



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
EMS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 21, 2019  
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 7:05 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 15, 2019 MEETING**

Commissioner Tiberio made a motion to approve the July 15, 2019 EMS Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Minopoli seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

**5. Correspondence**

Chairman McGorty advised the committee we have two letters of correspondence:

- A) Budget Worksheet. Chairman McGorty noted CMED and VEMS have been paid 50% of amount due but commission approved 100%.
- B) Notice of schedule meeting dates for 2020. Chairman McGorty read the letter to the committee and advised the group we would be voting on 2020 meeting dates later in this meeting.

## **6. UPDATE from EHAC**

Chairman McGorty referred committee the report submitted by EHAC. The committee took a few minutes to review the report. There being no additional questions or comments about the report, this portion of the meeting was closed. A copy of the report is below.

August 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	27					31
Total calls	437	395	464	418	460	414	437	355					3380
EHAC Covered	421	381	339	415	447	405	419	342					3169
Percent covered	96%	97%	99%	99%	97%	98%	96%	96%					97%

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	509
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 10 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 11 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](http://www.echohose.com)

We currently have three new EMT classes starting September 7, 2019. One of the classes will be offered on the Fairfield University Campus.

Our fall free community CPR, Bleeding Control and Narcan classes are scheduled and registration for any of our upcoming classes can be found at [www.echohose.com](http://www.echohose.com)

We just completed three EMT classes as of August 23, 2019. Over 40 students from three classes completed their training and have stated their certification testing process.

EMT Refreshers are being offered monthly at the training center.

The EHAC Community Training Center offers State EMT Testing twice a month.

### **Equipment Update**

2V15 is OOS for repair.

One of our stretchers was damaged when a community layperson was trying to move the piece of equipment while EMS crews were away from their gear, on a boat, rescuing an injured person on the River. While the "Good Samaritan" was moving the stretcher by themselves over rocky terrain to bring it closer to shore, it is believed the leg of the stretcher frame cracked due to the dragging of the equipment over the rough terrain. The damage was in excess of \$4,000. The service is working on repairing and/or replacing the stretcher. A new stretcher costs upwards of \$18- \$20,000.

### **Operations**

With the help of many volunteers this summer, our organization has been able to staff additional ambulances round the clock to be available to respond to emergencies across the city, staff community events with ambulances for medical Standby's and assist with many community events. We thank all of them for their hard work and dedication to our organization and our community.

### **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 was able to provide ambulance standby coverage for the 2019 Historical Society Community Picnic and the Shelton River Fest. In addition, crews spent Friday evening at the Riverwalk participating in the Shelton Sound events throughout the summer. Echo Hose Ambulance also provided multiple ambulances, bicycles and the Gator to provide medical standby coverage at the recent Warrior Road Race.

Echo Hose Ambulance is working with the Shelton Fire Department to add additional resources and provide ambulance standby coverage for the upcoming State Fire Fighter Convention taking place the weekend of September 13, 2019 in the City of Shelton.

The Echo Hose Ambulance Training Center will be hosting the Shelton Fire Department Firefighter 2 class 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 12 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.

Naugatuck Valley Health District and Echo Hose Ambulance will be hosting a Health and Safety Fair on Saturday October 5, 2019 at the Training Center located at 430 Coram Avenue. The event will meet from 9a-12pm and members of the community can meet with local health agencies to find out about local programming, health resources and obtain flu shots while visiting the fair. This is a free event and we hope the community can join us.

## **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.

**Echo Hose Ambulance has launched a new website. Please visit [www.echohose.org](http://www.echohose.org)**

## **7. UPDATE From VEMS**

Chairman McGorty asked the committee to refer to the VEMS report. The committee took a few minutes to review the report. There being no additional questions or comments about the report, this portion of the meeting was closed. A copy of each report is below.



# VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

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## REPORT TO THE SHELTON EMS COMMISSION August 27, 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%

	<u>July 2019</u>
Total Resp.	209
Response %	97.5%

### VEMS: Municipal 2019

	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Town Budgeted</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Balance</b>
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.

## 8. Update on CMED

Chairman McGorty referred the commission to the call reports from CMED. There being no questions on the report this portion of the meeting was closed.

## 9. Approval of Meeting dates for 2020

Chairman McGorty presented a meeting schedule for 2020. The committee will again meet quarterly in 2020. The commissioners took a moment to review the schedule.

**Commissioner Minopoli made a motion to approve the 2020 meeting dates. Commissioner Tiberio seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.** A copy of the report is below.

2020 Meeting Schedule for Shelton EMS Commission		
Date:	Time:	Meeting Place:
January 27, 2020	7:00 PM	Shelton City Hall, Room #104
April 20, 2020	7:00 PM	Shelton City Hall, Room #104
July 20, 2020	7:00 PM	Shelton City Hall, Room #104
October 19, 2020	7:00 PM	Shelton City Hall, Room #104

## 10. Approval of Payment Bills

There were not bills to approve for payment. There being no additional questions or comments regarding bills, this portion of the meeting was closed

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

**Chairman McGorty adjourned the meeting at 7:19pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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