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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 6, 2011

Call to order at 9:30 am.

Present: Chairman Chuck Motes, Town Manager John Weichsel, Town Attorney Mark Sciota, SFD Chief Harold Clark, SPD Captain Greg Simone, AMR - Jeremy Rodorigo, Matthew Kozloski, and Mark Hughson, Committee member William DellaVecchia, Council member Dr. Al Natelli

Absent: Robert Retallick and Brian Reynolds – AMR, Rene Hipona MD - Bradley Hospital

AGENDA

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Mr. Sciota and seconded by Dr. Natelli to accept the Minutes of October 7, 2010. Motion was approved. Motion was made by Dr. Natelli and seconded by Mr. Sciota to accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting on November 12, 2010. Motion was approved.

Mr. Motes shared the expert consultant investigation report on the “dead zone.” Bruce Marcus, of Marcus Communications, conducted an electronic, computer-based examination on the Bristol equipment. It showed there is adequate coverage surrounding Bradley Hospital. A study was also conducted from his vehicle using hand-held and mobile radio units. It was found that communications were strained at the foot of Meriden Mountain. Also, the New Haven CMED radio transmissions cause some interference. At some point the radios in the AMR vehicles should be tested. Discussion followed regarding radio frequencies and the FCC’s plans to narrow the frequencies, possibly making available more frequencies. A motion was made by Chief Clark and seconded by Dr. Natelli to have Mr. Motes send a letter to the responsible parties, those being the Office of Emergency Management (DEMHS) and Commissioner of Public Health, regarding the use of these radio frequencies. Motion was approved. In response to an inquiry, Mr. Rodorigo stated that AMR has budgeted that all radios be replaced this year.

Mr. DellaVecchia brought up the following items:

- What is “offpost”? Mr. Rodorigo provided it means that the paramedics are not where they would normally be posted.
- What is “recall”? A recall means to call the original caller back. The information was vague and better info is needed.
- Is the shift exchange “seamless”? Yes.

- Laurie, of AMR, should be commended for her set up of the reformatted Response Time Exception Report. Dr. Natelli also thanked the subcommittee for a job well done on the new report.
- How is staging time and arrival time of car 7 verified? It is on tape and also time stamped.

AMR was reminded they need to provide the exception reports within contract timetable. Also, starting locations on reports must be accurate. Discussion followed regarding dispatch times. After the field trip to dispatch in New Haven, ways to improve this will be discussed.

Mr. Motes asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to review AMR's ambulance runs for September, October, and November, 2010. Motion was made by Mr. Sciota and seconded by Mr. DellaVecchia. Motion carried at 10:27 am.

At 12:21 pm a motion was made by Dr. Natelli and seconded by Mr. Weichsel to leave Executive Session. Motion carried.

Mr. Motes noted that AMR assisted the Town at the Calendar House shelter during the recent snow storm and provided supplies (oxygen). The supervisor also attended the planning meeting.

Mr. Rodorigo thanked Mr. Weichsel for his support through the years and wished him well in his retirement. He also thanked the Fire Department for allowing AMR to post ambulances in fire houses during the storm. He appreciates all the cooperation between the two agencies.

A motion was made by Mr. Weichsel and seconded by Dr. Natelli to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Health Department Secretary