

Vermont District #11

Minutes of Meeting

January 27, 2010

Meeting called to order at 1910 by Chairman Carl Matteson. The following services were represented Springfield Fire, Westminster Rescue, Springfield Hospital, Stratton Mt Rescue, Londonderry Rescue, Ludlow Ambulance, Lefevre EMS, Golden Cross Ambulance, Saxton River Rescue, Rockingham Rescue, Bellows Fall Fire, Grafton Rescue.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the November 2009 meeting were read.

Motion by Judy Cobb, 2nd Joel Long to accept the minutes - Motion PASSED

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report for January 2010 was reviewed.

Motion by Judy Cobb, 2nd Toby Houghton to accept the Treasurer's Report - Motion PASSED

Medical Director:

*Please check immobilization for metal as these are not compatible with diagnostic equipment such as X-Ray and C.T.

*A question was asked regarding the transport of patients with possible CVA's. The State is currently working on protocols defining transport destinations and the possible use of Thrombolytics at these Hospitals. At this point the patient should be transported to the facility that will provide them with the best care IE C.T scan, Neurology etc. Dr Marasa did note that in most cases the treatment is mainly supportive with an emphasis on stabilization and prevention.

*A question was also asked about Springfield Hospital's guideline regarding DHART. It was mentioned that in many cases DHART is activated by their dispatch prior to the arrival of EMS. It was suggested that it is easier to call DHART early and cancel en route. It was also recommended that if DHART is not on scene that transport be started. This will help prevent delays in receiving definitive care if DHART is unable to complete the call. Guidelines are available on the DHART website

Training:

*EMT-B Refresher Courses : Saxtons River Feb 5,6,7; Westminster Feb 12,13,19,20

*I03 Transition Course : Springfield Fire Department March 9,10,11

*Recert Testing : March 6, 1700hrs at Stratton Fire Department; March 20, 0900hrs Chester/Andover Elementary School.

Old Business:

*Standing Orders pilot program is going well. The State is very pleased with the data so far.

*Zoll Discount - Joel has talked with Jason from Zoll and all Squads within the district can take advantage to our 20% discount. When placing an order with Zoll squads must reference Dist 11's account # (119382) and they also need to change the "Ship To" and "Bill To" fields.

*H1N1 - Springfield Hospital has plenty of vaccinations available for any who still need it. They are predicting another spike in H1N1 cases in April.

*Computer Documentation: The "new" date is to be online for April 2010 with all squads reporting by the end of the year. They have decided to use TEMSIS.

New Business:

*"CLIA" Compliance - The Vermont Ambulance Association with direction from Jeffrey Spencer, CPCU had done research into CLIA compliance for Vermont EMS organizations. The short version is that all EMS agencies that perform testing of patient's blood are considered by Federal law to be a "laboratory", this would include blood glucose testing. A waiver must be obtained in order to be in compliance. A detailed explanation is available contact Carl for more information.

*EZ-IO - For services that have the EZ-IO system, BoundTree is able to supply these units and needles. BoundTree needs a letter from the Head of Service stating that BoundTree is your primary EMS equipment supplier. This is especially helpful when purchasing the needles because BoundTree will sell one (1) instead of five (5). Contact Jerry Flanagan for more details. Also an EZ-IO trainer may be considered as a District Training prop in the future. Pediatric IO will be part of the new education standards and if more services purchase the EZ-IO system then the district may purchase the trainer.

* Grafton Fast Squad is now Grafton Rescue

* Lefevre Ambulance in now also Lefevre EMS.

Nominations for 2010 Officers are as follows:

Chairman - Carl Matteson

Vice-Chairman - Josh Rosenblum

Treasurer - Travis Decamp

Secretary - Aaron Sylvester

Training - Paul Stagner

The Officers will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on March 24, 2010.

Motion by Joel Long, 2nd Toby Houghton to adjourn. Motion PASSES. Meeting adjourned at 2020

Next Meeting: March 24, 2010 at Springfield Hospital