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APPROVED

EMS COMMITTEE

04/22/2025 Minutes

Present: Chairperson Rich Cluff, FCFR, Co-chairperson John Kane, NBVFR, John Larsen, WVFC, Tom Litchford, WVFC, Joe Williams, RVFD, Danielle McCloy, TPVFR, Petra Williams, GVFR, Executive Assistant Lindsay Flippo

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Cluff called the meeting to order at 1901 hours.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was presented to the committee. Petra Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda. Tom Litchford seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the February 22, 2025 meeting were presented to the committee. Tom Litchford made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Petra Williams seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

IV. Guests/Citizens

- a. There were no guests present.

V. Old Business

- a. Training Updates – Spring EMT will be finishing in May. Recruit EMT will be finished in June. CPR in person June 14th. There will be no summer EMT and it is unknown if the Fall class will be EMT or AEMT. Joe asked about skills drills, maybe revisit it for the new year. Litchford said Warrenton is looking at possibly holding some skills drills at their station. Joe asked about SimLab usage and if we could use it more often. John Larsen asked about mandatory training, discussed maybe opening it up to all system members. Co-chair Kane will follow-up with training and fire ops regarding EMS training.
- b. Pharmacy Update – Petra Williams informed the committee that personnel seem to be getting the hang of it, and we are seeing less mistakes. They will be exchanging expired drugs, working on bags over the next few weeks. PSTrax is aware of the error codes that are showing up and are working towards a fix. Station 2 and 8 vaults now have more first-in kits so they can run more calls out of county without having to come to Warrenton for resupply. Co-chair Kane asked about narc boxes at co. 10, Petra informed him how many they have. Chairperson Cluff asked about the possibility of adding Zofran in the narcs box, to help with nausea associated with administering narcotics. This way, you won't have to open both first-in and narc boxes. Petra agreed and will work towards it during their expired drug exchange.
- c. Protocol committee – John Larsen inquired about the protocol committee, and Chairperson Cluff informed him they are doing great work. Capt. Highland will be reaching out to Dr. Jenks to discuss where they are and finish up recommendations for additions and corrections. John Larsen mentioned he would like to be included, and will put him in touch with Highland.

VI. New Business

- a. Technimounts – they are currently being installed on all ambulances, on all LifePak 35s. Almost all the units except for 10 and 4B. They are heavy, but there are only two on the market, we went with the only one that would rotate. Chamberlin has remedied issues with install.
- b. Video laryngoscopes – holdover money in Sept/Oct, was not approved in the budget. \$3400 per piece, 26ish scopes, and \$55 per blade, 6 different size blades needed. GlideScope GO 2. Litchford will look into grants to help fund. Cluff will get together the numbers and give Litchford the information.

VII. Roundtable

- a. Four for Life funds are currently being distributed, with some earmarked for Handtevy. Contact Trish for details.
- b. Litchford – informed the committee that there is a volunteer member group chats to help staffing, and will go to where you need the people/medic unit. Co-chair Kane will approach the Fire Ops group regarding getting Litchford and Neglia, among others, to where they need to be. If you want to also reach out to the on-duty BC, he will send you where there is a need. Just keep putting the word out there. For inclusion on group chats, just ask to be a part of it.
- c. Joe – inquired about the possibility of critical care ambulances -one north and one south that would care equipment and a critical care paramedic. Issue is money, trained personnel, and logistics. Also contend with volunteer system members who would not want the ambulance running up and down the road. It is a good idea to think about and maybe can revisit in the future.
- d. Kane – the informational bulletin regarding bags survey link went out. Replies are slim, so please review and submit your feedback. Also take a look at your equipment bags and let them know if something is wrong, missing, or damaged.
- e. Medic drivers and being released within the county. Staffing policy does address the minimum staffing, but we should be pushing this information out to the system and everyone following the policy.
- f. Fire Ops chiefs are claiming they are not hearing about what's going on in these committees. Please remember to update your chiefs so that they know what is going on and going to the Executive committee.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by John Larsen at 1951 hours. Petra Williams seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 27th, 2025, at 1900 hours at Fauquier Hospital.