

Chief of Service

EMS Report

June 24, 2014

2014 Stats

2014	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Days	31	28	31	30	31	23							
Total calls	347	307	378	350	355	272							2009
TEMS Covered	318	280	346	325	331	252							1852
Percent covered	92%	91%	92%	93%	93%	93%							92%
Mutual Aid	29	27	32	25	24	20							157
Total response Times	6.9	7.1	7	7.06	7.2								
Transport Rate	75%	78%	79%	80%	75%	74%							77.00%
ALS Intercept	6	16	14	17	14	7							74

2013 Stats

2013	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31	
Total calls	335	325	293	298	378	316	314	332	310	354	315	352	3922
TEMS Covered	265	237	243	267	345	296	299	316	282	330	291	331	3502
Percent covered	79%	73%	81%	90%	91%	94%	95%	95%	91%	93%	92%	94%	89%
Mutual Aid	66	86	50	31	33	20	15	16	28	24	24	21	414

New Volunteers in Training:

TEMS currently has 9 new members in training.

Vehicle Status:

All vehicles are currently in service.

A few minor problems occurred during the last month including a door handle not operating in 902, an oil leak in 903, A/C recharging in 902 and 903.

I would like to thank the Public Works garage for all their help keeping the ambulances well maintained and being very quick to respond to repairs to ensure vehicles are back in service quickly.

Upcoming Events:

TEMS will be providing a full standby detail to include a dedicated ambulance, medical tent, and the Gator to this year's Trumbull Day event. An additional ambulance will be on duty to assist covering the town as well during peak times of the event.

Trumbull EMS will be hosting an EMR class starting July 1st. We have approximately 13 kids from local schools who are taking this class.

Recent Events:

Trumbull EMS hosted a Red Cross Shelter class that allowed staff as well as other town departments to be trained in coordinating and managing a shelter. This class will better prepare our members to assist if needed during an emergency activation of a shelter. The emergency plan is to have a minimum of one TEMS EMT on standby at the shelter during activation.

Trumbull EMS had an opportunity to visit Daniels Farm School and Middlebrooks School over the past few weeks. I would like to thank all those members who came in during the past month to drive the winners of the recent art contest to school. The students were picked up from their homes and brought to school in an ambulance. Once at school, the remainder of the students had the opportunity to learn about the ambulance and tour a vehicle. Thank you again to the Community Outreach Team for coordinating a series of great events.

Trumbull EMS provided an ambulance on standby for the THS Graduation as well as for the New Life Church 5K road race. The events were staffed by volunteers Matt Matousek, Janet Freeburg, Nick Zeleny and Curt Robinson. Thank you all for your assistance.

TEMS participated in the State of CT- annual state emergency preparedness exercise on Monday June 23rd. This drill allowed town departments and third party partners, such as United Illuminating, to work through a series of events that could potential happen during a real emergency.

TEMS volunteers rode a total of 371 shifts for the months of April and May 2014. Some shifts are equal to six hours. Volunteers worked a minimum of 1113 hours in the past two months. This doesn't include training shifts by our new members.

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Trumbull Emergency Medical
Service Commission

William Schietinger, Chairman



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Joseph Laucella, Chief

Trumbull Emergency Medical Service Commission Meeting
June 24, 2014, 7:00pm
Trumbull EMS Headquarters

Present: Commissioners: Chairman William Schietinger, Gwen Summ, Matthew Wheeler, Joseph Peddle. Philip Lukianuk entered at 7:20pm; Diane Mayo entered at 7:40pm. Also present: Chief Joseph Laucella and Michael DelVecchio

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by the Chairman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Past Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Peddle, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to approve the minutes of May 27, 2014 as written. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

1. Chief Laucella noted that TEMS has received the FEMA grant requested to purchase two cardiac monitors. We are now part of the 2% of emergency medical service organizations in the country to receive a grant. He met with representatives from Zoll and Physio Control regarding their monitors. He also spoke with Paramedic Cate Sadlier, Trumbull's supervisor from Danbury Ambulance, regarding the equipment. The Trumbull paramedics were surveyed and it was agreed to stay with Physio as they are familiar and comfortable with the equipment and many use this at other services where they work. Chief Laucella noted they have a good product and provide good service. Chief Laucella met again with the representative from Physio regarding the monitors and it was agreed they would have everything on them except for temperature reading capability which would put the total cost of the units over the grant amount. The Chief will be presenting this information to the Town Council at its meeting in July for approval to accept this grant and then secure matching funding from the EMS Special Agency Account of \$8,000. This equipment is on the state bid list so no RFP for quotes will be necessary. Chief Laucella also noted that the grant covers the first five years of service on the monitors. Physio has also included additional monitor leads and pulse ox equipment in the price.

Mr. Lukianuk entered the meeting at 7:20pm.

Chief Laucella recommended that we proceed with the Physio monitors after the recommendations made by the paramedics. Mr. Peddle questioned whether there would be any

problems in going with Physio instead of Zoll from a business standpoint. Chief Laucella noted we would be continuing a relationship we currently have with updated equipment. The Commission members agreed to proceed with Chief Laucella's recommendation.

2. Chief Laucella presented the proposed RFP for a new ambulance which is currently being reviewed. The specifications included are the same specifications for our current Sprinter with the exception of a new style of light bar. Once the town has reviewed and approved, he would like to put the RFP out with a deadline in July so that an order can be placed in August. Delivery of the vehicle could be expected in October.

Chief of Service Report

Chief Laucella reported the following:

1. The addendum has been written to extend the paramedic contract for an additional four months. The town has signed the agreement and is waiting for Mr. DeSimone's signature to finalize the paperwork.
2. Chief's report was distributed. A review of call volume was done. It was noted that new facilities will be opening up in the near future which will impact our call volume.

Diane Mayo entered the meeting at 7:40pm.

3. Revenue figures were reviewed for the past year. \$105,000 per month will bring us up to the \$1.26 million projected revenue. It was noted that we will have one additional deposit for the month of June.
4. ALS intercepts were discussed. This topic was first discussed several months ago and the commission requested additional statistics be obtained before they would discuss and decide about a change in staffing. Chief Laucella noted there have been 161 intercepts with a mutual aid provider from 7/1/13 – 5/31/14. At \$280 per call, this equates to approximately \$45,000 in fees paid to a mutual aid provider. Even if we do not get paid the entire charged amount, we are obligated to pay the ALS intercept fee to the provider. From 6p-10p there were 18 intercepts, Saturday/Sunday 29 intercepts, 8a-6p 114 intercepts with the majority coming in between 8a to 4p. Discussion was held regarding the cost saving of having an additional paramedic on duty during the busy times. Chief Laucella estimated a cost of \$28,000 to up staff Monday through Friday from 8a-4p or 8a-6p to cover these calls. This also provides good patient care and makes good business sense to up staff to two paramedics during those times. Details for moving forward with this would need to be finalized and perhaps an RFP would be required. Chief Laucella noted additional ALS gear would need to be obtained. Mrs. Summ questioned whether the mutual aid paramedics triage down to BLS transport if paramedic services are not required. Mr. Peddle requested that Chief Laucella provide for the next meeting anticipated revenue figures and how many calls were downgraded by mutual aid paramedics. He was also requested to speak with the town regarding what needs to be done should this concept be approved.
5. It was noted that the TEMS Association has discussed the possibility of fund raising on behalf of TEMS for equipment. This will most likely be done in the fall.

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Peddle, seconded by Ms. Mayo, to move into Executive Session at 8:15pm to discuss the Chief's Evaluation. Present: Commissioners Schietinger, Summ, Wheeler, Peddle, Lukianuk, Mayo and Chief Laucella. Unanimous. Mrs. Summ left the Executive Session at 8:30pm. Motion was made by Mr. Peddle, seconded by Ms. Mayo, to end the Executive Session at 8:40pm.

Motion was made by Mr. Lukianuk to forward the Chief's evaluation to Chief Kiely for his input and to the First Selectman for final approval. Seconded by Mr. Peddle. Discussion. Mr. Peddle amended the

motion to read to give the evaluation to Chief Kiely and forward to the First Selectman to include in Chief Laucella's personnel file. Seconded by Ms. Mayo and approved unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Peddle, seconded by Ms. Mayo, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Executive Administrative Assistant

These minutes are considered a draft until they are approved at the next meeting of the Trumbull EMS Commission.

