



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
EMS COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
October 24, 2016  
SHELTON CITY HALL / 7:00 p.m. / Room 104**

Commissioners Present:  
Chairman Noreen McGorty  
Beth Tiberio, Commissioner  
Karen Minopoli, Commissioner

**1. Convene**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McGorty at 7:09 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Public Portion**

Chairman McGorty offered an opportunity for the public to speak. There being no one, the public portion was closed.

**4. Approval of Minutes from July 18, 2016 MEETING**

Commissioner Minopoli made a motion to approve the July 18, 2016 EMS Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Tiberio seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

**5. Correspondence**

There being no correspondence this portion of the meeting was closed.

**6. UPDATE from EHAC**

It was noted that the report from EHAC was received that morning. The panel took a moment to review the report. It was also noted that the percentage of covered calls seem to be down. Chairman McGorty will contact EHAC for additional information regarding the decrease in covered calls.

There being no additional questions or comments, this portion of the meeting was closed. A copy of the report is below.

## October 2016 EMS Commission Report

Report submitted by: **Michael Chaffee, Chief**  
**Echo Hose Ambulance Corps**

### Snapshot of 2015

|                    | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total      |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Total calls        | 421 | 335 | 432 | 406 | 419 | 376  | 435  | 381 | 399  | 383 | 387 | 412 | 4786       |
| EHAC<br>Covered    | 403 | 319 | 407 | 393 | 390 | 351  | 415  | 362 | 371  | 352 | 359 | 398 | 4520       |
| Percent<br>covered | 96% | 95% | 94% | 97% | 93% | 93%  | 95%  | 95% | 93%  | 92% | 93% | 97% | <b>94%</b> |

### Snapshot of 2016

|                    | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total      |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Total calls        | 400 | 375 | 397 | 389 | 438 | 404  | 390  | 391 | 364  |     |     |     | 3548       |
| EHAC<br>Covered    | 369 | 356 | 373 | 364 | 419 | 390  | 370  | 371 | 343  |     |     |     | 3355       |
| Percent<br>covered | 92% | 95% | 94% | 94% | 96% | 97%  | 95%  | 95% | 94%  |     |     |     | <b>95%</b> |

### New Members in Training

We have 16 members in our Precepting Program. We have received 2 new member applications in the last month. 3 Members were cleared for active duty in the last month.

### Training

The EHAC Community Training Center offers State EMT Testing twice a month and is running efficiently. EHAC holds bi-monthly EMT refreshers and an annual Paramedic Refresher that is well attended by our members and other responders from around the region and State. We also continue to offer Community Access CPR/AED training on request. Our list of classes and CME's can be found on our training website. [Http://www.echohose.com](http://www.echohose.com)

The Training Center will be offering the TECC LFR course on November 5<sup>th</sup> and it is open to all responder levels and disciplines. This is a one day class that will prepare the responder for MCI and all hazards trauma care. Registration is done through our Training Center website.

Community Access to Narcan program has been going well new dates are pending when the region gets more kits to distribute.

Our Fall EMT class is in progress and the attendance level is high. It is being held Tuesday and Thursday nights. The winter course will be listed soon and is tentative to begin in January.

There are currently 6 members in our Driver Training program. 2 members were cleared for driving in the last month.

### **Membership**

Haunted Hayride at Fairview Tree Farm on 10/23. It was scary.

EHAC current active roster: 118

### **Vehicles**

All units are in service.

### **Equipment Update**

All Equipment is in service.

### **Operations**

There has been an increased occurrence of opiate overdose in our region and in our town. We are working diligently to increase community access to the lifesaving medicine Narcan. The CT DPH has mandated all ambulances carry this medicine as of October 10<sup>th</sup>. We have had them on our units for several months now. We are now advocating for more awareness and access to Narcan for those that want it in our community.

EHAC crews have responded to several fire rehab requests here in Shelton and mutual aid calls into our neighboring communities.

EHAC on duty crews and First Responders are on hand 24/7/365 with no first calls going to mutual aid services. EHAC's Paramedics are assisting on calls and mutual aid responses when needed.

### **Community Outreach Team**

Events for 2016 include:

Shelton Day October - Booth and medical standby unit on site. "Files of Life" were distributed to adults along with coloring books and stickers for the children present.

The local Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops held their "Emergency Preparedness Weekend" in Goshen, CT this past weekend. Echo Hose Ambulance along with several other emergency disciplines were on site (FD, PD, Haz Mat, Dive Teams, etc.) to teach the Scouts about Emergency preparedness and what EHAC does for the community. We also had a team from our Training Center on site to teach the Scouts CPR/AED. Over 225 Scouts and leaders learned this life saving skill and will receive certificates. Most of the Scouts on site were from the Valley towns.

Halloween Trick or Trunk October 31<sup>st</sup> scheduled at the Shelton Intermediate School.

Pictures with Santa & Team Toys for Kids early December – Team recently awarded the “Volunteer of the Year” award to the Meet Santa Committee which included Echo Hose Ambulance, John Harwood from Team, and the Huntington Fire Company #3. All received plaques and citations from Senators Blumenthal, Delauro and Murphy.

We have several additional events the CORT team is working on. Some of these include:

Special Olympics – Winter Games soon, many of our members are on the safety squads for the games each year. EHAC provides a gator team and staff for logistical support.

Senior Safety Fair TBA

Food Drive for the Valley Food Bank (Fall)

Coat drive (Fall)

Red Cross Blood Drive (TBA)

Boys & Girl Scout touch a truck and CPR/First Aid (Ongoing throughout the year)

## **MRC**

The Medical Reserve Corps is a statewide program that Echo Hose Ambulance and the Naugatuck Valley Health District has partnered together to establish for this area. The MRC prepares members of our team to help in the time of disaster. The MRC would help staff and coordinate mass dispensing of medications, vaccinations, sheltering and rehabilitation of residents and emergency workers in the Naugatuck Valley. Those members of the community who are interested in joining the MRC can visit [www.echohose.com](http://www.echohose.com) to fill out an application.

## **7. UPDATE From VEMS**

Chairman McGorty pointed out the current VEMS report Shelton has a balance due. The bill is in house and will be voted on later in this meeting.

It was again noted that Jason is still running VEMS and is now a part time position. They hired a full time operations manager and an accountant.

Chairman McGorty then referred to the Municipal Balance showing a balance as we have not yet received the bill.

It was also noted that their dispatch volume is great as they are covering around 99% of the calls.

The committee took a moment to review the report.

There being no additional questions or comments, this portion of the meeting was closed. A copy of the report is below.

**REPORT TO THE SHELTON EMS COMMISSION  
October 21, 2016**

**SHELTON: VEMS Responses**

|             | <u>Apr 2016</u> | <u>May 2016</u> | <u>June 2016</u> | <u>July 2016</u> | <u>Aug 2016</u> | <u>Sept 2016</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Total Resp. | 186             | 224             | 172              | 198              | 175             | 192              |
| Response %  | 99%             | 97.5%           | 99.5%            | 100%             | 98.35           | 99%              |

**VEMS: Municipal**

|         | <b>Cost</b> | <b>Town Budgeted</b> | <b>Paid</b> | <b>Balance</b> |
|---------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Ansonia | \$31,827    | \$31,827             | \$31,827    | \$0            |
| Derby   | \$31,827    | \$0                  | \$0         | \$272,727      |
| Oxford  | \$31,827    | \$31,827             | \$31,827    | \$0            |
| Seymour | \$31,827    | \$31,827             | \$31,827    | \$0            |
| Shelton | \$31,827    | \$31,827             | \$10,503    | \$21,324       |

The VEMS/Derby Lawsuit is continuing to move forward. Settlement may be imminent.

**VEMS: Operations**

Staffing levels are optimal and overtime needs are well within acceptable standards.

One new vehicle was placed in service in June.

VEMS total dispatch volume is down by 20% as a result of new EMD procedures out of Northwest Public Safety. This is not necessarily a bad thing, though we do need to evaluate whether certain types of patients are not receiving a paramedic because a paramedic is not being dispatched under the new protocols. It should be noted that trip counts are down by an even greater percentage in Shelton because the EMD procedures utilized by Southwest Public Safety are more limited than Northwest.

**8. Update on CMED**

Chairman McGorty referred the commission to the call report from CMED. She suggested the members take a look if they had any questions to let her or Mike Maglione know. There being no questions at this time, this portion of the meeting was closed.

**9. Approval of Payment Bills**

**Commissioner Tiberio made a motion to pay the VEMS Invoice in the amount of \$21,324.09. Seconded by Commissioner Minopoli. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.**

#### **10. Report of Chairman**

Chairman McGorty had no additional reports. There being none this portion of the meeting was closed

#### **11. Report of Commissioners**

There were no additional reports or comments from the Commissioners. There being none this portion of the meeting was closed.

#### **12. Adjournment**

**Commissioner Minopoli made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Tiberio seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; motion passed.**

**Chairman McGorty adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Terri Gannon/Clerk  
1 tape on file in Town Clerk's office.**