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ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

August 6, 2012

Regular Meeting

Present: Scott Nihill, Chairman
Jared Heon
Michael Hokanson
Dave Geloso

Absent: Edward Adamowski
Jerome Fainer

Others Present: Joan Radin, 5th Ward Alderwoman

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

There was a quorum present.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Session

Chairman Nihill asked three (3) times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the commission.

There being no one, the public session was closed.

Minutes

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to accept as written with the following correction and place on file the minutes of the July 2, 2012 Regular meeting. Mr. Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Page 4 the following sentence should read: "Chief Heon said no, the minters are issued only for those who have personally issued portables."

Change the word monitors to minters.

Bills

Chief Heon presented the following bills:

1. Telepro: Two new Toughbook computers: \$5930

2. VEMS: \$50,000.

Chief Heon explained that VEMS is asking for \$30,000 for this year. \$10,000 outstanding balance and \$20,000 past due.

Chairman Nihill said that these bills from VEMS should be sent to the Mayor's office and not ARMS.

Discussion followed on the above. Chairman Nihill said he will look into the invoices and report back to the Commission.

3. \$219.99 for signage. This signage is not provided by Personnel.
4. Labtech: \$1595 for scheduling program

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

Correspondence

Chief Heon said there was no correspondence.

Reports

Chief Heon presented his report to the commission.

1. Chief's Report

Chief Heon reviewed and explained his Chief's Report:

Staffing:

1. Chief's Salary was approved by the Board of Aldermen.
2. Salary Committee is still pending EMT/Driver and Ambulance Supervisor Job Description.
3. SOG updating continues. Goal of January 1, 2013 for final product.
4. Six temporary employees extended. One temporary EMT not extended.

Vehicles:

1. Bravo 9 has problems.

Chief Heon discussed the problems with Bravo 9 and that there is a Class Action law suit On the motor. He has the paperwork back and was told that it will be taken care of.

Mr. Geloso said that counsel has reviewed the paperwork to see if it falls in the guidelines of the law suit.

Chief Heon said that there is engine failure and Bravo 9 was sent to Stevens Ford. The Bills are over \$3900.

Chairman Nihill asked if Steven Ford is covering ARMS.

Chief Heon said that ARMS has to apply for the law suit. There are strict guidelines.

There was discussion on purchasing from Twin Lights a new chassis and mount it on the Cab. That way the chassis will be guaranteed for 10 years.

Chairman Nihill asked if they have to go out to bid.

Chief Heon said that it would be a one shot package deal. This would get the fleet up to Speed. There would be three new cars and one back up.

Mr. Hokanson said if ARMS does this it would bring them up to 2014 for a new Ambulance and they would be on schedule.

Chief Heon said that ARMS has been very busy with calls. In the last two months they Have done 275 calls. Each ambulance is covering a lot of calls. He said he will have to Go to BOAT this month because the ambulance broke down twice. He said that the Vehicles will be getting their annual maintenance done.

Chairman Nihill asked Chief Heon to write an FYI and copy Mayor Della Volpe and BOAT and he will bring it up.

Bravo 8 was down today and went to Stevens Ford for all fluids, etc.

2. All vehicles will be inspected and fully serviced during August
3. Surplus R2 and Pump Trailer.
Chief Heon suggested that ARMS send Rescue 2 and the old pump trailer and the old generator that was used to run the former ARMS building to surplus.

Radios/Computers:

Chief Heon said that Bill Jarvis is currently working at ARMS rewiring the speakers and internet. The Closet Project is progressing. All of the electronics are installed there. The cable went up today.

Chairman Nihill asked if the wiring included the key fob.

Chief Heon said it is ready to go and they are waiting for the wiring.

Building Maintenance:

1. Downspouts need to be repaired.
2. Bathrooms and Day Room need painting.
3. Washer still needs to be installed. (electrical is in)
4. Bug Busters has sprayed the building for ants/water bugs.
5. Garage doors on bay 3 and rear bay need new gaskets on bottom of door.
6. Need weed control around building.

Chief Heon said that he has sent a letter to Supt. Schryver on the list of building maintenance issues. Bug Busters has come down to ARMS and sprayed the building.

Junior Corp:

They are off for the summer.

VEMS:

1. Annual invoice in the amount of \$30,000
2. Invoice also shows a past due balance of \$20,000

Chief Heon said he received the invoice from VEMS and he has spoken with Mayor Della Volpe on it.

Chief Heon explained that COG in 2005 set a limit of \$30,000 a year for VEMS. Last Year Ansonia paid \$20,000. Leaving a \$10,000 balance. Mayor Della Volpe told VEMS to use our building and space in the Bay for their vehicle. He said this would cover the past due amount of \$20,000 (last year \$10,000 and this year \$10,000). VEMS Board said absolutely not. The price is \$30,000. VEMS said they will pull their vehicle out of ARMS building.

Chief Heon said OK. They are not seeing the use of the ARMS building as an in lieu of payment. We do not have a contract with them. The Mayor said he will take it back to COG.

Chairman Nihill said he will bring it up at the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

Chief Heon said we are not paying until we find a resolution to the situation.

Chairman Nihill said VEMS is given a great benefit – the use of our building. Their employees use our building in the inclement weather and we house their equipment in bad weather. This all comes out of the city government budget. He said this Commission has no authority when it comes to billing and use of the building.

Mr. Geloso said that there should be an assessment across the board for every town more or less. COG set that up and they agreed and some Mayors didn't want to pay. He discussed the use of VEMS by the different local towns. He said the assessment should be figured by population. He asked if anyone else houses a VEMS vehicle.

Chief Heon said no.

Mr. Geloso said there needs to be a better scale for fees for VEMS.

Chief Heon discussed the fees charged by the Valley Transit District.

State OEMS:

1. Rate application and Certificate of operation is in process for renewal.

Grants:

1. Matthies received grant for medical bed but not for the ATV.
2. Fire Act Grant for Oxygen Generation System was submitted.
3. Members looking into grants or donation to start EMS Bike Team.

Chief Heon gave a brief explanation on the grant (\$4,000) that was received for the medical bed and not for the ATV. He said he spoke to Eileen Krugel and asked her to call the Matthies Foundation and explain the situation with regard to the bed and ATV but she did not think that was a good idea. ARMS personnel thought that it would be beneficial to call and ask if ARMS could use the \$4,000 for the vehicle.

Mr. Geloso made a motion to empower Mr. Hokanson to contact Ms. Krugel again and ask her to contact the Matthies Foundation and explain the situation with the ATV and the medical bed. Chief Heon seconded. All in favor, so carried.

New Ambulance Update:

Chief Heon said that he visited two facilities and they agreed on one make and model specifications. He said they received a letter that this company has gone out of business. Since that time they have been approached by three other companies to look at their product. He said he is in the process of putting specifications together.

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to accept Chief Heon's report. Mr. Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mike Hokanson, Asst. Chief Report for 2012

Mr. Hokanson said July was a vacation month. He said ARMS was busy this month. The call stats are attached to the minutes.

Mr. Geloso made a motion to accept Mr. Hokanson's report. Chief Heon seconded. All in favor, so carried.

David Geloso - Assistant Chief Special Operations Report

Mr. Geloso said the cars are showing use with the number of calls they have made. There are different drivers each time on the vehicle. Car 9 has a problem with the turbo. The turbo caked up and this is a problem with the 6.0 engine. The 7.3 engine you can't get any longer. It didn't meet emission standards.

There was discussion on the engine and how to handle the different scenarios that occur with this engine on these cars. Engine with a 6.4 standard and the 6.0 have problems. The 6.0 you have to change the computer program and it has to warm up before moving. It will not go over 30 mph and it will not go up hills.

Mr. Geloso said to fix this problem you don't let the engine cool down. Car 8 has a step problem however it has a new motor.

Mr. Geloso explained that the maintenance was done on the ARMS vehicles. He said the oil has been changed regularly on the vehicles.

Chief Heon said that the Scout's Camp was held and there was an EMT stationed there. ARMS was present at the High Acres Church and Warsaw Park for their events at no charge. The ambulance was also at Holy Rosary Festival and was staffed by volunteers.

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to accept Mr. Geloso's report. Chief Heon seconded. All in favor, so carried.

New Business

None

Unfinished Business

None

Any other business to come before the Commission

Chief Heon said that he and Mr. Geloso attended a two day exercise at the EOC on Hurricane drills. He said that they were appointed and they worked well with the staff of the EOC and Chief Hale.

Chairman Nihill asked about the tower at Prendergast School and the Radio Room.

Chief Heon said they are still using their vendor. They lost radios during the drill and replaced the antenna. That did not fix the problem. He said they are waiting for the grant because they need an additional \$4000. They have \$8000. They need a battery up there also.

Chairman Nihill asked if Chief Heon has a letter to send on this.

Chief Heon said he has it ready for signature.

Chairman Nihill said he is trying to avoid any conflicts.

Chief Heon said the Fire Dept. is looking to replace their vendor. He said ARMS is separate from the Fire Dept.

The Commissioners discussed the equipment that is currently being used by the Police Department, Public Works Department, Fire Department and ARMS.

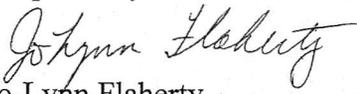
Executive Session

None

Adjourn

Mr. Hokanson 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



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Radios/Computers:

1. Quote received for ARMS Comparator and voter. Possible installation during August.
2. New Toughbook's are in.
3. Renewed license for Special Ops frequency, including narrow banding.
4. New Station Alerting equipment in and being installed this week.

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ARMS Monthly Report July 2012

Dispatched to: 251 responses

Transported: 186 patients

With MEDIC: 91 transports

Mutual Aid: From Ansonia:

- 27 to Derby
- 3 to Shelton
- 2 to Seymour

To Ansonia:

- 0 First Calls Passed
 - 1 Second Call Passed
 - 2 Third Call Passed
- *(3rd Amb was OOS on both)

Hospitals:

# of Patients	Receiving Hospital	# of Patients	Receiving Hospital
148	Griffin	6	Saint Vincent's
16	Yale	0	Milford
1	Yale-Pediatrics	0	Waterbury
7	Saint Raphael's	0	Saint Mary's
6	Bridgeport	2	VA- West Haven

**Ansonia Rescue Medical Services
2012 Monthly Run Stats**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
sani, Ronald	9	11	7	6	8	6	11						58
nkewith, Jonathan	11	6	3	5	6	6	4						41
ogren, Robert	0	4	6	4	4	11	0						29
nith, Carl, Jr	18	9	10	12	27	20	16						112
opazio, Kate	8	12	6	4	13	11	9						63
agasky, Katherine	10	11	16	9	6	8	12						72
oodfield, Justin	6	4	2	8	0	5	2						27

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Volunteers

WALT, JOHNATHAN	0	1	1	0	0	0	0						2
askewicz, James	9	4	6	10	4	5	4						42
opperthite, Robert	11	11	15	17	16	13	15						98
rfaro, Tom	1	0	0	1	0	0	4						6
eloso, Dave	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
odfrey, Theresa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
alpin, Andrew	0	0	3	0	0	0	0						3
errera, Byron	0	0	8	9	7	12	6						42
okanson, Michael	11	1	1	6	8	4	1						32
enny, Jeffrey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
wis, Keyvin	0	0	1	3	1	0	0						5
mbard, David	0	1	0	0	0	0	0						1
ish, Michael	6	1	5	2	4	1	2						21
an, Bryan	0	1	3	2	2	0	0						8
nchez, Enrique	1	0	0	0	0	0	0						1
anlon, Jack	0	0	6	5	8	8	4						31
va, Danyelle	12	11	9	8	10	12	12						74
apner, Joseph	0	0	4	6	2	7	4						23
rowski, Richard	0	0	1	0	0	0	0						1
Totals	516	440	450	474	554	577	512	0	0	0	0	0	

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