



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EMS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2020
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 7:00 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 Minopoli made a motion to approve the October 21, 2019 EMS Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Tiberio seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

5. Correspondence

Chairman McGorty did not have any correspondence. There being none, the correspondence portion was closed.

6. UPDATE from EHAC

Chairman McGorty referred committee the report submitted by EHAC. The committee took a few minutes to review the report. Chairman Minopoli noted there where 5200 calls made in 2019. There being no additional questions or comments about the report, this portion of the meeting was closed. A copy of the report is below.

January 6, 2020

December 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	31	30	31	30	31	31
Total calls	437	395	464	418	460	414	437	408	466	418	438	487	5242
EHAC Covered	421	381	339	415	447	405	419	395	446	404	411	464	4947
Percent covered	96%	97%	99%	99%	97%	98%	96%	97%	96%	97%	94%	95%	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	
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%

2019- Total emergency calls: 5242

2019: Volunteer of the Year: Collin Hessberger

We would like to congratulate and thank our 2019 Volunteer of the Year, Collin Hessberger, for his hard work, dedication and commitment to our community.

Collin was also recognized for responding the most emergency calls in 2019. As a volunteer, Collin spent hundreds of hours responding to 770 emergency calls in 2019.

Absolutely amazing accomplishment and we are extremely grateful for his commitment to our organization and the community.

Thank you Collin for your service.

We also would like to congratulate our "Rookie of the Year": Tim Farmer and our 2019 Chief's Award recipient, Robert Fattibene.

We thank them both for their service to our organization and the community.

New Members in Training

We have 14 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 recently hosted a Public Information for All Hazards Planning class. This was a two-day free course offered to First Responders from around the state. For a list of these great classes please visit www.echohose.com

We currently have two EMT classes that currently in session. We have 35 students who are within a few weeks of completing their EMT program.

We have 3 additional winter EMT classes beginning on January 7, 2020. To register for one of these programs, please visit 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 ambulances are in service.

The organization is awaiting a delivering of three new stretchers to replace aging equipment.

Operations

December 2019 was our busiest month on record. Echo Hose Ambulance responded to 487 calls. There was a higher than normal request of public/lift assist calls.

With the help of many volunteers this fall, 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

Echo Hose Ambulance assisted with the annual TEAM Toys 4 Kids Toy Drive. This annual event brings helps over 750 families through-out the valley. Echo Hose Ambulance helped pick up toys at over 60 locations through-out the town. The Toy Drive was hosted in the Training Center facility.

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.

Echo Hose Ambulance sponsored "Slice of Shelton" fundraiser on November 26, 2019. The event brought all the local pizzerias and other local business together for a large tasting event. The event raised almost 5k. All proceeds will benefit the Valley United Way Harvest House, TEAM Toys 4 Kids Toy Drive and the Echo Hose Ambulance Training Center.

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.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. It was noted from the report the high number of time VEMS paramedics were cancelled in Shelton. VEMS is looking into this. A copy of each report is below.

**REPORT TO THE SHELTON EMS COMMISSION
January 8, 2020**

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>	<u>Aug 2019</u>	<u>Sept 2019</u>	<u>Oct 2019</u>	<u>Nov 2019</u>	<u>Dec 2019</u>
Total Resp.	209	196	190	179	192	244
Response %	97.5%	99%	99.5%	98.3%	98%	98.4%

VEMS: Municipal 2019

	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	\$16,000	\$16,000

VEMS: Operations

We have noted a significant increase in the number of times VEMS paramedics are cancelled in Shelton and we do not believe it is organic. We are actively reviewing call data and details to identify trends.

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 Budget for 2020-2021

Chairman McGorty presented the EMS Commission budget for 2020. The budget amounts for Personal Training, VEMS, and Clerical Fees will remain unchanged. C-MED will have a 3% increase, a total dollar amount of \$2,842.00

Commissioner Tiberio made a motion to approve the EMS Commission Budget for 2020-2021. Commissioner Minopoli seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously. The approved budget will be submitted to Kathy in accounting.

10. Approval of Payment Bills

There were no 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.**