



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

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

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 May 15, 2017 MEETING

Commissioner Minopoli made a motion to approve the May 15, 2017 EMS Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Tiberio 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. Approval of Meeting date for 2018

Chairman McGorty distributed a list of meeting dates for 2018 to the committee.

The EMS commission meetings will be held in the same format as 2017 with the committee meeting quarterly at the same place and time the meetings are currently held. Commissioner Tiberio made a motion to approve the 2018 Meeting Dates. Commissioner Minopoli seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the approved dates are below.

2018 Meeting Schedule for Shelton EMS Commission

Date:	Time:	Meeting Place:
January 22, 2018	7:00 PM	Shelton City Hall, Room #104
April 16, 2018	7:00 PM	Shelton City Hall, Room #104
July 16, 2018	7:00 PM	Shelton City Hall, Room #104
October 15, 2018	7:00 PM	Shelton City Hall, Room #104

7. 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.

**September 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	4484
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	366	395	367	391	358					3075
EHAC Covered	406	344	372	350	370	343	381	349					2915
Percent covered	93%	93%	95%	96%	94%	94%	97%	98%					95%

New Members in Training

We have 17 members in our Precepting Program. We have received 5 new member applications in the last two months. Two members were cleared for active duty in the last three months

Training

September 30th EHAC will be hosting the TECC “Tactical Emergency Casualty Care” at our training center. The hands on practical portion will be held at the High School. This is a one day training class that covers the modified curriculum from the NAEMT program to fit the approved CT OEMS C-TECC program for rescue task force response. The practical portion runs responders through simulated scenarios as real as we can make them. This includes moulage, role players for victims, gear and equipment that mimics an actual emergency response. The focus of the training is “active shooter” warm zone response and benefits all emergency responder levels including Fire and Police. We are hoping to offer this class periodically throughout the year and have all or responders trained in this discipline. *Flyer attached for your review.*

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 ongoing. We are working with our community partners to schedule another public access event in the late fall.

An “Opioid epidemic Summit” was held Wednesday September 20th at UCONN Health in Farmington. This was in coordination with CT DPH and speakers were a diverse group including several of the leadership team at OEMS. The focus of the summit is the “EMS Role” to help combat this growing epidemic. Several EHAC members were in attendance.

The fall class began on September 11th and is held on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday with 2 Saturdays. With over 25 students in the program it is doing well and a great recruitment pool for the organization. For class info visit <http://www.echohose.com> for details.

EHAC continues to offer bi-monthly EMT-B & Annual Paramedic Refresher courses. The next EMT Refresher will be held starting on November 17th.

There are currently 2 members in our Driver Training program. One member was cleared for driving in the last month.

Membership

EHAC current active roster: 116

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

The group “Fighting Against Drugs Everywhere”, or F.A.D.E., and BHCare's Alliance for Prevention and Wellness held an “International Overdose Day” 5k Walk/Run at the Riverwalk in Shelton on August 31st from 6-9pm followed by a candlelight vigil. EHAC provided an ambulance on standby there for medical needs during the event.

EHAC will again host a booth at Shelton Day this Sunday. Our focus is on Health Safety and prevention. We will have materials to hand out from our community and regional partners in the fight to end the OPIOID epidemic. We will also provide medical standby coverage for the event.

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 to fill out an application.

8. UPDATE From VEMS

The committee took a moment to review the report. It was noted Shelton has only paid half of our invoice. Chairman McGorty advised the committee the balance will be paid in February or March of 2018. There being no additional questions or comments, this portion of the meeting was closed. A copy of the report is below.



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REPORT TO THE SHELTON EMS COMMISSION September 28, 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%

	<u>July 2017</u>	<u>Aug 2017</u>
Total Resp.	209	181
Response %	99.1%	98.9%

Total 2017 responses: 1,376
Total 2017 response rate: 98.5%

VEMS: Municipal

	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

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

Vehicles are operational with no issues identified.

9 Update on CMED

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

10 Payment of Bills

Chairman McGorty advised the committee we have no bills. There being no additional questions or comments, 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 Tiberio made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Minopoli seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous; motion passed.

Chairman McGorty adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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