



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
EMS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 17, 2017  
SHELTON CITY HALL / 7:00 p.m. / Room 104**

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

**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 May 15, 2017 MEETING**

Commissioner Minotti made a motion to approve the May 15, 2017 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**

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

## July 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%	<b>95%</b>

### 2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Total calls	436	369	393	366	395	367							2326
EHAC Covered	406	344	372	350	370	343							2185
Percent covered	93%	93%	95%	96%	94%	94%							<b>94%</b>

### New Members in Training

We have fourteen members in our Precepting Program. We have received nine new member applications in the last three months. Three members were cleared for active duty in the last three months.

### 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>

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. Two additional community and responder access classes were held in the last three months.

An "Opioid epidemic Summit" was held Monday at Housatonic Community College to address the growing epidemic of abuse and overdose. EHAC was represented among other community and emergency leaders from across the State. Among those present were Senators Blumenthal and Murphy, and Dr. Bertha Madras from the Federal Commission to address this issue.

Our Accelerated Summer program is running strong and well attended. The fall and winter classes are set and on our website.

EHAC continues to offer bi-monthly EMT-B & Annual Paramedic Refresher courses. The next EMT Refresher will be held starting on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

There are currently 4 members in our Driver Training program. Two members were cleared for driving in the last month.

### **Membership**

EHAC current active roster: 114

### **Vehicles**

All vehicles are in service.

### **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**

TEAM Men Who Cook was held in May. EHAC was represented for the event and our signature dish was "Gluten Free Meatloaf Balls". The event was well attended and a great time for all those present.

EHAC attended the Shelton-Derby Memorial Day Parade. In the parade were 2 ambulances, Rehab22, 2 Fly Cars and Gator 1.

The Relay for Life was held at the beginning of June.

EMS Week was held at the end of May. All EHAC members received an EMS week gift and on duty meals provided by the Corps at the Riverdale Diner. Griffin, Saint Vincent's and Bridgeport hospital also provided gifts and food to crews throughout the week.

The CT EMS Expo was also held at the beginning of June. This event is sponsored and coordinated by the Region 1 EMS council. Over the last few years it has grown to a large

premier event for medical providers in the state. EHAC was well represented with over 20 members in attendance.

SoupStock was held in June at the Riverwalk. EHAC provided medical standby coverage for the event. There were no issues and the event was well attended.

The Shelton Fireworks were held last week. The event was well attended and a good time by all. EHAC was represented with 6 ambulances, Rehab 22 which also served as EMS Command, 2 fly cars and our Gator Team. In addition, we had several first responder teams in the field. A joint picnic was held with Fire & EMS at the start of the event.

2017 CORT Team tentative schedule:

Swim Across the Sound (August)

Run for the Warriors (August 20th)

Shelton Day (October)

Senior Safety Fair TBA

Boys & Girl Scout touch a truck and CPR/First Aid (Ongoing throughout the year)

EHAC also offers free Community Access to CPR/AED training to the community at our Training Center. We also continue to provide free training to all City of Shelton employees and responders.

### 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.

## **7. UPDATE From VEMS**

The committee took a moment to review the report. It was noted Shelton has now paid their outstanding balance with VEMS. 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 July 11, 2017**

#### **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%

Total 2017 responses: 1,167  
Total 2017 response rate: 98.3%

**VEMS: Municipal**

	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	\$0	\$32,000
Seymour	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$0	\$32,000
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**

The committee took a moment to review the reports. There being no additional questions or comments, this portion of the meeting was closed

**9. Payment of Bills**

Chairman McGorty advised the committee we have two invoices, The first invoice is for VEMS for Paramedic Service Operations for Shelton Fiscal Year 2017-2018 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; motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman McGorty then advised the committee on the second invoice. This invoice is for Southwest Regional Communications Center in the amount of \$88,826.00.

**Commissioner Tiberio made a motion to pay the Southwest Regional Communications Center Invoice in the amount of \$88,826.00. Seconded by Commissioner Minotti. A voice vote was taken; motion 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 7:07 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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