

MINUTES
CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD
CMED COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
September 13, 2023 1:30 pm ~ Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Member Attendees: Betty Morris, Chair/North Central CMED; Vaughn Dumas -Southwest Regional Communications, Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS; Shawn Finnigan, Waterford ECC; Steve Savage.-Northwest Public Safety;

Unable to attend: Gregg Provost, Valley Shore Emergency Communications; Troy Clark, CTS; Chuck Kelleher, Quinebaug Valley Communications; Doug Racicot - Tolland County 911; Tyler Millix, Tolland County 911; Matthew Duval – Norwich CMED; Groton Communications; Scott Wright, CTS; Dan Soule – Litchfield County Dispatch;

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting called to order at 1:34 p.m.	Presented Minutes of the June 14, 2023 Meeting	Motion to approve (Dumas) seconded (Finnigan) - Minutes approved.
CMED 9-1-1 subsidy Funding	V. Dumas reported that he met with the Co-Chair of the Legislative Fire & EMS Caucus regarding an initiative to raise the CMED subsidy. This method could result in statewide savings for municipalities. <i>Following Items to consider</i> --method of charging for CMED service; legislative change requiring CMEDs to continue to provide service without charging when there is a conflict with the cost. V. Dumas reported on his experience with a municipality.	
CMED Work Group Report	<i>Information Sharing on Talk Group Effectiveness</i> No Update.	
Develop CMED Fact Sheet and Education Component for CMED Directory	B. Morris reminded the group that we need to put together a CMED fact sheet and education component for the CMED directory. This initiative becomes more important as new technologies are introduced to provide pre-hospital to hospital communications (particularly without coordination). V. Dumas reported that the Yale Healthcare System was investigating Twiage. Potentially there could be four different platforms being used by the hospitals. This could adversely affect the EMS services.	

OTHER BUSINESS		
SIEC (State Interoperability Executive Committee)	New meeting schedule has not been distributed.	
Impact of Hospital Diversion on EMS Services	B. Morris reported that three hospitals in CT were impacted by the Prospect Health cybersecurity issue (ECHN –Manchester and Rockville, as well as Waterbury Hospital). This caused a prolonged diversion situation in the Hartford area. Northwest and North Central reported on their experiences. Overall, the decision rested with EMS services to determine what destination hospital was best for the patient.	
Information Sharing Upcoming Events	The season for large Fairs and Events is upon us.	
Adjournment/Next Meeting	The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.	

Respectfully submitted: Betty Morris, Chair

2023 Meetings, November 8, 2023 and December 13, 2023

Goals for 2023 – (1) Distribute the 2022/2023 CT EMS Communications Directory (2) Pursue increase to the CMED subsidy from the State 9-1-1 Fund. (3) Develop CMED fact sheet and education component for users of the CMED system as well as Municipal Leaders (4) Pursue expansion of the P25 system.

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