

**Peninsula Prehospital Committee**

**December 10, 2002**

**(Amended February 11, 2003)**

**Mary Immaculate Hospital**

**Present:**

- **Jim Masten**
- **Tracy Hanger**
- **Kim Mitchell**
- **Patricia Heisler**
- **J. David Barrick**
- **Dane Davis**
- **Willard Hicks**
- **Jesse Woods**
- **Mike Player**
- **Chuck White**
- **Melissa Holloway**
- **Joe Zesky**
- **John Sochor**
- **Ronnie Weston**

**Call To Order :**

**Chairman Willard Hicks called the meeting to order at 1905 hours.**

**Minutes :**

**The members reviewed the minutes of the October 8, 2002 meeting. Chief Player made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Dr. Mitchell. Motion passed.**

**Presentation:**

**John Sochor, representing MarMac – a private ambulance service, proposed a new non-emergency transportation service intended to take residents of local nursing homes to local hospitals. He anticipated presenting this service to patient care administrators at The St. Francis Nursing Center and the Riverside Convalescent Center , both in Newport News . The service (with a response time of 10 – 12 minutes) is intended to provide an alternative transportation option for persons with chronic medical problems that appear to be becoming more acute. In a true medical emergency, administrators are advised to call 911.**

**Comments:**

- **Chief Player expressed great concern that nursing health system personnel already have a problem recognizing an emergent medical crisis. EMS response time for a 911 call is five minutes, rather than the twelve minutes for the private agency. Delay of care could be as much as 17 minutes if the private agency is called first, followed up by a 911 call.**
- **Chief Hanger asked about the BLS-ALS protocols and OMD coverage for MarMac.**
- **Chief Barrick cautioned that the City of Newport News had a legal obligation to respond to such calls from local nursing homes and not refer to a private service. He advised Mr. Sochor to consult with the City attorney to ensure that no conflict exists with the City in regard to "duty to respond" to a medical emergency.**

**Old Business :**

1. **Chairman Hicks asked Chief Hanger for an update on the Sentara Careplex Hospital opening. Chief Hanger stated that on December 19, 2002 (eve of the move) that all participating agencies would tour both old and new hospitals to familiarize themselves with personnel and facilities. Chief Hanger was finalizing plans for availability of communications, drug boxes, restocking supplies, and ER gate access plans.**
2. **Chairman Hicks asked for an update on MMRS. Chief Player said he was compiling a list of 33 interested individuals for a Strike Advance Team. He will be sending a letter to agencies agreeing to appoint members to the Advance Team.**

**New Business :**

1. **PEMS ALS coordinator, Dane Davis, announced that a QA/QI meeting will be held December 16, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Port Warwick Medical Arts Center . Additionally, an OEMS Rules and Regulations meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 11, 2002 at the Tappahannoch-Riverside Hospital . A compliance workshop will also be held on February 1, 2003 in Gloucester at the Beaver Dam Park Conference Center from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
2. **Jim Masten stated that State-mandated trauma QA cards have been mailed to all EMS agencies and are now in the ER in all local hospitals.**
3. **Chief Player thanked all members of the Poquoson Fire and Rescue Departments for hosting the December 2002 meeting and providing an enjoyable dinner. Chairman Hicks heartily agreed.**

**Good of the Order**

1. ***Dane Davis reported that the new drugs for the drug boxes are in. There will be a pilot program for using these drugs and protocols are being developed. New medications are the following:***

<b><u>Generic Name</u></b>	<b><u>Brand Name</u></b>
<b><i>Etomidate</i></b>	<b><i>Amidate</i></b>
<b><i>Haloperidol</i></b>	<b><i>Haldol</i></b>
<b><i>Promethazine Hydrochloride</i></b>	<b><i>Phenergan</i></b>
<b><i>Succinylcholine</i></b>	<b><i>Anectine</i></b>
<b><i>Vecuronium Bromide</i></b>	<b><i>Norcuron</i></b>

2. ***Chairman Hicks expressed the importance of agencies getting their OMD at the next MAC meeting to discuss these new drugs, airway management, and upgraded drug boxes.***
3. ***Chief Hanger asked for more information to clarify what is required for mutual aid agreements with volunteer Rescue Squads. The membership agreed to a Mutual Aid meeting to be held with the State representative, Tim Kimble, on December 18, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. at the York County regional headquarters of Fire and EMS .***

***At 2100 hours, Chairman Hicks adjourned the meeting after a motion from Dr. Mitchell and a second from Ronnie Weston.***

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Patricia E. Heisler***

***Secretary, Peninsula Prehospital Committee***