



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EMS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2017
SHELTON CITY HALL / 7:00 p.m. / Room 104**

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

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 23, 2017 MEETING

Commissioner Tiberio made a motion to approve the January 23, 2017 EMS Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Minotti 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

The committee took a moment to review the reports. It was noted EHAC is doing a lot of community outreach. There being no additional questions or comments, this portion of the meeting was closed. A copy of the report is below.

**April 2017
EMS Commission Report**

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

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	399	375	416	4738
EHAC Covered	369	356	373	364	419	390	370	371	343	374	356	399	3355
Percent covered	92%	95%	94%	94%	96%	97%	95%	95%	94%	94%	95%	96%	95%

2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Total calls	436	369	393										1198
EHAC Covered	406	344	372										1122
Percent covered	93%	93%	95%										94%

New Members in Training

We have 11 members in our Precepting Program. We have received 5 new member applications 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)

Community Access to Narcan program has been going well. Our Education Coordinator, Pat Lahaza, was honored at the Alliance for Prevention & Wellness Community Champion Awards breakfast for his efforts with the Community Access Narcan and the CARES program.

Our Accelerated Summer program will again offer a day and night program. The attendance is building sharply for the June start date. The Winter EMT class is wrapping up soon and the program is running strong. Students will test within the next 30-45 days for their State EMT-B Certification.

EHAC continues to offer bi-monthly EMT-B & Annual Paramedic Refresher courses. The latest refresher this past weekend was attended by over 40 providers.

There are currently 3 members in our Driver Training program. 1 member was cleared for driving in the last month.

Membership

EHAC current active roster: 114

Vehicles

New Car1 is now in service. Old Car1 is being re-outfitted to replace 1V12 and will be in service by the end of the month.

Equipment Update

All Equipment is in service.

Operations

EHAC crews have responded to several mutual aid calls into our neighboring communities in the past month.

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

2017 CORT Team tentative schedule:
TEAM Men Who Cook (CHANGED to May 20th)
Memorial Day (May)
EMS Week (May)
Relay for Life (June)
CT EMS Expo (June)
Soupstock (June)
Shelton Fireworks (July)
Swim Across the Sound (July)
Shelton Day (October)
Run for the Warriors (October)

Senior Safety Fair 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 to fill out an application.

7. UPDATE From VEMS

The committee took a moment to review the report. It was noted Shelton has an outstanding balance with VEMS despite being approved by the commission. Chairman McGorty advised the committee it should be paid this week. 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 April 12, 2017

SHELTON: VEMS Responses

	<u>Sept 2016</u>	<u>Oct 2016</u>	<u>Nov 2016</u>	<u>Dec 2016</u>	<u>Jan 2017</u>	<u>Feb 2017</u>
Total Resp.	192	202	173	211	221	187
Response %	99%	99.5%	97.1%	98.1%	97.7%	96%

Total response statistics for 2016:

Total calls: 5,577

Response rate: 98.8%

VEMS: Municipal

	Cost	Town Budgeted	Paid	Balance
Ansonia	\$31,827	\$31,827	\$31,827	\$0
Derby	\$31,827	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Oxford	\$31,827	\$31,827	\$31,827	\$0
Seymour	\$31,827	\$31,827	\$31,827	\$0
Shelton	\$31,827	\$31,827	\$21,006	\$10,821

The \$10,821 balance due from the City of Shelton is still outstanding. This amount was billed on July 1st. Payment is due upon receipt. We do understand that the EMS Commission must approve payment before checks can be issued. It is our understanding that payment was approved administratively in three installments. These are not the terms of the invoice and prompt payment is kindly requested.

VEMS: Operations

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

Vehicles are operational with no issues identified.

8. Payment of Bills

Chairman McGorty advised the committee we have an invoice from CMED which cover six Months, January1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

Commissioner Minopoli made a motion to pay the Southwest Regional Communications Center Invoice in the amount of \$43,980.21.09. Seconded by Commissioner Tiberio. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

9. Report of Chairman

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

10. Report of Commissioners

There were no additional reports or comments.

11. Update on CMED

The committee held a brief discussion noting the number of Heroin overdoses in the area and hope something could be done about this problem soon.

12. Adjournment

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

The vote was unanimous; motion passed.

Chairman McGorty adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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