

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL  
CONNECTICUT**

Trumbull Emergency Medical  
Service Commission  
William Schietinger, Chairman



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Trumbull Emergency Medical Service Commission Meeting  
October 25, 2016 7:00 pm  
Trumbull EMS Headquarters

**Present:** Chairman, William Schietinger, Commissioners Matthew Wheeler, Diane Mayo, Dr. Shea Gregg (entered at 7:10 pm), Thomas Kiely, Jr., and Joel Hirshfield.

Absent: Commissioner Philip Lukianuk

Also Present: Chief Joseph Laucella

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Schietinger at 7:05 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Past Minutes**

Motion was made by Mr. Wheeler to approve the minutes of September 27, 2016 as written. Seconded by Mr. Hirshfield. Approved unanimously.

**New Business**

1. Discussion of Upcoming RFPs and Staffing Contracts – Mr. Schietinger noted the initial intention was to appoint a subcommittee to review the RFPs and staffing contracts but after discussion with Chief Laucella, he felt the Commission needed to decide if they should move forward with new RFPs. Chief Laucella noted there is a one-year contract extension for both Danbury Ambulance and Vintech. Both contracts end on June 30, 2017 (with the one-year extension June 30, 2018).

Dr. Gregg entered the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Chief Laucella reviewed the current staffing module and how the staffing contracts meet those needs. Discussion was held as to what should be included in the new RFPs so the vendor is aware of the expectations of the service. Motion was made by Dr. Gregg to send out RFPs for both paramedic and BLS staffing coverage. Seconded by Ms. Mayo. Discussion. Motion was passed unanimously.

2. Budget – Chief Laucella discussed his recommendations for the 2017-2018 budget. A Special Meeting will be scheduled for December 6, 2016 to discuss the budget as prepared by Chief Laucella to be voted on at the regularly scheduled Commission meeting on December 13, 2016.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Schietinger discussed the meeting held with the TEMS Association, Mr. Hirshfield and Mr. Kiely and himself. He felt the meeting went well and that the Association had some ideas how to refocus the Association's mission and separate it from Trumbull EMS.

### **Chief's Report**

Chief Laucella reviewed his report. He noted the following:

1. The new ambulance should be completed around the holidays or early in January.
2. With the addition of a new (5<sup>th</sup>) ambulance, a rotation schedule will be devised and one Sprinter will be taken out of service and stored at the Berkshire location each month.
3. A meeting is scheduled with Yale-New Haven Sponsor Hospital to discuss ride time at Trumbull for their EMT students.
4. Thank you to Janet Freeburg who has taken on several special events over the past few weeks including all three fire department open houses and coordinating the MADD walk.
5. Mass casualty drill will be held on 10/27/16.
6. The fifth ambulance license should arrive in the next few days. There is a hearing in Hartford on 11/4/16 for the new paramedic vehicle request.
7. A public Narcan training is scheduled at TEMS on 11/29/16.

Dr. Gregg asked about B-Con training for the law enforcement fields. He noted that this will be a topic at an upcoming meeting as it is becoming more important nationally.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Motion was made by Mr. Hirshfield to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Seconded by Ms. Mayo and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall  
Executive Administrative Assistant

Chief of Service

EMS Report

October 25, 2016

**2016 Stats**

| 2016                 | Jan. | Feb.  | March | April | May | June | July | August | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | TOTAL  |
|----------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|--------|-------|------|------|------|--------|
| Days                 | 31   | 29    | 31    | 30    | 31  | 30   | 31   | 31     | 30    | 24   |      |      |        |
| Total calls          | 377  | 359   | 410   | 339   | 383 | 361  | 364  | 361    | 355   | 301  |      |      | 3610   |
| TEMS Covered         | 358  | 340   | 388   | 324   | 359 | 348  | 350  | 351    | 354   | 284  |      |      | 3456   |
| Percent covered      | 95%  | 95%   | 95%   | 96%   | 94% | 96%  | 96%  | 97%    | 97%   | 94%  |      |      | 95%    |
| Transports           | 280  | 267   | 300   | 237   | 265 | 264  | 253  | 266    | 269   | 220  |      |      | 2621   |
| Mutual Aid           | 19   | 19    | 22    | 15    | 24  | 13   | 14   | 10     | 10    | 17   |      |      | 163    |
| Total response Times | 7%   | 7.30% | 7.3   | 7.1   | 7.5 | 7.3  | 7.4  | 7.40%  | 7.1   | 7.2  |      |      | 7.30   |
| Transport Rate       | 78%  | 79%   | 77%   | 73%   | 74% | 76%  | 72%  | 76%    | 78%   | 77%  |      |      | 76.00% |
| ALS Intercept        | 8    | 4     | 10    | 6     | 6   | 3    | 7    | 2      | 8     | 3    |      |      | 57     |

**2015 Stats**

| 2015                 | 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          | 382  | 334   | 390   | 341   | 363 | 392  | 349  | 345    | 366   | 410  | 339  | 338  | 4349   |
| TEMS Covered         | 348  | 309   | 359   | 317   | 334 | 359  | 326  | 325    | 350   | 377  | 317  | 320  | 4041   |
| Percent covered      | 92%  | 93%   | 92%   | 93%   | 92% | 92%  | 93%  | 94%    | 96%   | 92%  | 94%  | 95%  | 93%    |
| Transports           | 260  | 244   | 278   | 252   | 249 | 272  | 245  | 259    | 251   | 278  | 250  | 239  | 3077   |
| Mutual Aid           | 34   | 25    | 31    | 24    | 29  | 33   | 23   | 20     | 16    | 33   | 22   | 18   | 308    |
| Total response Times | 7%   | 7.30% | 7.3   | 7.2   | 7.3 | 7.4  | 7.1  | 7.4    | 7.2   | 7.2  | 7.3  | 7.1  | 7.20   |
| Transport Rate       | 75%  | 79%   | 77%   | 80%   | 75% | 76%  | 75%  | 80%    | 70%   | 74%  | 79%  | 75%  | 76.00% |
| ALS Intercept        | 21   | 13    | 17    | 11    | 13  | 20   | 1    | 3      | 6     | 2    | 7    | 4    | 118    |

**New Volunteers in Training:**

**Vehicle Status:**

All ambulances have been in service on a regular basis.

The new ambulance that was ordered is expected to be delivered in early January.

The new Chevy Tahoe that will be licensed as a second Paramedic vehicle has arrived. The vehicle is scheduled to be up-fitted with lights, radios and graphics in the middle of November. We expect this to go in service along with the new ambulance in early to mid-January.

**EMT Class Update:**

The EMT class that is being held in partnership with Fairfield University has 11 students enrolled. They have started their clinical ride time with TEMS.

**Recent Events:**

**TEMS had a very busy October. The service has been providing standby's to all varsity football games at St. Joseph High School and Trumbull High School. I want to thank those crews who have been volunteering to staff many of these stand-by's.**

**TEMS members have been attending the Fire Department open houses over the last few weeks. I would like to thank Karl Klass, Sheldon Yessenow, Mike Delvecchio and Janet Freeburg for volunteering at the events.**

**TEMS members joined and participated in a new community awareness and support event sponsored by MADD. TEMS members organized a team and collected over \$700 for this organization. The team participated in the 3 mile walk-a-thon on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Fairfield.**

**Members from the service provided Hands Only CPR Classes to the Trumbull High School Culinary Program on Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Trumbull EMS provided standby coverage to the Trumbull Band Classic and the Trumbull Pumpkin Run**

**TEMS assisted a local high school student by being part of a video against "Texting and Driving" campaign. Two members volunteered one afternoon to assist this student and with this project.**

**Members from both Trumbull EMS and Long Hill Fire Department have been training in October for MCI responses. We have had two drills this month and have a large drill planned for Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**TEMS volunteers have provided coverage for more than 203 shifts (minimum 609 hours) for the month of September 2016.**

**Thank you to all those volunteers who have been helping to staff ambulances, assisting with community education and providing medical coverage at standby events.**