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## ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

June 6, 2016

### Regular Meeting

Present: David Blackwell, Chairman – 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman  
David Geloso  
Jared Heon, Chief  
Michael Hokanson  
Joan Radin – 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman

Absent: Lorie Vaccaro - excused – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services Commission was called to order by Chairman Blackwell at 7:05 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 if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the commission. There being no one, he called for a motion to close the public session.

Mr. Geloso made a motion to close the public session. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### Minutes

Chief Heon made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting as written. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

## Bills

Chief Heon reviewed the bills with the commissioners.

Northeastern Communications	Repairs to B9 console and siren	\$1,021.25
EMMS	Billing Services-April 2016	\$4,398.08
Valley Electric	Parts and Connectors	\$ 54.44
Rich Zdrowski	Reimb, EMS Conf	\$ 419.98
DiGennaro Service	B9 Service and Electrical Repairs	\$ 993.64
Comcast	May Balance	\$ 149.54
Bethany Supply	Florescent Light parts B9	\$ 32.09
WJ Electric	Repair phone jack	\$ 80.00
Stevens Ford	B8 and B10 Service	\$ 232.48
Higgins Corp	ID Badges Card Holders Clips	\$ 827.15
REV Ambulance Group	O2 valve B8	\$ 242.17
Higgins Corp	Salamander ID System	\$2,850.00
Magna Kleen	May Services	\$ 53.00
WB Mason	Paper and Binders	\$ 86.33
Webster Procurement	Memorial Day	\$ 359.09
Jared Heon	Reimb Cleaning Supplies	\$ 94.22
Boundtree Medical	April Supplies	\$1,441.97
Stryker Medical	Install upgrade kit	\$ 310.00
Stryker Medical	B8 Stretcher Upgrade kit	\$2,603.77
Amity Bike	2 EMS Bikes to Spec and Bike Rack	\$3,478.89
Telrepc	CF20 Toughbook	\$3,580.00
Daniels Equipment Company	Check of washer machine	\$ 323.75
Northeastern Communications	18 Batteries for portables and engraving	\$1,350.00
EMMS	Billing Services-May 2016	\$3,938.37
Richard Johnson	Detailing of B8 and B10	\$ 400.00

Chief Heon said that Bravo 9 had some issues and repairs this month. They had to install an O2 valve in Bravo 8. He said ARMS received approval for the ID system so that will be up and running shortly. They are upgrading the stretchers so the stretchers will work in Bravo 8. There was a service call for the washing machine to make sure it was operating properly. ARMS had to purchase new batteries this year for the portables. Bravo 8 and Bravo 10 were detailed. They really needed the detailing and they look good. The cars are washed every other day and there are water marks on them because our water is hard. The detailing will help with that problem.

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

## Correspondence

1. Boy Scouts of America, Housatonic Council, John Zseller to Mayor Cassetti re: ARMS coverage for the Council's Cub Scout Day Camp. Dtd. 1/28/2016

Chief Heon said that ARMS doesn't have the staff to do this coverage at the Council's Day Camp. He said that Mr. Zseller's request went to Mayor Cassetti in January 2016. ARMS doesn't have staff to cover this amount of hours. The Camp will be in session on July 11 through July 15 and July 18 through July 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Chief Heon said that it is up to the Commission or the Mayor as to what they want to do with regard to the camp.

Chief Heon said he received an e-mail from Sonia Hoponick,, Cub Scout Day Camp Director asking that ARMS schedule a CPR Certification Class and a First Aid Certification class for some of the summer camp staff. He said that he doesn't have the funds in the budget to pay someone to be down there for two weeks. He said the original letter was sent to Mayor Cassetti in January and someone has to respond to it.

Chairman Blackwell said when the camp was in Ansonia, ARMS covered it.

Chief Heon said Orange is not part of the Housatonic Council and he was told that the other towns make contributions to the Council.

A discussion followed on the above. Chief Heon said that the Council had to send paperwork into the Council and they had to have listed ARMS as the provider. He said he doesn't want this to be a problem. He would cover the camp but ARMS doesn't have the staff to cover those hours.

Alderwoman Radin said they didn't get a call back from anyone since January and then this Friday ARMS receives an e-mail.

Chief Heon said Mr. Zseller reached out to him and he told him he doesn't know if ARMS can do it. He would need staff to cover two weeks at 40 hours each week.

Chairman Blackwell asked if ARMS would be able to do it they had the funds.

Mr. Geloso said it is another person for 8 hours a day.

Chief Heon said they would cover the camp but they don't have the people to staff the ambulance. Other Towns fund this program through their budget.

There was discussion on the Boy Scout Day camp in Orange and the City of Ansonia's summer camp and the coverage that would be needed.

2. Ryan Hunt re: E-Mail dated 5/10/16 recognizing Kate Topazio, Jim Anderson, Doug Coy and Police Officer Bernie Oksenberg for their work on a cardiac arrest at Beaver Brook Apartments.

3. Ryan Hunt re: E-Mail dated 5/24/16 recognizing Brandon Giannelli for his work transporting a patient to St. Raphael Hospital. The family was very thankful and appreciative. They said he was kind and made them feel comfortable during the process.

4. Ryan Hunt re: E-Mail dated 6/3/16 recognizing Krystle Bieber, Chris Hope, Mark Nimons and Doc Geloso, Derby and Seymour Assistance, ARMS members Brian Mezzapelle, Jimmy Anderson and Kevin Shuck in assisting the Police Dept. trying to locate a lost hiker and his dog in the wooded area of the ANC, reservoir property extending to Seymour/Woodbridge town lines. ARMS UTV Tac 2 and Derby & Seymour's UTV were deployed on request.

Chief Heon said he is developing a full Recognition Policy for the ARMS members who receive recognition for their work. Something will be put in their file noting the event and the recognition.

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

**Reports:**  
**ARMS Chief – May 2016 Report**

There were 246 responses.

Below is a listing of the Hospitals:

**Hospitals:**

<b># of Patients</b>	<b>Receiving Hospital</b>	<b># of Patients</b>	<b>Receiving Hospital</b>
140	Griffin	5	Saint Vincent's
22	Yale	0	Milford
4	Yale-Pediatrics	0	Waterbury
7	Yale-St Raphael's Campus	0	Saint Mary's
5	Bridgeport	3	VA- West Haven

Billing revenue for the month: \$60,590.31

There was discussion on the amount of revenue that ARMS is collecting each month and that there is an increase from last year's collection. The members discussed the need for capital improvements for ARMS and that the revenue collected should be put into the ARMS capital improvement line item.

### **Report – Michael Hokanson**

Mr. Hokanson was present.

Mr. Hokanson gave everyone a copy of the Monthly Run Stats.

### **Report - Dave Geloso**

Mr. Geloso was present.

Mr. Geloso said that Bravo 7 is at Steven's Ford because there is a knock in the engine. They are not sure what it is. The engine has over half million miles on it. A normal engine will go about 250,000 miles without any problems.

Chief Heon said the 2008 Fitch Report said to replace the car immediately and it is still running. Car 8 has 70,000 miles and the 2013 has over 30,000 miles.

Chairman Blackwell asked if the ambulance bid specifications are ready.

Chief Heon said that they have been working on the bid specifications and they will probably go out to bid after July 1<sup>st</sup>. It would take about 120 to 180 days for the bid and everything to come back. The bidder has to hold the price for one year.

Chairman Blackwell said the older cars are costing ARMS money to keep on the road.

Chief Heon said that the newer ambulances cost us money for service, etc. but the other ambulances cost us over \$3000 a month to get into service and keep in service. That cost is low because Mr. Geloso does a lot of the work and maintenance on them. He discussed what happens when one of the ambulances goes out of service and what they have to do to keep them on the road.

Mr. Geloso said that UTV Tac 2 lost the netting on the door on the Driver's side when they were out in the woods looking for the lost hiker. He said he ordered one and will put it on when he receives it. He said they were able to put the patient on the vehicle and transport him out. You need to have the netting to use the vehicle. He said he fixed the battery on the Tac 2 and it held up the entire time they were out in the woods.

There was discussion on the course of events that lead to the rescue of the hiker and his dog on the Nature Center/State of CT property. The police dog went in with his handler and found the

hiker. He was too weak to walk out and was transported on the Tac 2. Chief Heon said there has to be a systematic way to go about this type of rescue. Mr. Hokanson said that ARMS should purchase a GPS for the Tac 2 vehicle making it easier to locate people. Mr. Geloso gave everyone a copy of the new "Trail Map" for the property. Chief Heon said he is talking with Derby on this type of rescue and we will go with them and they will come with us as teams.

Discussion on the trails and how they are marked. Chief Heon said he is pushing for the trailer for the UTV so that they can keep all of the equipment that they would need on the trailer – it would be a command post. They had to drive the UTV up to the site because they had no trailer to transport it. Last month ARMS used the UTV three times. There has to be some internal training for rescues and the team needs the proper equipment to do their job. Chairman Blackwell said it is a new task and it has to be addressed.

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

## **New Business**

### Purchases

Chief Heon said he received a quote from Bill Yuravich, American Copy for a color copier for ARMS. The price is from the State Contract list and it includes the warranty.

Chief Heon said they would like to replace the old metal scoop stretchers. The new ones are about \$975 each through Boundtree. They have one new stretcher and four old stretchers. He said he will try to get three new stretchers. The cost will be \$829 each with ARMS' discount. He said there is money left in the supply line item. ARMS needs portable suction units for the ambulances. He will look into the purchase of those units.

Chief Heon discussed sending the oxygen bottles out to get tested and filled. The cost for this is \$53 a bottle. The cost for a new bottle is \$59. They are required to have the bottles pressure tested every three years. He said he will contact Shipman's to discuss either testing the bottles or purchase new ones.

Chief Heon said the new washer is installed and Mr. Geloso will get the dispenser needed for the chemicals. They are currently looking to purchase a commercial dryer. The cost is \$3800 for a gas dryer and \$4117 for an electric dryer. These prices are from the CT State contract list. He said they will probably purchase the electric dryer because you can't have an open flame on the truck floor. The dryer will be located on the truck floor. He said there are funds left for the dryer.

Chief Heon said Northwest Dispatch Center moved their location and they are selling their old furniture. There are two consoles for \$1000 each that can have two remotes installed in them. The parts are still available and the consoles are three/four years old. Northwest has four

consoles and ARMS wants to purchase two of them. He said they can be used for dispatching at ARMS and when the Police Dept. remodels their area ARMS can get the old equipment from the Police Dept. and install it on these consoles.

There was discussion on the proposed Dispatch Room at ARMS. The new consoles will make the area more efficient for those who work dispatch. The new equipment will be installed in the present Dispatch Room at ARMS. Chief Heon said the update regarding purchases is to purchase as much as you can under this year's budget.

Alderwoman Radin made a motion to approve the purchase requests presented by Chief Heon. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

Mr. Geloso said the garage doors are a work in progress. Bravo 9 is back in service.

Chief Heon said the DMV issue has been worked out.

Chief Heon said the washing machine is hooked up but it needs a dispenser for the different chemicals that are used in the wash. They are looking into purchasing a commercial dryer. It will be installed on the truck floor in Bay 2. There will be an ice machine put in there also. Bay 4 has the oxygen and everything they need for the ambulance is in there. It has been set up with all of the equipment and supplies in one place.

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

None

### **Adjourn**

Alderwoman Radin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo-Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary