

Peninsulas EMS Council, Inc.

Northern Neck Prehospital Committee (NNPHC)

Minutes – 16 January 2002

PEMS Office

Gloucester, Virginia

The NNPHC met in regular session this date.

Officers Present:

Frances Bowen, Northumberland County Rescue Squad (Chair)

Officers Absent:

Craig Rice (Vice Chair)

Members Present:

Frances Bowen, Northumberland County Volunteer Rescue Squad

Harold L. Conley, Richmond County Volunteer Rescue Squad

Debbie Duckett, Montross Volunteer Rescue Squad

Cookie Haynie, Northumberland County Volunteer Rescue Squad

Jesse C. Holmes, Upper King & Queen Volunteer Rescue Squad

Scott Hudson, Rappahannock General Hospital

George E. Thomas, Jr., Kilmarnock-Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad

Nancy Wagner, Mid-County Volunteer Rescue Squad

Jerry Whitlock, Upper King & Queen Volunteer Rescue Squad

Member Agencies Absent:

Callao Volunteer Rescue Squad

King William Volunteer Rescue Squad

LifeCare Medical Transport

Lifeline Ambulance Service

Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad

Tappahannock Volunteer Rescue Squad

Upper Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad

Westmoreland Volunteer Rescue Squad

PEMS Representatives Present:

Ellen Vest, Staff

Don Wilson, Executive Director

Minutes:

Minutes from the NNPHC's October, 2001 meeting were reviewed and amended to appropriately reflect the "member agencies absent". The minutes were then adopted as amended.

Agenda:

Frances Bowen reported that LifeCare Medical Transport, King William Volunteer Rescue Squad and Callao Volunteer Rescue Squad have not responded with names of representatives. Lifeline Ambulance Service has not yet received a letter requesting representative members. Nancy Wagner agreed to contact the Callao Volunteer Rescue Squad regarding representation on NNPHC.

Bowen noted that Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) grant submissions will be reviewed at the April meeting.

Executive Director's Report:

MMRS: Don Wilson reported that PEMS and TEMS have combined forces for response under the Multi-Mass Casualty Response System (MMRS). The Hampton Roads Mass Casualty Incident Response Guide will be used for our MMRS incidents. Pocket guides are available for all to take back to their base units.

The PEMS/TEMS MMRS plan is being submitted to the Hampton Roads Public Health Service (MMRS facilitator) for approval. Once it is approved, PEMS/TEMS will have eight (8) months to put the plan in place. Dr. Bill Ginnow will be the program manager. Information can be found on the Virginia OEMS web page under Regional Disaster.

ALS Coordinator: Dane Davis is the new ALS coordinator for PEMS, but has been activated by the Coast Guard for a six month time period. Jim Masten will be handling Danes' responsibilities during that time.

Two-for-Life: Wilson sent a letter to every legislator, asking them to support an increase in the Two for Life program. He requests members contact their state representatives in support of increasing these funds.

Regional Directors Meeting: Wilson continues to work against dissolution of the PEMS region as a singular area. He will be meeting with the other directors on February 7, 2002 to continue discussions. He

thinks we will maintain eleven (11) regions instead of the state's mandated eight (8) regions; that we will not redistrict because region members have clearly stated the needs to remain as they are.

PEMS Office: PEMS expenses for moving to the Gloucester office site were \$9,300. There is a need for funding to offset these costs as well as funds for necessary furnishings.

EMS Education:

Training Participation: Ellen Vest reported that the problem with poor attendance at PCREMSA classes is ongoing.

Certification Levels: Vest clarified that future certification levels will be Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Emergency Medical Technician – Enhanced (EMT-E), Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate (EMT-I), and Paramedic. The EMT-E certification will allow that EMT to start IV's, but not give intravenous medications.

VA OEMS Program; The VA OEMS education program is integrating its courses to become compliant with OEMS national standards. This will result in all certification courses having to be taught in accredited institutions.

EMT Test Schedule: The EMT test schedule is published through 2003. Test sites will be in Gloucester, Seaford and Essex High School in Tappahannock. This information is available on the web page. Group registration forms are available so each individual does not have to apply separately. Registration deadlines have been reduced from one (1) month to two (2) weeks.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 17, 2002, 7:00 p.m. at Riverside Tappahannock Hospital

Submitted by Nancy Wagner, 04 April 2002