

MINUTES
CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD
CMED COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
October 11, 2023 1:30 pm ~ Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Member Attendees: Betty Morris, Chair/North Central CMED;, Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS; Shawn Finnigan, Waterford ECC; Steve Savage.-Northwest Public Safety; Chuck Kelleher, Quinebaug Valley Communications; Doug Racicot - Tolland County 911; Christopher Licata, Communications Manager, MEDCON-AMR CT;

Unable to attend: Gregg Provost, Valley Shore Emergency Communications; Troy Clark, CTS; Tyler Millix, Tolland County 911; Matthew Duval – Norwich CMED; Groton Communications; Scott Wright, CTS; Dan Soule – Litchfield County Dispatch; Vaughn Dumas -Southwest Regional Communications; Kristin Vargas, Willimantic Emergency Communications

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting called to order at 1:31 p.m.	Presented Minutes of the September 13, 2023 Meeting. Correction - Doug Racicot attended the meeting. Introduced New Member: Christopher Licata, Communications Manager, AMR CT and MECON for New Haven, West Haven and Hamden.	Motion to approve (Savage) seconded (Racicot) - Minutes approved.
CMED 9-1-1 subsidy Funding	No Update.	
CMED Work Group Report	<i>Information Sharing on Talk Group Effectiveness</i> Tabled	
Develop CMED Fact Sheet and Education Component for CMED Directory	B. Morris inquired about posting the CMED EMS Communications Directory on the DPH website. J. Reynolds will follow up. B. Morris will email Director Coler with a request that it be posted on the CT EMS Advisory Board page under CMED Communications Committee. B. Morris suggested that summary document (CMED fact sheet) be developed for educational purposes. This initiative becomes more important as new technologies are introduced to provide pre-hospital to hospital communications (particularly without coordination). CMED's mission is to coordinate EMS resources particularly during a mass casualty event.	

OTHER BUSINESS		
SIEC (State Interoperability Executive Committee)	S. Savage reported that the next SIEC meeting will be held virtually on October 17, 2023. Meeting notices are being sent. It was proposed that these meetings be held quarterly.	
Information Sharing Upcoming Events	<p>OEMS Communications – Pediatric Patient Transports to Urgent Crisis Centers -OEMS distributed a memo. Legislation requires that OEMS develop a protocol for EMS transports to Urgent Crisis Centers by January 2024. Concerns are being raised about the method (s) of communication and bed availability.</p> <p>Upcoming Events – D. Racicot reported that a “Call to Action” has been released for Friday, October 13 – He recommended that we review our mass casualty plans and procedures.</p> <p>Hartford Marathon – Race crosses through multiple towns. Saturday, October 14, 2023. Operational period 0600-1400.</p> <p>EMS/Fire Pro Conference – Being held October 25-27, 2023 at Foxwoods</p>	
Adjournment/Next Meeting	The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.	

Respectfully submitted: Betty Morris, Chair

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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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