## TOLLAND WINDHAM COUNTY MUTUAL AID AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

## **MONTHLY MEETING**

## JUNE 18, 2013

## **TOLLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs by President Morrison;

Departments in attendance: 5, 15, 40, 44, 46, 541, 543, 546, 547, ASM, OEMS;

President Morrison thanked Tolland Fire Department for hosting tonight's meeting;

Secretary's Report – Motion was made to wave the reading of the minutes, Motion was Seconded and passed;

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Report was read, Motion was made to Approve Report as presented, Motion Seconded, Motion Passed;

Radio – President Morrison reported that the Med Radio at JMH seems to be working much better and he has heard good things with the changes that were made to the antenna;

Legislative – Dave Bailey reported the following – Bill 6518 some of the language was substituted and a PSA Taskforce will be doing research on how states similar to ours work.

Hospital funding is being cut, at this point it is unsure how much is being cut and who will be affected the worst, President Morrison will follow;

EMS Council – Dave Bailey reported that the EMS awards went well and informed the group to make sure your departments make nominations to the council. Dave also reported that a Safety Memo went out to all EMS organizations about making sure that all equipment, patients, and technicians are secured when ambulance is moving. The state is working on a new mandatory equipment list for what must be carried in an ambulance, departments will be asked for input but it will be a short window from when the list goes out to when the suggestions must be back to the state. Once the new list is published departments will have 1yr to comply. Charcoal is no longer the National Standard. CPAP has been approved by the Advisory Boards and is going to the Commissioner to be approved for BLS. The question was asked if CPR Certification is covered under your EMT or EMR certification seeing CPR Certifications are only two

years and EMT and EMR certifications are three years, right know there is nothing in regulations that states you have to have a current CPR Card but the liability exposure of not having it is huge. Your Sponsor hospital is the one that sets the standard;

Ambulance to Hospital – Johnson Memorial had a seminar for EMS Week and there is another one set for June 25<sup>th</sup>;

Program – No Report

Communications – None

New Members – None

Unfinished Business – President Morrison brought up what can be done about patients that abuse the 911 system and are constantly call for Detox or other issues, after lengthy discussion there is no formal answer on what to do and all have to be treated uniformly;

New Business – Dave Bailey stated there has been some changes to Athletic Trainers and what they are aloud to do, he stated one of the things they are being trained to do is put players in an Ice Bath if they are suffering from Heat Stroke symptoms call medical control before removing patient if they are truly having Heat Stroke Symptoms;

New Equipment – Andover has a new Lifeline Ambulance 515;

Next Meeting August 20, 2013 at Ellington Ambulance

Motion Made to Adjourn Meeting, Motion Seconded and Motion Passed;

Meeting Adjourned at 2052 hrs,

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Moore Secretary