



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EMS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2019
SHELTON CITY HALL / 7:00 p.m. / Room 104**

Commissioners Present:
Chairman Noreen McGorty
Karen Minopoli, Commissioner
Nancy Minotti, Commissioner

1. Convene

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McGorty at 7:13 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, 2019 MEETING

Commissioner Minotti made a motion to approve the January 29, 2019 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. UPDATE from EHAC

Chairman McGorty announced to the committee that Echo Hose Ambulance Corp is the 2019 State of Connecticut Governor's Award recipient.

The group then referred the report submitted by EHAC and took a moment to review.

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

July 2019
EMS Report

Echo Hose Ambulance Corps is proud to announce that we were awarded the 2019 State of Connecticut Governor's Award.

2019

2019	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Days	31	28	31	30	31	30							31
Total calls	437	395	464	418	460	414							2588
EHAC Covered	421	381	339	415	447	405							2408
Percent covered	96%	97%	99%	99%	97%	98%							98%

2018

2018	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	9	
Total calls	473	403	407	411	432	414	424	453	406	392	429	446	5090
EHAC Covered	443	384	392	392	417	405	404	437	391	380	406	431	4882
Percent covered	94%	95%	96%	95%	97%	98%	95%	96%	96%	97%	95%	97%	96%

New Members in Training

We have 12 members in our Precepting Program. Our precepting team is working hard and providing exceptional training to our newest members.

Training

Echo Hose Ambulance is working with the State of Connecticut Homeland Security Department to offer additional free programming to First Responders and for members of the community. We have just scheduled 10 free courses taking place between September 2019- January 2020 at the Training Center.

For a list of these great classes please visit www.echohose.com
We currently have four new EMT classes starting in the next 30-60 days

Our free community CPR, Bleeding Control and Narcan classes will resume in the fall.

Our next EMT course(s) begin on July 29, 2019. For upcoming class details, please visit our web site [Http://www.echohose.com](http://www.echohose.com)
EMT Refreshers are being offered monthly at the training center. The EHAC Community Training Center offers State EMT Testing twice a month.

Equipment Update

All vehicles and equipment is 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. This ambulance is posted in the area of Bridgeport Avenue and Old Stratford road and is available to help cover the large number of calls that take place on the southern part of the city.

Community Outreach/Training

The Echo Hose Ambulance Board of Directors presented scholarships to two 2019 graduating seniors from Shelton High School. The two seniors were both awarded \$500 cash scholarships.

In addition to helping support the continuing education of our graduating seniors, we also have started a new program with the Shelton Fire Department. At the discretion of the Fire Chief, two selected Shelton Firefighters will be given the opportunity to take the EMT program for each EMT class that we offer. In addition, all Military, First Responders and their immediate family members will now receive a 15% discount for all initial EMT classes that are offered at Echo Hose Ambulance.

Echo Hose Ambulance enjoyed a recent visit from the first grade classes from Long Hill School. The students learned about EMS and toured our facility. Before leaving the students had an opportunity to enjoy some popsicles with our crews outside on the lawn of headquarters.

On June 27th crews attended and assisted with the Naugatuck Valley Health District Point of Distribution exercise. Crews assisted by filling the roles of triage teams and medical standby coverage.

Echo Hose Ambulance was able to provide ambulance standby coverage for the 2019 SHS Graduation, the Celebrate Shelton June event, the Birchbank Fireworks, the City of Shelton Fireworks. We are extremely grateful and appreciate all our volunteers who helped provide medical coverage for these local city events. Our volunteers staffed 5 ambulances, our Gator, 3 bikes, two treatment stations and our special operations Rehab truck at the Shelton Fireworks. Over 20 volunteers spent the evening providing medical coverage for the annual City event.

The Echo Hose Ambulance Training Center hosted the Shelton Fire Department Firefighter 1 class and is excited to continue to work with the Fire Department and share space with the Firefighter 2 class planned in September. The training center has been able to provide free training and meeting space for over 30 City and not-for profit organizations over the last 9 months. Echo Hose Ambulance coordinates and manages the space that is offered to so many great community organizations to assist them in running their programs.

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

7. UPDATE From VEMS

Chairman McGorty asked the committee to refer to the VEMS report. Chairman

Chairman McGorty pointed out we currently have an outstanding balance with VEMS of 32,000.00. The committee will be voting to pay invoice later in this meeting. A copy of each report is below.



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REPORT TO THE SHELTON EMS COMMISSION

July 9, 2019

SHELTON: VEMS Responses

	<u>Jan 2018</u>	<u>Feb 2018</u>	<u>Mar 2018</u>	<u>Apr 2018</u>	<u>May 2018</u>	<u>June 2018</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>	<u>Sept 2018</u>	<u>Oct 2018</u>	<u>Nov 2018</u>	<u>Dec 2018</u>
Total Resp.	203	208	176	179	200	192
Response %	98.5%	99%	98.3%	98.4%	97.5%	98.5%

	<u>Jan 2019</u>	<u>Feb 2019</u>	<u>Mar 2019</u>	<u>Apr 2019</u>	<u>May 2019</u>	<u>June 2019</u>
Total Resp.	229	186	229	205	209	192
Response %	98%	99%	99%	99.5%	98%	99%

VEMS: Municipal 2019

	Cost	Town Budgeted	Paid	Balance
Ansonia	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$0	\$32,000
Derby	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$0	\$32,000
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.

8. Update on CMED

Chairman McGorty referred the commission to the call report from CMED. Commissioners noted the high number of Drug Overdoses.

There being no questions on the report this portion of the meeting was closed.

9. Approval of Payment Bills

There were two bills to pay.

- 1) The first invoice is for VEMS Emergency Medical Services for Shelton Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$32,000.00
Commissioner Minopoli made a motion to pay the VEMS invoice in the amount of \$32,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Minotti. A voice vote was taken; passed unanimously.

- 2) The second invoice is for Southwestern Regional Communications Center for coordination and hospital patching in the amount of \$94,738.00
Commissioner Minotti made a motion to pay the SCMED invoice in the amount of \$94,738.00. Seconded by Commissioner Minopoli. A voice vote was taken; passed unanimously.

10. Report of Chairman

Chairman McGorty advised she 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.

12. Adjournment

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

Chairman McGorty adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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