

Peninsulas EMS Council CISM Team

Minutes, September 25, 2006*

Team Members Present

Denise Hammond
John Gleason
Don Swope
Robert McKinley
Alan McDowell
Jim Murphy
Barbara Vest
Hershel Kreis
Randy Garner
Ellen Vest

Team Members Excused

Tina Rice
Dawn Linton
Jeff Hammack
Herbert Hammock
Phyllis Hammock
Linda Hodges

*This meeting was postponed two weeks based on the need to have an intervention involving four team members the night of the originally scheduled meeting.

Meeting Began at 7:20 pm

The June minutes were reviewed and accepted.

State Committee Report

Ellen reported that the committee met and discussed having a booth set up at the EMS Symposium and the possibility of doing survey flyers in order to find out CISM is doing around the state. More discussed later under New Business.

Membership Status

It was reported that Carole Martin has resigned from the team, coinciding with planned retirement from James City County. A card was signed and sent by the team.

Ann Phelps, formerly a dispatcher with Middlesex County, has gone through the police academy and is now a Deputy with that department. Her membership has been approved and she was planning on attending the originally scheduled team meeting. Her status will be a Peer with her dispatching experience until she has time on the police force.

Lee Ann Petersen and Vickie Snyder both have applications complete and awaiting review. The team looked these over, but no approval was given in the absence of our Clinical Coordinator. Lee Ann is a dispatcher with Williamsburg FD and Vickie is one with Hampton.

Old Business

The manual update committee did not meet and there is nothing new to report. Ellen suggested that she go ahead and set up a time for the committee to meet. The committee is Faith, John, and Jeff.

Team Training, Part 2, will be set up sometime after the first of the year when "life settles down after the holidays."

New Business

Ellen reported that she noticed a class being offered at the EMS Symposium in November by Dr. Bryan Bledsoe, MD, titled *Snake Oil for the Masses: the Truth Behind CISM*. Dr. Bledsoe has a history of being antagonistic against CISM, Debriefings, and Jeff Mitchell. A copy of a power point presentation he does on *Debunking CISM* was handed out for review. Ellen sent an email to Gary Brown, Executive Director of the Office of EMS with a copy sent to Carol Morrow. Later a copy was sent to Chief David Barrick who serves on the State Symposium Committee.

Pushing forward with the State CISM Committee's idea of the information booth, Don Wilson offered the use of the new display set up that PEMS has. He is ordering a custom made Virginia CISM sign for the display. The idea is to have *The Truth About VIRGINIA CISM* available to the attendees at the Symposium. PEMS Team members are encouraged to help man the booth, even if not attending the Symposium. Help is also be solicited from team members around the state.

Team Activity Report

Debriefing, James City County, Infant Code

Dawn, John, Randy

Two on One, Hampton PD, Homicide investigation: Victim known

Faith, John

Defusing, Montross VRS, Infant Death

Ellen

Debriefing, James City County & Sentara Williamsburg ED, Pediatric Death

Dawn, John, (Faith and Randy both there as responders)

For the Good of the Order

Later this afternoon a reception was held at the Colonial Community Services Board to celebrate Ralph Worley's retirement. We wish him well during this next phase of his life!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm