



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EMS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2018
SHELTON CITY HALL / 7:00 p.m. / Room 104**

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

1. Convene

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McGorty at 7:01 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 January 29, 2018 MEETING

Commissioner Tiberio made a motion to approve the January 29, 2018 EMS Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Minopoli 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. Approval of Meeting date for 2019

Chairman McGorty presented a meeting schedule for 2019. The committee will meet quarterly. The Commissioners took a moment to review the schedule. Commissioner Tiberio made a motion to approve the 2019 Meeting Dates. Commissioner Minopoli seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.
The copy of the approved meeting dates is attached.

2019 Meeting Schedule for Shelton EMS Commission

Date:	Time:	Meeting Place:
January 28, 2019	7:00 PM	Shelton City Hall, Room #104
April 15, 2019	7:00 PM	Shelton City Hall, Room #104
July 15, 2019	7:00 PM	Shelton City Hall, Room #104
October 21, 2019	7:00 PM	Shelton City Hall, Room #104

7. UPDATE from EHAC

The members took a moment to read the report submitted by EHAC.

There being additional questions or comments about the report, this portion of the meeting was closed. A copy of the report is below.

September 2018 EMS Report

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

2017

2017	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Days													
Total calls	436	369	393	366	395	367	391	358	391	371	443	387	4667
EHAC Covered	406	344	372	350	370	343	381	349	381	357	420	365	4438
Percent covered	93%	93%	95%	96%	94%	94%	97%	98%	97%	96%	95%	94%	95%

2018

2018	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	23				
Total calls	473	403	407	411	432	414	424	453	318				3735
EHAC Covered	443	384	392	392	417	405	404	437	305				3579
Percent covered	94%	95%	96%	95%	97%	98%	95%	96%	96%				96%

New Members in Training

We have 21 members in our Precepting Program. Our precepting team is working hard and providing exceptional training to our newest members.

Training

In September, Echo Hose Ambulance members attended a All-Terrain Vehicle course in Easton with a number of other EMS agencies from the local area. Members learned how to safely operate the all-terrain Gator that is used for emergencies in the woods and remote areas.

Our next EMT course begins on November 11, 2018. For upcoming class details, please visit our web site [Http://www.echohose.com](http://www.echohose.com)

Our next EMR class begins on October 6, 2018. For upcoming class details, please visit our web site [Http://www.echohose.com](http://www.echohose.com)

The EHAC Community Training Center offers State EMT Testing twice a month and is running efficiently.

EHAC holds bi-monthly EMT refreshers and the training center.

We also continue to offer Community Access CPR/AED training on request.

Community Access to Narcan program has been ongoing. We are working with our community partners to schedule more public access events for the upcoming year.

Our list of classes and registration information can be found on our training website.
[Http://www.echohose.com](http://www.echohose.com)

Equipment Update

All equipment and vehicles are in service.

Operations

We recently added a dedicated 3rd ambulance on duty each weekday 0900-1700 to assist with the surge we often see during the weekdays. This additional resource is helping to cover the high demand of calls the service responds to during business hours.

Echo Hose Ambulance has placed a duty ambulance on standby in the area of Bridgeport Ave and Old Stratford Road weekdays from 9a-6pm. This car was strategically placed to be available to respond to areas where we are seeing consistent high call volume.

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.

We have seen a 10% increase in call volume when comparing the last 10 months to the same time frame in 2017.

Community Outreach

The fall has been very busy with community events and we have already provided coverage to ten standby events in town. These events include Shelton Pop Warner, Shelton High Football, and the Scinto Carnival.

Our crews provided ambulance, bike team and all-terrain vehicle standby coverage for the Sunset Warrior Road Race that took place at the end of August.

Members of Echo Hose Ambulance worked with the Valley United Way to help fill the shelves of the local food banks. To help collect donations to help with the annual Harvest House, Echo Hose Ambulance collected food donations at Shoprite of Shelton. Thousands of dollars-worth of food was

collected on Sunday September 16th and delivered to the Harvest House located on the River Walk. The United Way donates the food to all local valley food pantries.

Training

This past month, Echo Hose Ambulance provided a free CPR class to 9 members of the Senior Center.

Echo Hose Ambulance hosted a free program for Healthcare and Public Safety Professionals dealing with Veterans in Crisis. The training was delivered by the West Haven VA Hospital.

The MRC used the Echo Hose Ambulance facility and training members of the team in Psychological First Aid and Emergencies. This training continues to be offered to MRC members to better prepare these responders who may be called to assist emergency services during a large scale incident.

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 to fill out an application.

Echo Hose Ambulance has launched a new website. Please visit www.echohoseambulance.org

8. UPDATE From VEMS

The Committee took a moment to read the report submitted by VEMS. There being no additional questions or a comment, this portion of the meeting was closed. A copy of the report is below.



VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

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REPORT TO THE SHELTON EMS COMMISSION September 24, 2018

SHELTON: VEMS Responses

	<u>Jan 2017</u>	<u>Feb 2017</u>	<u>Mar 17</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 2017</u>
Total Resp.	221	187	199	172	201	187
Response %	97.7%	96%	99.5%	97.7%	98%	98.5%
	<u>July 2017</u>	<u>Aug 2017</u>	<u>Sept 2017</u>	<u>Oct 2017</u>	<u>Nov 2017</u>	<u>Dec 2017</u>
Total Resp.	209	181	176	171	186	203
Response %	99.1%	98.9%	98.9%	98.2%	97.0%	99.1%
	<u>Jan 2018</u>	<u>Feb 2018</u>	<u>Mar 2018</u>	<u>Apr 2018</u>	<u>May 2018</u>	<u>June 2016</u>
Total Resp.	234	212	208	210	196	193
Response %	99.1%	100%	98.6%	98.1%	98.5%	98.5%
	<u>July 2018</u>	<u>Aug 2018</u>				
Total Resp.	203	208				
Response %	98.5%	99%				

VEMS: Municipal

	Cost	Town Budgeted	Paid	Balance
Ansonia	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$0
Derby	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$0
Oxford	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$0
Seymour	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$0
Shelton	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$0	\$32,000

VEMS: Operations

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

Vehicles are operational with no issues identified.

9. Update on CMED

Chairman McGorty referred the commission to the call report from CMED. The commissioners took a few minutes to review the report. There being no questions on the report this portion of the meeting was closed.

10. Approval of Payment Bills

There is one invoice to pay. The first invoice is for VEMS for Paramedic Service Operations for Shelton Fiscal Year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$32,000.00

Commissioner Tiberio made a motion to pay the VEMS Invoice in the amount of \$32,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Minopoli. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

11. Report of Chairman

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

12. Report of Commissioners

There were no additional reports or comments.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Tiberio made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Minopoli seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous; motion passed.

Chairman McGorty adjourned the meeting at 7:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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