



Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board

WESTCHESTER COUNTY EMS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the November 12, 2002 Meeting At the Department of Emergency Services

Present

Arledge, Boone P., Jr.
Croll, Susan
Dawson, David
Fishman, Celia
Kapica, John
Minerva, Daniel
Moore, Scott
Ochs, Adam

O'Connor, Charles
Parsons, David
Reilly, Jeffrey T.
Rothschild, William
Scoca, Paul William
Sutton, Anthony
Tully, Theodore
Volk, Michael
Yuknek, Joli, M.D.

Excused

Faucher, Roland
Kalish, Chris

Absent

DeRobertis, Nicholas, M.D.
Flores, Carlos R., M.D.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kapica at 1830.

Corrections to the minutes are as follows: Adam Ochs and Daniel Minerva were in attendance at the October meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Communications Committee:

Chief Michael Volk gave an update on the progress of the countywide communications system proposal. He related that the two outside consultants have come "on board" and one Department of Information Technology (DoIT) consultant has been retained on a part time basis. There is still research to be done on the propagation patterns of the proposed system, including the assessment of reflected signals, off the Palisades for example. Bill Rothschild asked if he could have access to a better quality map, as he was willing to bring a proposal to the Somers Fire Department concerning the use of their tower.

Rehab Team

Chief Volk described the concept of a rehab team, which would be available for EMS, and Fire teams who are involved in either a HAZMAT, biohazard or protracted fire scene. The roles and responsibilities of this team need to be developed jointly by members of the Fire Advisory Board as well as members of the EAB. Equipment needs, placement of the equipment as well as activation and deactivation protocols are amongst the first items to be worked on by the joint committee. Adam Ochs and Jeff Reilly volunteered to represent the EAB.

EMT / Paramedic Training.

A brief discussion regarding the presentation by Mr. Nardoizzi and Mr. Kaufman was discussed. It was decided that representatives from both Rockland and Dutchess Community Colleges Paramedic programs would be invited to the January, 2003 meeting. The idea of developing and distributing a questionnaire to EMS providers was discussed. Susan Kroll volunteered to develop a draft for the board to review.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:55. The next meeting is on Tuesday, December 10th, 2002, at 1830.

Submitted by J. Reilly, Secretary