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## ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

April 4, 2011

Regular Meeting

Present: Jerome Fainer, Chairman  
Steve Blume  
David Geloso

Absent: Scott Nihill

Others Present: Jared Heon, Acting EMS Acct. Exec.

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services Commission was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Fainer.

There was a quorum present.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

### Public Session

Chairman Fainer asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the commission. There being no one, Chairman Fainer closed the public session.

### Minutes

Commissioner Blume made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the February 15, 2011 Special Meeting and the March 7, 2011 Regular Meeting. Chief Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

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**Bills**

Mr. Heon presented the following bills to the commission for consideration.

**Purchase Requests:**

Service Auto	Headlights, Car Wash/Brushes	\$40.93
Airgas East	Feb Oxygen (discounted)	\$102.49
Inventory Trading Co	Jackets (Aug 2010)	\$566.00
CAG	March Billing (PO cut 4/4/11)	\$4,009.00
Poland Springs	Water	\$73.40
Boundtree Medical	February Supplies	\$1,751.34
Michael Hokanson	CPR Reimbursement (grant)	\$110.00
Jared Heon	Reimbursement: Car 7&9 DMV	\$40.00

**Pending:**

Dowling Ford	Car 9 Injector Repair	\$748.94
Telrepc	Toughbook Repair	\$PENDING
Custom Bandag	Car 9 Front Tires	\$518.00

**Approved/Pending:**

Personnel Concepts	Poster	\$25.00
Grainger	Batteries (AAA, AA, C)	\$144.71
WB Mason	Office Supplies	\$150.00
Computer Vendor	EMS Account Exec Computer	\$1,000
NorthEastern Comm	Car 8 Radio Install	\$1879.65

**Purchase Orders Closed and Paid:**

CAG	February Billing	\$4,744.93
AirGas East	Oxygen	\$788.19
David Geloso	Volunteer Gas Cards	\$242.85
Boundtree Medical	January Supplies	\$2104.84
First Responder	2 year Subscription	\$130.00
Michael Hokanson	Grant- CPR Reimbursement	\$95.00
JEMS	2 Year Subscription	\$74.00
Ever Ready Press	Drivers Logs	\$56.00
Alexanders Hardware	Winter Supplies/Key	\$183.01
Suburban Propane	Prendergast Generator	\$201.45
Poland Springs	Water	\$127.64
Jared Heon	Reimbursement- Car 8 Supplies	\$76.01
Griffin Hospital	PPD Test	\$15.00
Stryker Medical	O2 Mount	\$104.22
Data Fabrication	Click to fax	\$100.00
Civatellis Printing	Plaque	\$45.00
New England Cap Co	Jr Corp Uniforms	\$500.00
St Pierre Chains	Car 8 Chains	\$225.00

Mr. Heon said he is looking into reconditioned screens for the Toughbook computers. The cost for a new screen is \$860 and for a reconditioned screen the cost is about half.

Mr. Heon said that he is caught up with all of the old outstanding bills except for the ones listed as pending. All of the vendors are current.

Commissioner Blume made a motion to pay all bills if found to be correct. Chief Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Correspondence**

1. Boy Scouts of America re: Day Camp 7/11/11 to 7/15/11 and 7/18/11 to 7/22/11 request for ambulance coverage. (copy on file in the Town Clerk's Office)

Chief Geloso said he has responded to this request advising the Boy Scouts that an ambulance would be dispersed once they received a 911 call. ARMS could not station an ambulance at Warsaw Park.

2. Valley Directors Network request for participation in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Play & Learn Fair at Warsaw Park on Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
3. May 14, 2011 is the City Wide Clean Up Day and the City requested the use of the ARMS Headquarters, gas grill, tables and coolers for refreshments.

Mr. Heon said he spoke with Ms. Kolakowski, Gov. Liaison Officer regarding this request. He said that the ARMS Headquarters is a good place to hold the refreshment event after the clean up. ARMS will be happy to accommodate the City.

4. Mock Car Crash on May 3, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at AHS.

Mr. Heon said that Officer Michael Barry contacted him seeking assistance from ARMS in the Mock Car Crash event. Seymour will cover Ansonia and assist in the event.

Chief Geloso said that Officer Barry will need to contact the Police Dept. because there is a lot of preparation that goes into this event to get everything ready. He said Officer Lou Owens is the officer who in the past coordinated the event.

Mr. Heon said he will contact Officer Barry and discuss this with him.

## Reports

Chairman Fainer asked if there were any reports.

Chief Geloso gave the monthly ARMS report as follows:

### March 2011

Dispatched to:	243 calls
Transported:	95 patients
With MEDIC:	86 transports
Mutual Aid:	6 Derby
	5 Seymour
	1 Orange

ARMS Collected: \$50,670.09

Mr. Heon reported the following:

- Car 7: The battery has been replaced
- Car 9: The starter went last month and Tracy's patched it up but the Car needed a new starter – it was replaced and there are no issues
- Car 8: There are still some outstanding items and there are parts needed to finish up. They may send someone up here to finish up the work when the parts come in.

Mr. Heon said that the bumper was replaced on the Car that was discussed last month. He said the Fly Car needs service shortly.

Chief Geloso said that the Mass Casualty Truck had service but we need service on the Hearst Tools. He said Joe Kingston will check the meters.

Mr. Heon said it has been years since there was service on the Hearst Tools.

There was discussion on what the requirements are for service on the vehicles and the Hearst Tools and power packs. Mr. Heon said that they should be serviced periodically and they are almost caught up with the service on the equipment. Mr. Heon said he dropped off the tools at Firematic because he was on his way up there.

Chief Geloso presented the ARMS Charges and Payments for Fiscal Years 2008-2009 to date report. (copy on file in the Town Clerk's Office)

### **New Business**

Chairman Fainer said that he would like to have an open house at ARMS Headquarters and invite the residents of Ansonia, the members of BOAT and Board of Aldermen to come down and see the new ambulance.

Mr. Heon said the power pack came in for Car 8 but there was a missing bracket. They will send a new one. He also said that ARMS Headquarters needs a new Supply Cabinet to hold all of the supplies for the ambulances. He said a Rubbermaid cabinet/container would be good.

Chief Geloso explained he has a bracket system to hold the supplies (bottles) in place.

Mr. Heon said he is researching the possibility of having our own Oxygen supply. He is looking into an oxygen containment and generation generator to make our own oxygen supply and thus eliminating AirGas. He said he has a price on the system and there is a website for grants. He said he will send the information to Ms. Krugel, Grantwriter.

Chief Geloso said if there was a disaster it would have the capability to supply all of our own oxygen. This unit would also be able to service the other Valley towns. It could be a joint endeavor.

Mr. Heon said that ARMS was down to one bottle of oxygen because the Oxygen Co. did not have the bottles to give to ARMS.

Mr. Heon said there is a paid staff member who is a retired Fire Chief from Hamden and he is helping with the greenway. He is suggesting ARMS get an ATV for the greenway because there is no other way to get up there should there be an emergency. He said ARMS has to get a replacement for the ATV that we currently have.

Mike Hokanson said ARMS can contact some of the local banks and seek donations from them for the ATV. He said sometimes they donate items.

Mr. Heon said that the meeting room and the kitchen/sitting room area have recently been painted. The front door is not closing properly and it may be from winter damage. The frame appears to be loose. He said he will contact Mr. Blaze and Mr. Pitney from Public Works and ask them about the door and about having the floors cleaned.

Mr. Heon explained to the members that there is an alternative to the Touchbooks computer. It is military rated and can handle a 6 foot fall and water submersion. The

company is sending two demos to ARMS at no charge for a trial period. The computer is called "ARMOR Tablet Units".

There was discussion on going before BOAT to request the Fry Donation.

The CAG collections were discussed and it was resolved that everyone will go to Phase I collection. The cost is \$11 per person. The recovery rate is worth it. Chief Geloso said he put in 54 people and ARMS recouped \$6003 from 9 clients.

There was discussion on ARMS accepting credit card payments for outstanding bills. The cost is 3.5% for VISA, MasterCard and Debit card.

Mr. Heon said ARMS doesn't want to go to Phase II collections for out of town clients.

Commissioner Blume made a motion to go to credit card payments for outstanding invoices. Chief Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Chairman Fainer said that Shelton has put an end to the tag car.

Chief Geloso said that the tag car helped everybody out.

Chairman Fainer said we are paying for crews.

Chief Geloso said we have to change mutual aid policy. He said he and Jared discussed this issue. He said ARMS can recoup money with mutual aid. They need 2 cars in Shelton. When they don't have the second car they call ARMS and then we are short handed.

### **Unfinished Business**

Chief Geloso said the building generator has been serviced and repaired. Commissioner Blume took the paperwork and it has been completed and finalized.

Chief Geloso said Nick Gentile III needs a radio and Chief Geloso doesn't know exactly what Mr. Gentile needs. He said Mr. Gentile is seeking Utility pricing. Chief Geloso said that ARMS system has been checked for information and he feels the City should deal with one vendor so there are no problems. The system is up and running smoothly. He said he is recommending to ARMS that they secure the room at ARMS Tower. The problems are fixed. There is no problem with the communication and ARMS commission should be involved with all systems coming directly into the system. He said ARMS had Motorola and Northeastern do a study on the communication tower and the equipment and system.

Mr. Heon said they are all close and it could mess up the system. Motorola took the time to fix it and it is all under ARMS. There would be more conformity if ARMS kept control of the room. We spent a lot of money to get the system where it is now.

Chairman Fainer said ARMS doesn't want anyone going into the room.

Chief Geloso said when the repeater went down it was a problem and we worked through it and got everything working.

Mr. Heon said he wants a battery backup system up there (ARMS Tower) so if we loose power the system will stay up. All of this is "work in progress". He said he is slowly getting all of the things done that need to be done.

#### **Any other business to come before the Commission**

Commissioner Blume said there are nine (9) applicants for the EMT/Supervisor position that was posted. One (1) didn't make it. There will be interviews this Wednesday, April 6, 2011 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Adjourn**

Mr. Blume made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo-Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary