

These are my notes on the District #11 meeting on July 27, 2011:

Meeting held at Stratton Mt Inn at 1900 hours.

Minutes of last meeting and past treasurers' reports were accepted.

Medical Director: Jeff Donnelly – PA at Springfield Hospital is working on post mortem information to squads. Also, if you have any questions on your calls coming into the hospital from your rescue call you can email him at donnellyjeff@me.com

Other information from Springfield Hospital is that they are having some time lag getting critical care paramedics for transfers to DART. Patients have a two to three hour wait for a NH paramedic. This was discussed with the new EMS director.

The advanced curriculum is out with all the transitions for the various certifications. We have not received them from VT EMS.

Chris Bell is the new EMS director with a very long title with the office of public health emergency preparedness, etc. I couldn't get it all down. He is a former paramedic with a wide range of experience in public health and emergency preparedness and medically very knowledgeable. There are two new positions that will be posted- one for deputy director and the other will have responsibilities for computer programs and Siren program which needs to be more user friendly. Pete Cobb discussed with him the drug waivers and wish list from the Londonderry Rescue. Waivers need to be presented each year with the renewal application. The drugs discussed were Benadryl, zofran, etomidate, finger sticks done by EMT-B level, king airways, and CPAP for EMT-I 03 level.

All these will be discussed at the VT EMS level. He will be conducting discussion groups and a representative from each district will be sending a representative. He also said anyone can participate with their questions and comments. These discussions also include what each district would like to see in way of training and how best they will address the new curriculum. Continuing education courses will be in line with National Registry. Any testing will also be this way and not developed by 3 men at the VT EMS office as has been done in the past. The VT transitions to the new scoop of practice for the EMT will be AMT (advanced medical tech). Everyone will be National Registry certified. If you have a NR card now you follow the recommended hours (72) for recertification. If you had a NR card you have one year to apply for it again at the certification you held. You still keep your VT certification under VT EMS or you can transition to NR if one wishes too. You can do this on line. No fees from NR to reinstate within the year, VT EMS will pick up the cost.

Over all this new director has visited several districts and will visit them all hearing what folks have to say and what they need. He was open and direct. He has money to give districts and for conferences. District #11 felt if any conferences were held it would be next spring and not this fall. The reasoning was getting folks ready for the

transitions and the new curriculum. He is very willing to give money to the districts to conduct trainings and workshops. It was pointed out to him that there's lots of good talent within the districts and the state doesn't have to spend lots of money on costly speakers. Also, southern VT is very different than the northern part of the state. Anything put on by the VT EMS needs to be more centrally located and at a cost that is affordable for services that are mostly volunteer. He is getting a clearer picture of our region having heard the same comments and concerns of what is needed. He discussed issues around taking CEU credits from on line courses. Many questions from Londonderry rescue were discussed with no concrete answers given, only that they would be put forth in these committees that would be developed. He appeared to be concerned about what everyone had to say and discuss. He can be reached at the following numbers with any of your concerns or questions: 802-863-7223 or his cell # 802-316-0448. His email is chris.bell@ahs.state.vt.us

Hope this gives you some idea of what was talked about. I couldn't get it all down because a lot was discussed. Cathy