

Peninsulas EMS Council CISM Team Minutes
March 13, 2006

Members Present	Members Excused
Faith Smagalski Don Swope Ralph Worley John Gleason Jeff Hammack Dawn Linton Hershel Kreis Ellen Vest	Denise Hammond Ralph Carrington Jim Murphy Randy Gardner Tina Rice Ross Thompson Bev Mele

Ellen opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Minutes of the September meeting reviewed. John moved to accept them, Hershel seconded the motion.

The December meeting was a Christmas dinner with no business conducted due to inclement weather.

A brief discussion ensued on how Faith ended up as Clinical Coordinator. The minutes indicated that Ralph would continue with Dawn considering serving in the future. Ralph then asked Faith to take over and she agreed. This is not clearly addressed in the manual.

State CISM Committee Report:

Ellen reported that CISM has moved to being under Jim Nogle, Emergency Operations Coordinator and Carol Morrow has moved into a full time position there. Previously she has had to work with CISM and Rescue Squad Assistance Fund. Jim Nogle is on the same organizational level under Gary Brown as Scott Winston, Assistant Director and Programs Manager.

Brochures were handed out for the Virginia CISM Conference at Virginia Beach in May. A discussion was held about some financial help coming from PEMS. Ellen said she would talk with Don Wilson about it, but it may work better to get it in the budget for next year.

The state committee has decided to proceed with a more direct involvement in team and team member requirements for continuing education.

Old Business:

Team training needs were discussed. Dawn said that she would really like a Pastoral Crisis Intervention Class. Ellen mentioned that there are few instructors and we may not get one provided by OEMS. Ellen also mentioned a plan that she has to have agencies equipped to recognize the needs of providers and more Defusings done quickly. For that

an Individual Crisis Intervention Class (Peer to Peer) would be beneficial. Everyone agreed.

Ellen also said that a class one evening or one Saturday morning to bring the team up to date on newer interventions such as Debriefings, Demobilizations, and Community Management Briefings. Ralph was not impressed with Saturdays. Ellen said she would try to work this out before our June meeting.

Ellen also presented the approved Newport News FD CISM directive and wants to send it to other departments as a sample of a document that explains what needs to be done when there is a critical incident and places responsibility on the officers to recognize the signs and symptoms of stress. This document also requires CISM to be taught in academies by the PEMS CISM Team members.

New Business:

Ellen suggested that the company who does our team dispatching be nominated for a regional award. The award would be for "Contribution to EMS." The team heartily agreed that this would be a good idea. Ralph W. made a motion to do so and this was seconded by Hershel. Ellen will write up the award which is due by March 31, 2006. Winners of the regional awards are sent to the state for consideration in their awards. Ellen also commented that since this company has taken over dispatch, our team has not missed a call.

Ellen said that there are some updates needed to the team manual and asked that a committee to review it should be selected. Volunteers included Faith, Jeff, and John. A review should be done by the June Meeting with the intention that the new manual be ready by September.

Team Activity Report:

- Greg was to do CISM training at the Newport News Fire Academy in January, but due to circumstances we are not clear on, it was not. About that time Greg had a disabling accident with a ladder and Newport News failed to contact him.
- Ellen did CISM Training with the EMT-Enhanced class in Kilmarnock.
- A Virginia State Police Debriefing was done by Ross, Bev, and Faith in Chesapeake.
- A Debriefing was done in Gloucester by Barbara and Ralph C.
- A Debriefing was done in Mathews by Dawn, Hershel, and Jim M.

Team Training was deferred until the one to be scheduled before the next meeting.

The next meeting will be June 12, 2006