

# **Vermont District #11**

Minutes of Meeting

March 23, 2011

Meeting called to order at 1910 by Chairman Carl Matteson. The following services were represented Springfield Fire, Stratton Mnt Rescue, Chester Amb, Grafton Rescue, Saxtons River Rescue, Rockingham Fire, Bellows Falls Fire, Londonderry Rescue, Spfld Hosp, Ludlow Amb.

## **Secretary's Report:**

The minutes from the February 2011 meeting were read.

*Motion* by J. Long, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Rosenblum to accept the minutes - Motion PASSED

## **Treasurer's Report:**

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## **Medical Director:**

\* CAT Scan is back up and running, thanks to all for their patience

\* STEMI - the question was asked " who calls for DHART?"

Answer - anyone who has a patient that meets a STEMI activation can request (call) DHART from the field, if air transport will deliver the patient to DHMC in the 90 minute window. Squads requesting DHART from the scene may want to pick a spot to rendezvous and begin their transport to the closest hospital. This would save time if DHART was unable to complete the activation.

\* CVA protocols - at this point DHMC does not have stroke activation protocols for our coverage areas.

Transport should be made to the closest appropriate facility. In the case of Grace Cottage it was recommended to alert them ASAP and check the availability of CT, it may be best to bi-pass.

## **Training:**

\* "when will VT transition to the new standards?"; It is scheduled over a 4 year period, or 2 recert cycles. At which point all providers will be required to follow the NREMT recert requirements.

\*NREMT - they are only teaching and testing EMT Advanced (the new stuff) beginning July 1, 2011

\* CentralLearn - a good source for online CE, Carl will check into membership and usable credits.

\*New Classes - there was a discussion on District 11's role in the training of it's members. Is the district providing enough training, both for initial certification and CE? One advantage other districts in our area have is that they have paid educators for initial certifications. With the increase in required CE hours would Dist 11 better serve the members by focusing training efforts on CE, while referring initial certification classes to outside the District. Move discussion needed.

## **Old Business:**

\*SIREN - State wide roll out, training. There are plans for multiple training sites through out the State that will offer training for Squad administrators and Training Officers. At this point no date is set.

\* Interface with the Hospital is still to be determined.

## **New Business:**

\* BRIDGE CLOSURE - Route 103 in Chester will be closed starting in the end of May. The Bridge is SOUTH of the Village and the Junction of Rte 11. The Closure will mostly affect Chester and Golden Cross.

\* EMS Week(May 15-21) - should the district organize any events for EMS week? It was discussed and all thought more should be done for EMS week, but that there was not enough time this year.

*Motion* by J. Cobb, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Cook to adjourn. Motion PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 2100

**Next Meeting:** May 25, 2011 - Ludlow