

Vermont District #11
Minutes of Meeting
September 28, 2005

Chairman Carl Matteson called the meeting to order at 19:05. The following services were represented: Bellows Falls FD, Saxtons River, Chester, Londonderry, Golden Cross, Springfield Hospital, Springfield FD, Cavendish, Westminster, Ludlow, Rockingham, Winhall PD/1st response, Stratton, Manchester Rescue, and Grafton.

Secretary's Report

Motion to accept the minutes made by Joel Long and 2nd by Jim Smith. [passed]

Treasurers Report

Motion to accept made by Judy Cobb, 2nd by Scott Symonds. [passed]

Training

EMT-B class that will be held in Chester is full.

There will be an EMT-I class ['90] beginning in November in Cavendish, with a transition course later.

Cavendish's MCI probably will be next spring.

Department's applying for Federal money, will need to complete the NIMS course, which can be done on-line.

Saxtons River will conduct an EMT-B refresher in November. Contact Joel Long, Londonderry Rescue will have a Basic Arrhythmia course on November 8, 15, and 17.

Contact Marge Fish tortoise@sover.net.

The State EMS has approved for LVRS to do an accelerated EMT-B course as a pilot program. This is for past EMT's with experience, nurses, or others who have experience in health care. It is limited to a few students.

There will be an ECA transition test, October 5, 2005 in Rockingham.

West Weathersfield FD plans to do a first responder course.

Medical Director

Dr. Marasa has no major issues to report.

Old Business

Chief Jeff Whitesell from Winhall PD/First response and Tom Kane, Manchester Rescue, requested a letter from District 11 for Winhall PD/First Response to become part of District 12. Manchester Rescue will be responding to calls in the town of Winhall beginning December 1, 2005.

After some discussion, Scott Symonds made a motion to allow Winhall First Response to become part of District 12, upon acceptance at their meeting on October 6, 2005. Motion passed unanimously.

The AED's are in except for the one for Bellows Falls FD, which is a different brand. They will need to be picked up in Starksboro.

Cavendish had an update. They have received the FCC license and the new repeater should be installed soon. The District still has concerns about the lack of statistics. There should be a report for each call. It was felt that Cavendish should resolve this issue and not place blame on others.

There was further discussion about Weathersfield FD responding to EMS calls. Cary made a motion that the district contacts the State EMS to set up a meeting between the state, the district, Weathersfield FD, and Golden Cross to try and resolve the issue.

Seconded by Judy, passed unanimously.

Jim May made a motion that the District not respond to anonymous letters of complaint. Barbara Thomas seconded it. After discussion, the motion was called with 7 voting not to respond to anonymous complaints and 6 yeas.

Scott reported that the EMS tactical frequency, 155.205 – Hear 4, would allow all departments to talk on one frequency during MCI's. Paul Szoc, Keene Mutual Aid, is willing to work toward this. It is in the early stages at this time.

Resource and Mutual Aid lists were turned in. Any departments who have yet to gather the information are asked to please get it to Carl as soon as possible.

Bellows Falls FD does not plan to submit a Mutual Aid list.

Jim Smith made a motion that any further discussion on run cards and Mutual Aid be tabled until next meeting. This was seconded and passed.

New Business

Scott reported that the [2] laptops and projector have been purchased. He demonstrated the laptop. They will be available for district training. Scott will purchase [2] cases for the computers with the remainder of the money.

Springfield Hospital X-ray Department asks that when squads upgrade backboards, to purchase radio opaque boards.

Fourteen EMS crews have gone to Texas to help with Hurricane Rita relief. Carl will forward emails of updates to those who are interested.

Next meeting is Nov. 16, in Grafton.

Meeting adjourned by Joel Long at 21:40 hrs. And was seconded by Scott Symonds.

