

District 9 Meeting

March 29, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Scott Cooney at 1907.

Present: *Hartford (William Lewis, S.Cooney), Norwich (Matt Herbert), Plymouth (Sue Poirier), Reading (D. Scollin),Strafford (Elizabeth Preston),Thetford (M. Whitcomb), Upper Valley (Clay Odell), W. Fairlee Vol. FD (Cory Austin), W. Windsor FD (A. Tufts), Medical Advisor (T. Trimarco)*

- The main purpose of the meeting was to elect the 2015 District 9 Officers. The slate of officers for the coming year are as follows:
 - District Chair: Scott Cooney
 - Vice Chair: Leanne Hatch
 - District Training Coordinator: Mariah Whitcomb
 - Treasurer: Alan Beebe
 - Secretary: Sue Poirier
- Willie Lewis was recognized and thanked very much for his years as serving as the District 9 treasurer. Alan will work with Willie to transition into the treasurer's position over the next few months.

Treasurer's report –

- Checking account: After the CDs matured that money was added to the District checking account. There is a very small discrepancy in our favor between the balance that Willie has and what the bank recorded. Total in checking: \$16,812.85
- Two checks are outstanding/not cashed: Chris Yaeger and Natasha Barnes (?).
- **Action:** Mariah will check with Leanne H. about Chris's check
- District 9 received the training grant from the State for year 1 (Total \$9,000)
- The treasurer's report was accepted.

Training –

- An EMT class was requested to be conducted this spring/summer. Projected start date: 5/12.
 - **Cost:** Past classes have cost \$450. This fee has not increased in many years. Because the price of the books have increased there was a proposal to increase the cost of the course by \$50 to \$500. **Passed.**
- ALS PEPP class: It would be a challenge to run an ALS PEPP class for 4/18-19. We can either run a BLS PEPP or wait to run the ALS level (which would cost the District).
 - There was a suggestion to email the squads a flyer promoting and educating members as to what the curriculum of the PEPP course is to get more interest in taking the course. We will delay holding a course until the Fall.

- **District exam schedule:** Currently District 9 is scheduled to hold/run State practical exams in December. The State is polling the districts to determine whether any district wants to change their dates. *All were in favor of keeping our December exam date.*
 - The District has requested one off cycle practical exam to cover the Riverbend program. Riverbend will be combined with another high school. This may only affect the District by potentially giving up one off-cycle exam request.
- **Instructor reminders:** Anyone making more than \$600 must fill out a 1099 for and forward it to the district. Mariah will distribute these forms to guest instructors in her course. All ICs holding courses will need to forward these on to instructors and then to the treasurer.
- **Protocol Changes:** Protocol changes will be posted on the State EMS website in May and, similar to the last set of protocol changes there will be a 2-3 month roll out/transition.
- **Fire Standby Responsibilities:** Upper Valley is looking for input regarding fire standby responsibilities. Both Thetford and Hartford have policies and there is guidance document issued by the State, all of which will be shared.
- **MCI Event:** There is interest in hosting a will be a District level MCI training event. Scott noted this is one things the district should be doing for our agencies. Mariah noted that she has been working with agencies near Thetford to hold an MCI training related to a school bus crash. Butler Bus is also participating in the training. The dates have not yet been set, but Mariah will let Scott know when details are in place. Scott noted we need to think about other opportunities for this type of training.
- **Training Calendar:** If your squad would like to include any training sessions on the District 9 training calendar, email the specifics to Mariah.

Old Business:

- **SIREN Update:** The time line for the updates and new platform has been pushed back to sometime in the fall.

Medical Advisor Report:

- A **Controlled Substance Agreement** between the hospital and the VT squads is being worked on.
- **Medical Resource Hospital Agreement** – VT statutes have been added as well as EMT-P credentialing ‘issues’ added. *This will be circulated for signature this month. Please also include squad rosters.*
- **EMS Coordination** – review of transporting agency calls is going well. The goal is to review & give feedback to the transporting agencies 1/mo. Targeting to do non transporting agency review 2x/yr. There is a challenge doing this because the SIREN is not used by the non transporting agencies.
- **Ebola:** The head of a transporting agency will be notified if an Ebola patient goes back into the community. Goal is to limit/eliminate contact with the patient by Fast Squads.
- Continuing Education: Close to streaming live for the CE from Dartmouth. A website will be set up to help facilitate this.
- A head of service **leadership meeting** will take place the end of April. (3rd Thursday).
- Note: Make sure your agency has an **infection control/exposure policy**.
- NH has a **bariatric grant program**. There was discussion about the possibility of tapping in to this at the mutual aid level. Perhaps agencies could outfit an ambulance with adaptors so the bariatric equipment could be used on a mutual aid call.

The next meeting will be June 29th.

The meeting closed at 1959.

Respectfully submitted
Sue Poirier
District 9 Secretary