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## ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT

January 5, 2015

Regular Meeting

Present: David Blackwell, Chairman  
Anthony DeLucia  
David Geloso  
Jared Heon  
Michael Hokanson  
Joan Radin

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services Commission was called to order by Chairman Blackwell at 7:11 p.m.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll.

There was a quorum present.

### Public Session

Chairman Blackwell asked three (3) times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the commission. There being no one, he closed the public session.

### Minutes

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2014 regular meeting. Alderwoman Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

## **Bills**

Chief Heon presented the following bills and requests:

### **Bills:**

1. CT Window Film	\$542.10
2. Webster Procurement	\$193.14
3. W.B. Mason	\$116.99
4. Alexanders	\$13.80
5. Clark-Son	\$468.20
6. Porto Tires	\$105.90
7. EMMS CT	\$3,022.55
8. Airgas East	\$550.00
9. Boundtree Medical	\$1,202.44
10. Boundtree Medical	\$721.01
11. Stevens – Bravo 10	\$119.20
12. Stevens – Bravo 8	\$364.12
13. Stevens –Bravo 7	\$214.57
14. MagnaKleen	\$54.00
15. First Responder	\$130.00 Request
16. CT DMV	\$20.00
17. Tracys	\$293.92
18. Chiaros Carpet	\$357.35 Request
19. Jon Awalt	\$800.00 Request

Chief Heon discussed the requests stating the First Responder is for a two year subscription. Chiaros Carpet is to clean the carpets in the building because they haven't been cleaned in years. J. Awalt is for remotes for the dispatch room. They have to be mounted and the antennas are not grounded.

Chief Heon said all of the cars were serviced last month with the exception of Car 9 because the funding in the maintenance line item is short.

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to pay all bills if found to be correct and to approve the purchase requests. Alderwoman Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

## **Correspondence**

1. VEMS copied in letter to Mayor Cassetti re: representative to Board of Directors dated 12/19/14
2. 2014 Annual Activity Report submitted 1/5/15 by Chief Jared Heon

Alderwoman Radin made a motion to accept all correspondence and place them on file. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

**Reports**

**ARMS Chief - Report**

Chief Heon presented his December 2014 monthly report to the members as follows:

He said the Mutual Aid has been resolved. The out of town calls are up because Griffin Hospital was on diversion. He said he does not have a monthly report from EMMS yet. He said the monthly volunteer report is attached.

There were 235 responses dispatched to.

He said the report for mutual aid from Ansonia: 11 to Derby, 2 to Seymour, 1 to Shelton

He said the report for mutual aid to Ansonia: 0 first call, 2 second call, 0 third call, 0 fourth call

Below is a listing of the Hospitals:

**Hospitals:**

# of Patients	Receiving Hospital	# of Patients	Receiving Hospital
127	Griffin	3	Saint Vincent's
19	Yale	1	Milford
7	Yale-Pediatrics	2	Waterbury
6	Yale-St Raphael's Campus	1	Saint Mary's
9	Bridgeport	3	VA- West Haven

Chief Heon gave everyone a copy of the 2014 ARMS Annual Activity Report. He said it is an operational report and there is no financial information in it.

Chief Heon said they have kept the use down for Bravo 7 and Bravo 8. He said there are two part time positions still open. They have three applicants for these positions. He said there are

three EMT's on leave but most of the shifts are covered. The Part time positions are in the budget.

Chief Heon said there are updates to Truck 4. Bravo 5 is out of service and will go to the garage to remove the emergency gear. They will trade it in for parts. Bravo 7 is waiting for an air filter, Bravo 8 had the rear heating line repaired and Bravo 9 had the alternator rebuilt by Clarkson and Mr. Geloso put the alternator back in the car. It needs an oil change. Bravo 10 the batteries died and it is out of service. Mr. Geloso has changed the batteries. Stevens Ford services the warranted. Chief Heon said there are two portable radios (Bravo 10) that have the screens broken and need to be repaired.

Chief Heon discussed the recent break in and theft at the Wakelee Avenue Cell Tower. All of the radio systems were down when this occurred. The thieves took all of the copper. He explained to the Commissioners what happened when the system went down. He said Frontier knew about the problem the day before and didn't tell anyone. Ansonia Police Detectives processed the scene.

Chairman Blackwell said that the system goes to battery backup and should go to an alarm to notify the Police Dept. the system is down.

Chief Heon said that the City doesn't own the building – it is not our building.

A discussion followed on why the radios went down.

Chief Heon discussed the progress on the ARMS building. He said there was a major oversight on the room upstairs making it an illegal area. PWD will put up the walls to make the area legal. The area will handle the HVAC system and vents and ducts. They will fix all of this. . He said an engineer missed the HVAC and was going to fix the walls, etc. He said the staff and volunteers at ARMS are tired of the construction – the in and out all day.

Chief Heon said the building is ready to be secured and climate controlled. PWD is trying to get everything done. There was an engineer hired so we didn't run into these problems but he missed the whole upstairs.

Chairman Blackwell asked how the engineer got paid when he left the job like this.

There was discussion on the contractors and the construction materials, metals, etc. that were left around the building inside and outside. The roof work and bays are done. The holes in the installation are not fixed. He said Mr. Geloso has been here watching the work.

Mr. DeLucia said they are not doing what they said they would do.

Chief Heon said they haven't been cleared to finish the upstairs room yet. He said he was told they didn't have to move out of the building during the construction but it has been very disruptive to everyone working with the construction going on. There is one thing after another and there is a lot of activity.

There was discussion on the HVAC room upstairs, the black mold in the air vents and they have to balance the system. The ceiling tiles will be replaced and there will be new vent covers. He was told they should be finished by January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Geloso said they put the budget together and there is an amount of money left in case something went wrong. He said the engineer considered the upstairs unoccupied space.

Chief Heon said he thought they were fixing the upstairs because it was 100 degrees up there in the training room and downstairs it was cold. It was supposed to be fixed and it was not part of the project. For \$100,000 all of the work was getting done and everything was to be fixed.

Mr. Geloso said the exhaust fan units run 24/7 and they are at their life expectancy. He said he thought they were replacing everything. Every exhaust fan was dead. He said they added an emergency management system.

#### **Report – Michael Hokanson**

Mr. Hokanson presented the monthly Run Stats for December 2014. He said ARMS volunteers covered 46 shifts equating to 276 hours of coverage. This coverage equals to \$4,446.36 in salary that is being saved. Total volunteer time contributed to date is 1,944 hours. Total saved in salaries by the volunteers is \$31,317.84 year to date.

#### **Report - Dave Geloso**

Mr. Geloso said Chief Heon covered all of the repairs in his report.

Alderwoman Radin made a motion to accept all the reports as given. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

#### **New Business**

Chief Heon read a letter from VEMS to Mayor Cassetti that ARMS was copied dated December 19, 2014. Signed by L. Scott Andrews, President of Board of Directors.

Chief Heon explained the letter to the Commissioners. He said he was elected to the Board of Directors and someone complained because there was a member on the phone that voted and was not at the meeting. He said they held this type of meeting in the past. Mr. Geloso said it is past practice. Instead of a Resolution, they re-did the election and ran a different person and eliminated Chief Heon. He explained that he questioned the excessive spending and they did not like the inquiries. He said he has met with Corporation Counsel Marini and he said it was a legal meeting with the phone call and that Chief Heon's election was good.

Chief Heon said he has challenged the second meeting where there was a re-election. He said Mayor Cassetti is not entertaining the request in the letter.

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

### **Unfinished Business**

Chief Heon said at last month's meeting there was discussion on a quote for a fly car. He said he and Chairman Blackwell met with Crowley Ford and received a quote for a 2015 Ford EMS First Response Truck. He said he has to get approval first before he goes any further. The truck is stripped down. When you add on the emergency equipment it increases the cost.

Chairman Blackwell said that ARMS had to replace the fly car and hopefully we can get this truck approved so we are compliant. We are reusing all of the emergency equipment that is on the Expedition.

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

Alderwoman Radin said in last month's minutes there was discussion on the volunteer hours. You were going to contact me regarding a meeting to discuss the Volunteer Hours and the incentive program.

Chief Heon said they have to get a meeting together and they will notify Alderwoman Radin.

Chief Heon said that he, Dave Blackwell and Tom Dempsey had a meeting with Bill Nimons, Comptroller to submit the budget. He said they discussed replacement of Car 7 explaining the high mileage and he agreed to keep it in the budget. He said ARMS is asking for a Fly Car and replacement for Bravo 7. The fly car will be in this year's budget and Bravo 7 will be next year. We kept everything the same with the exception of the salary increases which are 2% every year for non-union employees. He said he put in the Capitol Improvement line for Bravo 7. He said he was instructed to come up with the specifications. He thanked Chairman Blackwell for taking the time during the day to come in to speak with Comptroller Nimons.

Chairman Blackwell said they wanted ARMS to cut their budget but last year we gave back 5%. He said ARMS can't cut anymore.

Chief Heon said ARMS budget is an operating budget with no new improvements. He asked the aldermen for their support on the ARMS budget.

There was discussion on the new process for the budget with the Board of Aldermen and BOAT.

**Executive Session**

None

**Adjourn**

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo-Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary