THOMAS JEFFERSON EMS COUNCIL, INC.

Board of Directors

In person and Zoom Meeting

May 8, 2024

19:00

In attendance

John Lye, President, Lake Monticello

Pete Davidson, Treasure, CARS

Noah Hillstrom, Madison County EMS

Troy Dillard, Lake Anna Rescue

Melissa Meador, Greene County EMS

Dustin Dobson, Madison County

Debbie Smith, Fluvanna County

Tony Reid, Rockfish VFD

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

John Adkins, Nelson County

Macon Walz, Roseland Rescue

Peppy Winchel, Executive Director

Karen Owens, OEMS

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes – Minutes were approved.

Recognition of Proxy Members and Guests: Karen Owens from the Office of OEMS
Pete Davidson for Hal Schaffer
Curtis Sheets for Mike Riddle
Troy Dillard for Lilly Bramble
Noah Hillstrom for Courtney Lambert
Kris Hawk for Billy Hamm

Announcements – The emergency regulations for the Board of Pharmacy that were sent out these are not set in stone yet. Should be voted on in 10 weeks. If there are any questions about the parts in red and need clarification before ordering is done please let the office know.

EMS Appreciation week if any agency is doing anything please let the office know and they will post it to social media.

Governor's Advisory Board: Melissa is encouraging folks to attend the committee meetings for the Governor's Advisory Board the day before the Board meeting on Thursday. She opened the discussion to talk about why others are unable to come. She encourages everyone to think about attending and get hold of her for more information. She also reported that there were 71 applicants for the OEMS Directors Job and that the offices were going through them now.

Executive Director Report – Peppy Winchel

1. OEMS
    a. Karen Owens: The interim director Rachel Stradlin has been screening the applications. The goal is to move quickly in that hire.

2. RSAF will return in the fall E-portal will open on August 1 and close on September 16th . The amount that is available is still to be determined but RSAF will be opened gain this Fall.
3. EMS Awards will be opened and ready to be voted on by the next meeting. Those who were to get awards at the symposium will instead be receiving them at the Governors Mansion handed out by the Governor
4. EMS Expo had a good turn out over 100 participants. Decision was made to not have classes on Sunday due to a low turnout. The Expo in Charlottesville Main courses will be on Friday and Saturday. With some small classes on Thursday. During the Expo it was brought to the attention of CSEMS and TJEMS that there was sexual misconduct. Both offices have been working together to work with SESCO and the individuals involved to see how they want to move forward. This is the perfect time to remind everyone that when sending folks to training they are representing your agency Professionalism is a priority.
   TEMS held their EXPO May 14-19
5. Programs
    a. Training
        i. Recertification needs for peds requirements 10% is broken down and the requirements is broken out from all the aux classes. Dusty will be sending those requirements out to CE's. Geriatric training for fire fighters will be implemented July 1. Looking at asynchronous possibilities for training. There are some additional geriatric requirements specifically regarding Alzheimer's, Dementia and Delirium.
        ii. Training and recertification committee passed apprenticeships to the workforce development committee. Looking at making the connection between the High school program and the local EMS agency. Details should be worked out over the next 6 months that will identify if apprenticeships could be an opportunity with in Virginia.
        iii. Dusty is working on training specifically looking at the special populations. At current time classes are being held at the office to see what interest the is. Tuesdays one in the morning one in the evening. If any agency is interested in any of the classes please let Dusty or the office know. VILT is still continuing

iv. We have established TJEMS and AHA and a Red Cross. CPR is going hand in hand with some community outreach programs.
v. Working with John Adkins to do a EMT class end of summer or the fall for a class in Southern Nelson County.

b. MH/W
Keeping abreast of the issues when it comes to opioid and substance abuse issues in the region. If we find a need within the community in paramedicine or mobile integrated health. TJEMS can take a more in-depth look at what is needed.
c. Pharmacy: We are establishing an umbrella contract with Visient all 11 councils will be under the same umbrella that the hospitals are under. So as everyone is looking at stocking or establishing logistics for stocking pharmacy programs this is something to look at. As soon as the contract is cleared information will be sent out to everyone. In addition, there is two other umbrella Discounts for us as well. That information will be shared when the medication work group completes its toolkits and providing information about that. The work group is trying to cover every base. It will be on the website.
d. SCOPES: Bret Schneider is doing good things with the SCOPES program. If anyone is looking at a potential community paramedic program contact either Bret at UVA or Peppy to be incorporated in their forum
e. Safety and health EMS safety personnel is being drafted and will fall into the EMS officer training as well. There will be some additional education options for personnel.
f. Currently looking for website and app developers. Website IT is not being updated. In updated protocols not everyone uses the same as TJEMS. Looking for an app developer that help integrate all the means necessary.
g. Infection Control Decedent blood kits should be arriving at TJEMS over the next few weeks. If needed contact the office. Outside of office hours Peppy or John Lye. Currently working with Dr. Lindbeck to identify those who should be trained the current DICO of the agency should be the one trained.

Treasurers Report – Discussion about the budget for next year and what has been a challenge to make sure have everything covered since the office of OEMS has taken away some extras that have paid for in the past. There were no questions about the budget. Melissa made the motion to accept the budget. Noah seconded. Vote were unanimous to accept the budget.

Old Business – Annual Elections Pete Davidson for treasurer and Noah Hillstrom for Secretary. Both were voted in unanimously

New Business – Discussion on where the council is going. Pros and cons about the office becoming hybrid**.** Pete gave his observations from his meetings with Fitch. Curtis gave his perceptive on what he has seen due to the fact that Wintergreen is in between CSEMS and TJEMS. Karen gave her perspective on what a hybrid off looks like.

Board of Pharmacy: The Board of Pharmacy has opened the opportunity for EMS councils to serve in the pharmacy operations as a hub or what ever is decided on. Dr. Lindbeck is on board for the council to regain their CSRC if there is a need.

Agency updates:
Pete: CARS is working on some water rescue training and ramping up squad operations training. Provided support for UVA over the weekend

Troy: Louisa county Chris Lee has been promoted to Assistant Chief in Louisa county. The volunteer systems in Louisa county will fall under the County for the Pharmacy exchanges.

Noah: Fully staffed the. Community paramedicine has taken off. Working though the DEA license and Madison has it's CSRC

Cutis: Nelson EMS group is transition to a 24/7 schedule on July 1 having to create a 4th shift. Working through the logistics.

Melissa: Fleet has been having problems. 4 units that were inherited from the rescue squad. Thanks Madison, Orange and Louisa county for coming to the rescue over the last couple months. One new ambulance waiting to get radio installed. 3 on order but still two years out from getting those here. Volunteer fire departments Dyke has just started the process to become a first responder agency. Hopefully with the budget will be able to hire 2or 3 new people will help to put units on 24/7. In house target is for the pharmacy to up and running by July 1.

Jim: Plane crash in Fluvanna County this weekend. Looking to add a peal load unit based out of the Kent Store Station which will run 8 to 8 as an ALS unit starting July 1. Have gotten Board of Pharmacy DEA license and of right now fully staffed.

John A.: New Dispatch and communications paradigm that Nelson is shifting to as they work with Wintergreen. Trying to recruit and retain volunteers.

John L. : The Lake is finishing up the A class most will be make it through. With the plane crash all the alphabet soup was in Fluvanna county. Still an ongoing investigation but unfortunately no survivors.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 20:20