

Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Monthly E-Board Meeting – April 18, 2024

6 Washington Square, Newtown, CT 06470

Meeting commenced at 18:20

Attendees: Chief Greenspan, Asst Chief Arneth (video), Secretary Newsom, member at large Cicciari and member at large Klein (video), Tom Ryer, NVAC member and NVAA President McLachlan

Agenda:

Old Business: Minutes from March e-board meeting approved unanimously.

New business:

Member Tom Ryer presented an idea for future staffing. Eboard and association will do additional inquiries and research.

EMS week is next month. E-board has tangible items as well as food that will be brought in for members during that week in an effort to show appreciation to all staffing members. A group gathering will also be set up for that week at NVAC.

Liz Cain is taking care of community CPR. She has been in contact with any requests that have come in to NVAC for training. Liz is the contact person for this.

A new mutual aid agreement is on its final review with Brookfield. This will give Newtown additional resources for multiple-call situations for BLS and ALS calls.

Mutual aid calls to Southbury was discussed. In order to be sure we have coverage for Newtown, an SOP is being finalized regarding this. At EMT's discretion, there must be 3 members at the garage or en route to garage in order to respond out of town. This ensures there is a full crew to respond to calls in town. There was a motion to amend the previous draft of the SOP.

A motion to approve the Uniform SOP was unanimously approved.

Active 911 and CrewForce should both be used by all members. Each are great resources when going on a call. If a member would like CrewForce on their phone, they need to contact Jeff Jorgenson.

E-board discussed concern by some members regarding the recent SOP for billing for lift assists with interventions that will commence May 1st, 2024. Members are reminded that insurance information needs to be obtained on these calls for billing purposes.

The E-board is considering some sort of incentive plan for coverage on holidays. Members are asked for feedback. Any possible incentive will be offer to those who sign up in advance.

There are still a few members that are not completed with their EMS1 classes. The E-board is asking all members to check their dashboard to ensure they are 100% complete. Members are also reminded to utilize EMS1 for their bi-annual recertification classes.

NVAC will pay for 1 day of the EMS conference for anyone that would like to attend. They must submit their proof of attendance to get reimbursed. EMS1 can be used for recertification requirements now.

Staffing for the summer was discussed. There will be members taking vacation. We need to ensure that others can step up to cover while people are on vacation. Early sign up on Volgistics is strongly encouraged. The E-board is looking for ways to get more members to be at NVAC – possible game night, Sunday brunch, etc.

Committee updates:

QA – review of run forms is up to date. Members have improved greatly since Guy's training at the March monthly training meeting. The medics are falling behind on their run forms. Nuvance will be contacted.

By-laws – meeting being set up for May with hopes of June vote on all the changes.

New Members – 6 new members coming from the recently completed EMT class. This is the most that NVAC has seen in many years. All of them live in town and plan on staffing regularly once they are done with training.

Supplies – Working with Pat Salvo regarding new checklist for rigs to ensure we have enough supplies.

Radios – we have lent 2 radio to Bethel so that they can communicate with Newtown when they are doing mutual aid calls to Newtown.

Community Relations – many events coming up. Members are asked to check schedule and sign up for these events. It is encouraged to attend outside events. Faye is keeping everything up to date for members.

Meeting adjourned at 22:00.