

St. Lawrence County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board September 25, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Deavers @ 19:00

**Members Present:** Julianne Sciorra, Mark Deavers, Joyce Dalton, Mark Dalton, Kevin Wells, Phyllis McDougal, Dick McDougal, Storm Cilley, James Blackburn, Don Thompson, Carol Muench, Jim Barr (you will have to check rosters)

**Members Excused:**

**Members Absent:**

**Guests:** Michael LeCuyer, Chelsea Snyder- Dennis (Clifton-Fine Hospital)

**Correspondence:** None noted

Motion to approve the minutes from May 22, 2018

**Motion to approve May 2018 minutes made by Phyllis McDougal second by Carol Muench, all in favor, motion passed**

**Office of Emergency Services** – see attached report

Mike LeCuyer - Talked about a couple of new dispatchers, down 1 full time dispatcher, 1 may want to come back from new position.

Doing a lot with grants. Two more in the works. Emergency preparedness grant with a 46% payoff from the Federal Government. (offsets salaries) Interoperable grant funding need to submit budget. Completion of towers, hopefully four towers in 2019. Will complete eight towers then new radio and microwave system.

Talked about CAD system and faxes

Emails are o.k. Faxes are having issues

**Kevin:** There are some secure email systems out there

**Mark Deavers:** Wanted to know if that was agency specific. Is there a way to run through the PRO QA or CAD? Is there a way to get the questions (pre-arrival)?

**Mike:** Goal to use Pro QA, for last two years. Need dispatcher who can do the work.

**Mark Deavers:** Is there a way for the board to help with that process? Will send BLS crew for a fall as opposed to ALS for a person who falls off a roof.

**Mike:** Will look into for the next meeting.

**Mark Deavers:** Went through notes from the State agencies

Introduced Chelsea Snyder-Dennis from Clifton Fine Hospital. Nursing Director. Sent Bio Fact Sheet.

Upcoming Training: Difficult airway January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> (Mystic Center Fort Drum)

Don't need RSI credentialing, well worth the time and money, if you can do airways it's a good course. 16 hours of CME's for it.

Take it would be appreciated. Mark Dalton took it and stated it was good course.

**Mike LeCuyer:** OSHA Best Practices, County Attorney and Safety guy going out to all agencies. Workers comp purposes to get everyone on the same page. EMS best practices.

**Mark Deavers:** Should we put together a committee to create best practices for EMS? (lots of discussion in response to this question)

**Mike LeCuyer:** Lots of pushback, it will happen because of the new requirements. Cannot happen over night

**Jim Barr:** Will try to come up with a draft of OSHA stuff, simple stuff

**Mark Deavers:** Talk to insurance carriers

**Mark Dalton:** Default practices, willing to work on what will happen to the county

#### **New Business: Mark Deavers**

We bring problems all the time so let's start bringing ideas, so we can work to get something accomplished. Take ideas and move them forward. There is lots of talent at this table that we can take to develop stuff and work on legislative issues. Essex County recognized problems, worked on it, and are trying to move forward. They have had influence in the system as a whole. Push some ideas forward, make some noise, about what's going on. How do we recruit as a County?

Schools. We need to get into them and how to address recruitment. Look @ alternatives for getting people through the doors. Talk to WWNY for spots on T.V. for recruitment.

State allows a lot of latitude for nurse to challenge info for the course. Course sponsor/Medical Director need to come up with a policy. Challenge/Skills fail to show up for classes. Mark will push the issue forward.

**Julie Sciorra:** Dr. Fink is now at CHMC 3 days a week.

**Mark Dalton:** Discussed danceathon in schools (Glenn Falls) and other ways to get into schools to raise funds and awareness for Fire Departments and Rescue Squads.

**Mike LeCuyer:** Tammy wants to know how REMSCO appoints? Mark Deavers explained.

Motion to adjourn Made by Kevin and seconded by Carol. Motion carried. Adjourned at 19:57