

ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

August 5, 2013

Regular Meeting

Present: David Geloso, Vice Chairman
Anthony Delucia
Jared Heon
Peter Marcinko
Michael Hokanson

Absent: Scott Nihill

Others Present: Joan Radin, Alderwoman 5th ward

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman Geloso at 6:10 p.m.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll.

There was a quorum present.

Public Session

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

There being no one, Vice-Chairman Geloso closed the public session.

Minutes

Mr. Marcinko made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 3, 2013 as written and place on file. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Bills

Chief Heon presented the following bills for July:

1	Aladtech Inc	EMS Manager 9/13-9/14	\$1,595.00
2	Calvert Safe & Lock	Key boxes, Pad locks, Additional keys	\$565.20
3	Startlogic	Ansoniarescue.com & Email	\$371.33
4	Stevens Ford	Car 7 & Car 8 Annual Service and Repairs	\$2,213.47
5	Valley Electric	AA Batteries	\$50.69
6	Service Auto	Misc Parts	\$153.24
7	David Geloso	Hinge for Car 8	\$3.17
8	Jared Heon	Shipping Reimbursement	\$84.23
9	Calvert Safe & Lock	Rekey Medeco Pad Lock	\$40.00
10	Sardos	White Fly Car AC Condenser, Brakes, Mount Tires	\$974.63
11	EMMS	July Collections	\$3,620.02
12	Stryker EMS	Mounting Plates for Chargers	\$59.91
13	Boundtree Medical Supply	July Supplies	\$2,478.86

There was discussion on the July bills presented for payment.

Chief Heon said that the June bills that were presented this evening were all paid because they were the end of the year purchases. He said he did go to BOAT for a few transfers to get some of the items needed by ARMS.

Mr. Marcinko discussed the budget and transfers and that the line items should be funded so that everything can be purchased or completed from the correct line without transfers.

Chief Heon said he has discussed this in the past and he will speak to it later in the meeting. The sheets received this evening with the expenses are dated July 3013 which are the June expenses and the August 2013 are the July expenses.

Chief Heon said the biggest expense was the service to the Cars. All of the cars are serviced at the beginning of the Fiscal Year. Car 7 needed more work in addition to the regular tune up. Car 8, everything was done. This is a safety issue and every July all of the vehicles are sent in for service.

Mr. Marcinko made a motion to pay the June bills and the July bills. Mr. DeLucia seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. DeLucia asked why there was an ARMS staff member wearing an East Haven Coat. He said Item # 13 on the June bills (request, page 2) is for the purchase of protective gear and there are ARMS personnel wearing out of town gear in Ansonia while on duty. He said they should wear their gear from Ansonia. No one had any gear on at the two accidents on Rt 8.

Chief Heon said ARMS purchased 3 coats for them to wear. He said he will speak to them and tell them they are to wear the gear when on a call. He asked that he be notified right away so he can enforce the SOG that says they have to wear turn out gear. He said on Rt. 8 they should have had vests on.

Correspondence

1. Gene Sorcinelli re: Holy Rosary Festival.

Chief Heon said that he received a letter from Mr. Sorcinelli asking that ARMS provide temporary lighting at the Festival. He said that ARMS does this every year for Holy Rosary. He said he will try to station an ambulance there also. He gave the OK for this request because ARMS has done it every year in the past.

2. Town of Seymour re: Emergency incident event to be held 8/18/13 beginning 7:00 a.m.

Chief Heon said they are asking ARMS to participate. Chief Heon said if they are available he would like to participate in the event.

Reports

Chief Heon - Monthly ARMS Report – July 2013

Chief Heon discussed the new Labor Regulations that will become effective January 1, 2014 with regard to regulating hours for part time employees. He said this will affect ARMS and he is in the process of trying to figure out the scheduling and how to accomplish staffing with the regulation requirement. He said he has spoken with Ms. Kolakowski on this issue. He said it will be very difficult for him because he is by himself with 40 people under him. They have 38 part time people.

Chief Heon discussed Bravo 8 and the items that were damaged during the winter by the sand and salt on the roads. He discussed the replacement of the Black Fly Car which has 146,000 miles and needs tires and about \$1200 in repairs. The 4 wheel drive is not working properly – it goes in and out of 4 wheel drive. He said he thought it was in the budget under Capital Improvements to replace this vehicle. The car is OK to drive around town but if you have to put

the lights and sirens on you can't use it. It needs control arms also. He said he thought ARMS could join with the Police Dept. when they purchased an SUV but it was cut out of the budget.

Chief Heon said with regard to building maintenance, he will discuss it later in executive session.

Chief Heon said he is working on the Certificate of Operation and Rate Application this week. He is also waiting for the ambulance to be delivered. He said he was notified by Grant writer Krugel that ARMS did not receive the Matthies Foundation grant. ARMS did receive the Community Foundation grant from the Fry Foundation.

Mr. DeLucia asked if ARMS has received any information back from Darryl Atwood on the billing proposal. He said with all the meetings ARMS had on it he is wondering if the system is working and how ARMS is doing.

Chief Heon said ARMS received the Medicare money - \$83,994.28. He said he sent them an e-mail requesting a breakout report and Rich Bshara is getting the reports and checking them.

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to send a letter to Mayor Della Volpe recommending the budgeted 2013-2014 money be sent to VEMS. Chief Heon seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Chief Heon presented his June 2013 monthly report to the members as follows:

There were 252 responses dispatched to.

There were 164 patients transported and 56 transports with a Medic.

He said mutual aid from Ansonia: 21 Derby, 5 Seymour

He said mutual aid to Ansonia is: 0 first calls, 1 second call, 1 third call (3rd Ambulance was out of service)

Below is a listing of the Hospitals:

Hospitals:

# of Patients	Receiving Hospital	# of Patients	Receiving Hospital
138	Griffin	7	Saint Vincent's
8	Yale	0	Milford
7	Yale-Pediatrics	2	Waterbury
4	Yale-St Raphael's Campus	2	Saint Mary's
2	Bridgeport	2	VA- West Haven

Chief Heon presented his July 2013 monthly report to the members as follows:

There were 258 responses dispatched to.

There were 183 patients transported and 73 transports with a Medic.

He said mutual aid from Ansonia: 25 Derby, 2 Seymour, 5 Shelton, 1 Trumbull

He said mutual aid to Ansonia is: 0 first calls, 0 second calls, 0 third calls

Below is a listing of the Hospitals:

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# of Patients	Receiving Hospital	# of Patients	Receiving Hospital
146	Griffin	3	Saint Vincent's
9	Yale	0	Milford
7	Yale-Pediatrics	0	Waterbury
10	Yale-St Raphael's Campus	1	Saint Mary's
3	Bridgeport	3	VA- West Haven

New Business

Chief Heon said that ARMS needs new computers to replace the old computers and he needs to send a letter to Rich Bshara.

Mr. Marcinko made a motion to send a letter to Richard Bshara requesting three new computers for ARMS Headquarters and new phones. Mr. DeLucia seconded. All in favor, so carried.

There was discussion on the budget and that ARMS will have to put items into the next budget and they will have to anticipate the extra expenses. Chief Heon said BOAT did not take into consideration the items paid for from other lines where money was transferred into the line because it was short. This circumstance was not considered when they were preparing the budget. He said he put the specifics together and it was never distributed.

Chief Heon said he met with Chairman Nihill and put together what should be corrected in the budget. He gave examples to the commissioners. He discussed the capital expenditures line item stating that he budgeted for his expenses however it was not addressed.

There was discussion on the budget process and that usually there are budget hearings held by both the Board of Aldermen and the BOAT where the department heads are invited to explain

their budget. Chief Heon said he did his homework with regard to ARMS budget and he discussed it with them.

Chief Heon discussed the Prendergast School generator which is in the process of being replaced. He said he suggested that the old generator that is being removed be placed on a trailer so that it can be portable and be brought to any location that is in need of a generator. He said he went to BOAT and asked for funds to do this for public health and safety. BOAT funded the request. Chief Heon said that Ms. Krugel, Grant writer said that part of the grant said the generator was old and obsolete and not usable so it cannot be used as proposed. The old generator still works and can be used as a backup at the Fire House. The opinion from Corporation Counsel Blake was not to continue with this plan. There was a PO cut and it was voided when Chief Heon was told to stop. He said it was never any ill intention with regard to using the old generator – he sent a memo to Mr. Norman, copying Mr. Nihill and Mr. Sturges to advise them as to what was happening. He said he never saw the grant. He said he had a piece of equipment that worked and he wanted to help the City. He said he cancelled everything with regard to the backup for the old generator.

Vice-Chairman Geloso said that ARMS should receive a copy of the grants that are for ARMS. They should see what is approved.

Chief Heon said if the commission wants a copy he will send a letter and request a copy of the grant.

Mr. Marcinko said Chief Heon should keep the paperwork in his file so when he needs it he will have it and when he has to go to BOAT he will have the necessary paperwork.

Unfinished Business

None

Any other business to come before the Commission

None

Executive Session

Mr. Marcinko made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose to discuss contract negotiations with the Insurance Company and invite Alderwoman Radin. Mr. DeLucia seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Marcinko made a motion to go back into regular session at 7:16 p.m. There was no action taken during Executive Session. Mr. DeLucia seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Adjourn

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Mr. Marcinko seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary