jim True, EMS Supervisor for Fluvanna County Dept of Emergency Services

Meade Whitaker, Albemarle County Fire & Rescue

Billy Hamm, Louisa County Fire and EMS

Dustin Dawson, Madison County

John Adkins, Nelson County

Will McLaughlin, Louisa County

Debbie Smith, Fluvanna County

Peppy Winchel, TJEMS, Executive Director

Guests:

Chris V.

Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 19:00

Approval of Minutes – Minutes were approved for September and November

Recognition of Proxy Members and Guest –

- Noah Hillstrom proxy for Courtney Lambert
- Hal Shaffer For Lilly Bramble

Ratify new Director –

- Billy Hamm for Louisa Fire and Rescue,
- Dustin Dawson for Madison County

Announcements – No announcements



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OEMS report – Chris V: Working on trying to get the past invoices paid. Moving forward on some projects starting to do Officer classes again with a slight change of how some of those are being carried out.

Executive Director Report – Peppy Winchel

1. OEMS update
 - a. Funds have been identified both from the Gov and redirecting finds from the General Fund back to OEMS. The Governor is requesting \$12.5M to be allocated to OEMS for the next two years
 - b. RSAF program will still be carried on. At this moment, Spring cycle has not been approved to accept proposals.
 - c. ACE – CE/Initial training
 - i. CE – 2025 recertifications to include Pediatric requirements
 - ii. local requirements for state certification – discussion at TCC, think about priorities for next TJEMS BOD meeting.
2. Programs
 - a. Training
 - i. Autism Classes will continue until August (request through Dusty). After Sept, new funding stream awarded to STAR/TJEMS will provide additional guidance on available classes in TJEMS region. Peppy will be the liaison for UVA and the other councils for classes scheduled in other council regions
 - ii. Mental Health – EMS Training grant discussed with Troy Dillard, LARI, and Region 10 CSB. Peppy suggested the Board to vote so that TJEMS can pursue the grant. It was passed unanimously.
 - b. Pharmacy exchange program status: Status update of EMS/Pharmacy Transition meetings, TJEMS/Dr. Lindbeck plans to help agencies prepare for UVA and SMJH transition from supplying Class 6 after to effect July 1
 - c. Public Forums
 - i. Tabling – if you have/know of a community event, please contact Dara so TJEMS can get a table out for community education.
3. EMS Expos
 - a. SVEMS Expo (CSEMS/TJEMS)- March 14-17. Blue Ridge Community College. Cost is \$35
 - b. TEMS Healthcare Expo – May 14-19. Marriott Chesapeake, VA
 - c. CVEMS March 2-3. Chris Vernovai will be sending out information when he get it.
4. If anyone is interested Peppy can send out information the on Bills that are in being introduced to the State that involve Fire and Rescue.

Treasurers Report - Continues to be to be solid. So far have been able to whether the stress of the OEMS budget difficulties. TJEMS has been able to move savings into a higher end interest rate account that still allows us to pull from it when needed.

Old Business – No old Business

New Business



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Member Reports

John Lye: Lake Monticello Hosting an A class starting in February hosted by VCU through a grant. Wendy Shifflet will be doing that class. Any one interested get in touch with her.

Pete Davidson: CARS Status pretty much the same call level is steady at 250 calls month. CARS Cares program is pressing on. It's a form of community medicine that seems to be working well.

Debbie Smith: Everything going well both agencies have been fairly busy lately.

Mike Riddle: Community Paramedic Program has begun. Schedule changes beginning July first. Still looking for Paramedics. Short 3 paramedics. Hosting a NFA April 27th and 28th If anyone is interested to go to Cornerstone to sign up . Looking to also host a EMS weekend like the NFA will be looking for instructors.

Noah Hillstrom: Busy fully staffed. Madison had their First Community Paramedic Class there are 26 students. Also working with Madison and Orange counties to do a High school EMT class.

Billy Hamm: Louisa Hosting a Super 8 EC day on Jan 20th.

Meade Whitaker: Round of new recruits getting ready to start currently have 38. NBC 29 did a story about the new HART team that is a combination of Social Services, PD and Fire/Emt who are working on calls that involve mental health patients so that the traditional services can take calls they are needed on.

Michal Thomas CFE is making it a priority for new hires this year. CFE is working on a new contract with CARS to continue its partnership with them. Is looking for an EMT class starting soon is anyone know of one.

Jim True: Gave a shout out to Wintergreen, Lake Monticello and Buckingham Counties helping out recently when units went 10-7. There us a ALS 1 up and running and hoping for more.

John Adkins: Pretty steady in Nelson County. Happy for Wintergreen and the community Paramedic that will help Nelson County. The County Board recently voted to have career providers start a 24/72 schedule in hopes of getting more people in. John also asks that when you are talking to your representative please ask them to support the enhanced benefits for dispatchers. Right now it is only for Career EMT's Dispatchers have not been considered First responders in the past the new bill would add dispatchers into that.

Peppy: Melissa is looking to start recruiting those from TJEMS agencies to get involved with the Advisory Board Committees that meet quarterly in Richmond the Day before the Advisory Board does. Look for correspondence from Melissa

Adjournment Meeting was Adjourned at 20:04