

Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Monthly E-Board Meeting – March 14, 2024

6 Washington Square, Newtown, CT 06470

Present: Chief Greenspan, Asst Chief Arneth (via zoom), Secretary/Treasurer Newsom, Members at large Cicciari and Klein(via zoom)

Meeting commented at 9:05

February meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Discuss summer t-shirt order – members will be offered the chance to chose from 2 types of shirts.

Discuss community CPR – Liz Cain has taken over community CPR. There is a need for community CPR. NVAC gets many requests for classes. Discussion for setting up regular community CPR opportunities was moved to the April e-board meeting.

Review procedures of committees – committees are asked to provide monthly update to eboard. This assures the eboard that the committees are doing their tasks according and eliminates the need to micromanage.

Tech committee will be asked to get each member's email address entered into copier/scanner.

Continue discussion regarding mutual aid agreement to Southbury. SOP being drafted to ensure that Newtown calls are covered while still being able to assist Southbury. NVAC must have 2 crews available when sending a unit to Southbury for mutual aid. NVAC will work with dispatch on this. Eboard is working with Brookfield regarding putting a mutual aid agreement into place.

Radio update: All radios have been updated including portables, ambulance radios and station units. 20 new portables arriving by the end of March. Distribution of radios will go to members who's need is greatest.

Eboard discussed how to capture more students from EMT classes and retain current members. NVAC does appear to be in a building cycle where members are not leaving at the same time new members are joining.

It is asked that when you sign up for staffing that you are able to take calls until the end of your staffing. This means that you need to plan accordingly for a late call.

A discussion regarding having police dispatched to ETOH or similar calls resulted in the suggestion to speak with dispatch to ensure that EMS Staff is kept out of danger on calls as much as possible. This means that PD will be dispatched to ETOH, domestic dispute scenarios and other potentially dangerous calls. Eboard is working with dispatch to get a protocol in place. Members are reminded that scene safety is always most important. If members have concerns, they can ask dispatch for PD and/or back out of scene if it is unsafe. All crew members should carry a radio into all calls.

There are new procedures for Bravo-1 being put in place that make it less cumbersome to sign in and out when using Bravo-1.

Members are reminded that their EMS1 trainings must be completed by March 31, 2024. 4 hours of ancillary service will be given once complete.