EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EMS COMMISSION
Minutes for the Regular Meeting
Monday, August 15, 2011
Shelton Town Hall
7:30 p.m. / Room #104

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1. Convene

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Noreen McGorty at 7:32.

Present at the meeting were:

Noreen McGorty
Tom DeMarco
Nancy Minotti
Beth Tiberio
Karen Minopoli
Robert Pettinella
Michael Chaffee
Joe Lavelli

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Portion

No one from the public was present.

4. Approval of minutes from June Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Nancy Minotti to approve the June minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Beth Tiberio. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence

A letter was received from a citizen of Shelton concerning their VEMS bill. They were looking for assistance. VEMS will take care of the bill.

6. Update from EHAC

Total Calls for month of July 2011- 459
EHAC Responded to – 446

New Members in Training-
We are currently precepting 12 new members. 3 EMTs were brought in the month of July

CPR/AED Training-
AED's throughout the city have been inspected and Echo Hose purchased new AED's pads for 15 units located in the community. Pads need to be replaced every two years and the ambulance funded the replacement pads for a total of $800.

Free CPR/AED Training will take place at City Hall for city employees on August 17, 2011 as well as on August 30th for Shelton Pop Warner, Sea Hawks and Flag Football coaches.

Vehicles-
2v15 is OOS
2V25 recently came back into service after being sidelined for 3 weeks.

Rehab 22- The new rehab truck is in service and has responded and provided free water/coffee /food/shelter/ to 3 incidents through June and July.

Community Events:
Echo Hose Ambulance provided 5 Ambulances and one medical station for Shelton 4th of July Fireworks

Echo Hose Ambulance also provided one ambulance to the Indian Wells community for their 4th of July Fireworks show.

Echo Hose Ambulance was invited and participated at the Plumb Memorial Heroes Day and well as met with the Mom's Club and gave an ambulance tour to the group and their children,
Training:

Echo Hose Ambulance was invited to Participate in the Vibes Festival which took place at Seaside Park in Bridgeport this past month. The festival was a four day event and EHAC provided 4 person teams round the clock as well as our Gator to help with their operations. This experience gave our members hands on training with field triage, mass event coordination, and using and practicing Incident Management functions.

Echo Hose Ambulance is hosting a free FEMA class on Sept 14th- The topic is called "Senior Officials Works- All Hazard Preparation". Our

local municipality was invited as well as municipal leaders from across the State.

Two summer EMT Classes have just ended. A total of 35 students will be taking their state exam.

Our next EMT class starts on Sept. 1, 2011 as well at the Emergency Medical Responder class starting at SHS in September.

7. Update from VEMS

SHELTON: VEMS Responses

	June 11	July11
Total Responses	260	302
Response Percentage	97%	97%

VEMS: Operations

Narcotics securing system in place. State approved.

New 2011 Expedition outfitted with new lights and radio equipment. Vehicle in service and on the road.

Katherine Matthies foundation approved a Grant for VEMS of $35,000 for purchase of a new Response Vehicle.

In the process of applying to the State of CT for an additional Vehicle License to increase our fleet from (5) five to (6) Paramedic Intercept Vehicles.

OT being kept to a minimum. All hours are attempted to be filled with PT before any OT is given out.

VEMS Medics in new Uniforms for the summer months. Polo Shirts (white) for the medics. 1st name and employee number embroidered on shirt along with VEMS logo.

VEMS is in the process of applying for a license for one more vehicle.
VEMS could also be expanding its service to Naugatuck.
VEMS is in the midst of a by-law change. There will be a meeting this month to review the by-laws.

8. CMED Report for July 2011

- There was discussion about the CMED reporting. It was noted that the reporting has not improved and that there is usually missing information. CMED is generally responsive when something is needed. Mutual Aid is not shown in the reports.
- A "key" for the abbreviations used in the CMED report was requested for the commissioners so that they may better understand the report.

9. Approval of Payment of Bills

- A motion was made by Beth Tiberio to renew the JEMS magazine for 12 months at the cost of $264.00. The motion was seconded by Tom DeMarco. All were in favor.

- A motion was made by Nancy Minotti to pay the CMED bill. The motion was seconded by Tom DeMarco. All were in favor.

10. Report of Chairman

There was discussion about receiving the VEMS and the EHAC reports the Monday before the meeting. Robert Pettinella and Joe Lavelli feel that they can provide these reports via E-mail by that date every month.

There was discussion about going paperless and scanning and E-mailing all correspondence instead of mailing everything.

11. Report of Commissioners

No one had anything to report.

12. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Minotti at 8:28pm. The motion was seconded by Tom DeMarco. All were in favor.