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ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

June 1, 2015

Regular Meeting

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

Absent: Anthony DeLucia

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services Commission was called to order by Chairman Blackwell at 7:00 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 May 4, 2015 regular meeting. Alderwoman Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Bills

Chief Heon said he doesn't have a list of the invoices at this time because it is the first of the month. He said these will be the last invoices for this year.

Alderwoman Radin moved to pay all bills if found to be correct. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Correspondence

1. Thank You note from Donald Fatterusso.
2. Thank You note from May Mahoney
3. Thank You letter from Pat Boemmels re: National Day of Prayer

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

Reports

ARMS Chief - Report

Chief Heon presented his report to the members as follows:

There were 287 responses, 212 transports, 43 refusals and 32 cancelled calls.

Below is a listing of the Hospitals:

Hospitals:

# of Patients	Receiving Hospital	# of Patients	Receiving Hospital
180	Griffin	1	Saint Vincent's
11	Yale	0	Milford
8	Yale-Pediatrics	0	Waterbury
2	Yale-St Raphael's Campus	0	Saint Mary's
6	Bridgeport	1	VA- West Haven

Chief Heon said fall victims were the highest calls and difficulty in breathing was also high.

Chief Heon said Bravo 7 had 34 calls, Bravo 8 had 64 calls, Bravo 9 had 45 calls and Bravo 10 had 142 calls.

Chief Heon said they have started the remodeling of the Kitchen today. The kitchen cabinets are being installed. He said they were approved to purchase a Crown Victoria to be used as the fly car but it may be possible to get a four wheel drive vehicle in a trade for the Crown Victoria. They could not find a vehicle for the amount budgeted.

Chief Heon said \$1000 was donated to ARMS by the Valley Community Foundation. He said they usually use this money for something they can expand on. ARMS would like to start a bike team for evens i.e. EMT's riding in a parade, etc. He said they have been thinking about purposes for the money. He said he spoke to Lt. Cota, Ansonia PD about the Bike Team and he said it would be a good compliment to their team. They would start with two bikes. The staff will expand on it and go out on the bikes in the summer and be visible on Main Street.

Chief Heon said he did some transfers to make purchases. The ambulance crew line was short and he said he asked why. The line was cut. Finance is going to BOAT to fund the lines. He said ARMS has never before come up short in the salary lines. He said ARMS took cuts in those lines because he usually budgeted the number of hours for volunteers and this was cut from the line. He said he was told not to budget for the volunteer hours and he didn't but he was cut again. He said that he was told ARMS would be given full funding for the salary lines.

Mr. Hokanson said they worked extra hours during the storm coverage and there were more football games.

Chief Heon said ARMS did not get any of the money back on the storms or the football games. He said he never budgeted for training and had to use some of the funds to cover this expense. ARMS did very well on all of their line items and they stayed within the budget. There are some expenses for the building remodeling project that were under funded and left them in a bind.

Chief Heon said ARMS will be interviewing candidate on Thursday to increase the ambulance crew.

Chief Heon said he spoke to Mr. Nimons about the Comcast Tower on Great Hill Road. He said he would like to put ARMS Channel 1 on that tower as a back up site. The Police Dept. and the Fire Dept. have back up on the Police Dept. tower.

Chief Heon reported that he contacted a security company for a price to add security to the doors upstairs and the door downstairs. The external camera system also needs updating. He said these two security items are important for overall security. The external security cameras are valuable for security around the building, on West Main St. and the bridge.

He said next year they will have to consider purchasing new office furniture.

Report – Michael Hokanson

Mr. Hokanson said his Volunteer report is: 52 shifts with 314 volunteers participating. This has saved in salaries \$5058.54.

Report - Dave Geloso

Mr. Geloso said the chain unit on Bravo 8 needs to be repaired. He will not have this work done until the winter. Bravo 10 has a DEF sensor failure. This will be repaired tomorrow by Stevens Ford. The Polaris has been overheating. It overheated in the parade. This is the third time it over heated and it is going back to the dealership for repair.

There was discussion on the Polaris and why it is overheating. Mr. Geloso stated it seems to be an intermittent problem and they are not sure why this is happening but the dealer will check it. There are electrical problems in Bravo 9. Tracy's found something wrong with the switch. Chief Heon said Bravo 7 needs batteries. Mr. Geloso said he will replace the batteries. He has them in stock.

Chairman Blackwell asked what they think is wrong with the Polaris.

Mr. Geloso said he thinks it's the temperature sensor. He said if they fix the sensor and put in an override switch to keep the fan running that will keep it cool and it will not overheat. This is the third time it happened and it can't keep overheating. He said he feels if there is an over-ride on the fan it will keep it cool.

Mr. Geloso said it is dark in the hallway where they installed the doors. He asked if there will be lighting there.

Chief Heon said he is getting a price to purchase the lights and have them installed.

There was discussion on emergency lighting and lighting in the hallway and the building. Chief Heon said that Andy has been checking on this on the weekends. New LED units are half the cost of replacements.

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

New Business

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

Any other business to come before the Commission

None.

Executive Session

None

Adjourn

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Alderwoman Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary