



CT EMS Advisory Board Regional Collaboration and Forward Movement of Patients Sub-committee Meeting

Oct 30, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Present: Committee members present: Joe Laucella, Kevin Ferrarotti, William Fitzmaurice, Marc Blake, Betty Morris, Robert Ziegler, Judith Reynolds. In addition, 18 EMS Officers from around the state

Saturday, October 30 for the Regional Collaboration Round Table Meeting with the EMS Service Chiefs held at EMS pro Expo at Foxwoods Resort.

Topics that were discussed as emerging issues and ideas of what would be helpful for the Regional Collaboration Committee to work on.

STAFFING –

Need to establish incentives for town residents to support local EMS services. The primary support is contributing to fundraisers or getting into town budgets. Some communities loss the stipend.

How do we get more residents involved. How do they sign up or get information? What's the advertising campaign? Be more visible.

- Road blocks
- –(1) People don't have time to volunteer like they used to.
- –(2) Training requirements –EMR/EMT -Maintaining skills- (Suggestion- consider a rotating concert program i.e., same subject. Classroom or hands on offered multiple times in different locations)
- (3) Develop EMS Track for public safety – where is the upward mobility? Can/how do I rise to a leadership role in the organization or prepare to take on more responsibility?



EMS LEADERSHIP

Develop EMS Chief Handbook. Make resources accessible to others

Can EMS Councils help? – Yes connecting with EMS Service Chiefs. Weekly, quarterly conference calls established during pandemic and should continue. Share best practices, express concerns, ask for help, work collaboratively. Gathering information. Use tools like Everbridge, Zoom, Microsoft Teams to disseminate information.

LEGISLATIVE AND MUNICIPAL INTERACTION AND COMMUNICATION

1 Learn the language of the Board of Finance. Teach them EMS language. Schedule time with each other.

2. Create Annual Day of Exposure – Open house at EMS Service – See equipment, tour facility, watch a video. Some/most services hold annual dinner banquet (fundraiser). Who's attending?

- Years ago we held Legislative Breakfasts in 2 or more regions. We set up displays at the Legislative Office Building during EMS Week.

SHARED FORUM – Joe was developing an EMS Facebook Page that day to assist with EMS chief across the state to ask questions and communicate when necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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