

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL  
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Joseph Laucella, Chief

Trumbull Emergency Medical  
Service Commission

William Schietinger, Chairman

Trumbull Emergency Medical Service Commission Meeting  
August 25, 2015 7:00 pm  
Trumbull EMS Headquarters

**Present:** Chairman William Schietinger; Commissioners Matthew Wheeler, Diane Mayo, Joel Hirshfield, Dr. Shea Gregg (entered at 7:18 pm) and Thomas Kiely, Jr.

Also present: Chief Joseph Laucella

**Absent:** Commissioners Philip Lukianuk.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Schietinger at 7:10 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Past Minutes**

Motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Ms. Mayo, to approve the minutes of July 28, 2015 as written.

**Old Business**

The Tax Abatement list has been finalized. All shift counts have been converted to hours with 120 a minimum qualification as approved by the Commission last year.

**New Business**

1. Chief Laucella noted that a water dispenser has been donated to the service. This replaces the water fountain in the building. He requested approval to use Special Agency Account Funds to purchase water bottles noting that the funds that are in the account come from donations that are to be used for the benefit of the service. He stated taking the funds from the program supplies budget may be a concern as the purchasing of supplies to date for the service has been \$12,000 and he will need all money allocated to supplies to meet the demand. Discussions were held with another larger vendor who may be able to save us money. The Commission discussed the possibility of leasing a dispenser that taps directly into a water source. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Mayo to spend up to \$1,000 from the Special Agency Account for water bottles/dispenser for the service. Seconded by Mr. Hirshfield and approved unanimously.

## **Chief's Report**

Chief Laucella distributed his report noting the following:

1. The second paramedic is doing well. Crews do not have to wait for medic intercepts and are able to clear calls quickly. This definitely helps call coverage.
2. Volunteer stats were reviewed.
3. AMR EMT class did clinical ride time as well as Easton. Both sessions went well. Positive comments have been reported.
4. Trumbull's EMT class has ended. Two mass casualty scenarios were part of the training which included a gas leak and an active shooter. Discussion was held regarding active shooter training. It was noted the State Police have been trained in first aid and this is the start of a program that would move forward to include EMS. Mr. Hirshfield noted some areas have medical teams that are specially trained to go in with the police to treat patients. Chief Laucella noted REPT funding is being sought to provide towns with supplies to be deployed in the event of an accident such as tourniquets, bandages, and long boards.
5. Foxtrot litters have been purchased and will be placed on the ambulances. These are sled-type devices used to move patients along the ground instead of being picked up. It is a one or two person device which could also be beneficial in the snow should the need arise.
6. A mock drill is planned for November for the staff.
7. September has many events that need to be covered by EMS including CPR for school nurses, road races, football games, Fall Festival.
8. Financially, July had the biggest deposit of funds at \$144,571. Revenue from the second paramedic has not been seen yet. There has been a slowdown in August – current deposit is \$70,000. Our change over to another system within emsCharts has required us to resend several charts for billing.

## **New Business**

Motion was made by Ms. Mayo to add an Executive Session to the agenda to discuss a personnel concern.

Seconded by Mr. Hirshfield and approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Wheeler to enter into Executive Session at 7:40pm. Seconded by Mr. Schietinger and approved unanimously. Attending the Executive Session were Commissioners Schietinger, Mayo, Kiely, Hirshfield, Wheeler and Gregg and Chief Laucella.

Motion was made by Dr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. Hirshfield, to exit the Executive Session at 8:00pm.

Approved unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Mr. Hirshfield, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall  
Executive Administrative Assistant

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

Chief of Service

EMS Report

July 28, 2015

**2015 Stats**

	2015 Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Days	31	28	31	30	31	30							
Total calls	382	334	390	341	363	392							2202
TEMS Covered	348	309	359	317	334	359							2026
Percent covered	92%	93%	92%	93%	92%	92%							93%
Mutual Aid	34	25	31	24	29	33							176
Total response Times	7%	7.30%	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.4							7.20%
Transport Rate	75%	79%	77%	80%	75%	76%							77.00%
ALS Intercept	21	13	17	11	13	20							95

Call Volume- July 1st- July 27, 2015 - 307 Calls

**2014 Stats**

	2014 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	347	307	378	350	355	359	349	303	317	348	306	333	4052
TEMS Covered	318	280	346	325	331	331	311	286	298	322	282	314	3744
Percent covered	92%	91%	92%	93%	93%	92%	89%	94%	94%	93%	93%	94%	93%
Mutual Aid	29	27	32	25	24	28	38	17	19	26	24	19	308
Total response Times	6.9	7.1	7	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	6.9	7.3	7.6	7.1	7.2
Transport Rate	75%	78%	79%	80%	75%	75%	78%	75%	76%	76%	75%	75%	76%
ALS Intercept	6	16	14	17	14	11	19	12	21	13	9	9	161

**New Volunteers in Training:**

TEMS has 13 new members who are in training.

We would like to congratulate Paulina Howard for completing her new member training. Paulina is now a cleared EMT with the organization. She began with the organization as an Explorer approximately four years ago and worked very hard to complete her EMT certification.

**Vehicle Status:**

902 is Out of Service. The new ambulance (902) is expected to be delivered the week of August 10, 2015

901 is Out of Service. 901 has been Out of Service multiple times since the last week in June. The ambulance has been losing power and has had some cooling problems. The vehicle has been in the shop four times over the last four weeks.

**Equipment Update:**

The new CPR equipment that was approved at the last months EMS Commission meeting has been ordered.

The new Stryker Stretcher has been ordered and we expect delivery in the next two months.

**EMT Class Update:**

The summer EMT class that is being held at TEMS is going very well. We anticipated 15 students but only 13 students were present the first day of class. The class average is 82% and all students have started their clinical ride time with TEMS. We anticipate many of these students will complete the class and volunteer with the organization.

The fall class that is held in partnership with Fairfield University is set to begin on September 2, 2015.

**Recent Events:**

TEMS provided ambulance standby coverage to the recent Sunset Road Race at Twin Brooks Park. There were a few heat related emergencies and one transport from the event.

TEMS would like to thank Bridgeport Hospital, Dr. Shea Gregg, Dr. Atweh, Barry Barkinsky, Paul Possenti and the entire Trauma and ER Department for their assistance at a very complex incident. The incident required technical assistance by the Trauma team in the field. Everyone was very quick to offer assistance and responded to Trumbull to assist EMS crews on scene.

TEMS would also like to thank Dr. Medoro from Yale New Haven Sponsor Hospital Sharp Team who also responded to the scene to provide support.

**TEMS volunteers rode a total of 329 shifts (minimum of 987 hours in June and July**

**Thank you to all those volunteers who have been riding and helping with our community events.**

Chief of Service

EMS Report

August 25, 2015

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Total calls	382	334	390	341	363	392	349	264					2815
TEMS Covered	348	309	359	317	334	359	326	245					2597
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Mutual Aid	34	25	31	24	29	33	23	19					218
Total response Times	7%	7.30%	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.1	7.3					7.20%
Transport Rate	75%	79%	77%	80%	75%	76%	75%	80%					77.00%
ALS Intercept	21	13	17	11	13	20	1	3					99

Call Volume- August 1- August 24, 2015 - 264 Calls

**2014 Stats**

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**New Volunteers in Training:**

TEMS has 10 new members who are in training.

We have 6 new applicants who we will be bringing in to interview in the next few weeks.

**Vehicle Status:**

All vehicles are in service.

Ambulance 902 has arrived from the manufacturer. It is currently at Northeastern Communications having the radios installed. When the unit returns, it will be stocked and prepped for our OEMS state inspection on August 26<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have the truck on the road and in service for September 1, 2015.

**EMT Class Update:**

The summer EMT finished on August 20, 2015. 12 students completed the class and are scheduling test dates for certification. The class was a huge success and we are grateful for all the help from our volunteers, staff and instructors who led and coordinated a fantastic class. All students believed the class exceeded their expectations and the final class average was 84%. Thank you to all those members, staff and instructors who participated in the EMT class.

The fall class that is held in partnership with Fairfield University is set to begin on September 2, 2015.

**Recent Events:**

TEMS provided ambulance standby coverage for a Roller Derby at In-Sports.

TEMS had the opportunity to train approximately 40 Public Works staff members on basic first aid over the course of two sessions.

**TEMS volunteers rode a total of 274 shifts (minimum of 822 hours in July and August)**

**Thank you to all those volunteers who have been riding and helping with our community events.**