NJSFAC 12th District Meeting of May 10, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the 12 District NJSFAC was opened at 20:00 by Chairman, Mary Hookway. We were led in prayer by our former Chairman, George Sabourin.

There was a word of welcome from Roxbury Captain, Carl Bonefede.

We welcomed the following guests: Mary Luster and Joe Fishback from Atlantic Healthcare. Joe mentioned the new EMT schedule is on the website. The classes are filling quickly. Also, Dawn from St. Clare's on behalf of the ER Manager, Karen Andrews, thanks to everyone for all they do.

Minutes -Motion by Milton, second by Ogdensburg to approve the minutes of April 12, 2018. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report -Treasurer's report was given. Motion by Mine Hill, second by Milton to accept the Treasurers report. Motion carried.

Correspondence – none

Northern Area VP – Cyndy Reardon attended our meeting. She thanked Edna for being the 12th District VP and the great job she is doing. Cyndy is running for State Secretary. She mentioned that it's important to get the reports done. If anyone is having trouble doing these, please contact her and she will gladly help. Also, she talked about the scholarships and reminded everyone that if the squad isn't up to date with all reports, inspections and dues, then the cadet isn't eligible for the scholarship.

12th District VP – Edna presented an award to George Sabourin for his years of service as Chairman of the 12th District. With regards to questions on the Ntl Registry, there is an EMS Advisory Council meeting on June 6 and an EMT Training meeting on June 13. She will have more answers after these meetings. Sparta had one (1) scholarship awarded this year.

The Chairman mentioned that each squad gets two (2) copies of the Gold Cross newsletter every month. All discussions, positions of the Council, etc. are in there. Make sure you are getting these and reading them. She also mentioned that at the Sussex County Captains/Chiefs meeting, it was discussed about a "check & Inject" pilot program for EMT's to be able to use a 1cc syringe of epi; this should bring about some cost savings over the epi-pens. Any squad that carries and maintains all five protocols (C-PAP; Narcan, Epi-Pen, Aspirin and Pulse Ox) can contact Scot Phelps from the State to perhaps be a part of this pilot. Also, the answer to our letter regarding the $5,000 and the legislature items is also in the Gold Cross. Note that the data base may be having a problem with the interaction with Chrome. No problems if you use Explorer.

Education –Edna is running the following refresher courses – Glenwood-Pochuck –B on 5/26 and C on 6/9. Jefferson – A on 9/9; B on 10/20 and C on 12/1. Blue Ridge – A on 10/28; B on 11/18 and C on 12/9. Edna had a meeting with the College and was assigned the duty of finding a new home for the EMT course. As of now, there is still no location that meets the needs. The building must have a full classroom, 5 extra rooms for groups and a locked storage closet big enough to fit all the VERY expensive equipment. Keep your eyes and ears open for a possible location. Remember, the location will also need to be inspected by the State if it is a new location for the EMT class. Michele mentioned several classes to be held at Picatinny Arsenal and Bergen County. These were all emailed previously to member squads. Also, there will be a class on Bleeding Control and Shock on May 17 at NMC.

Mobilization – No report. However, at the Sussex County Captains/Chiefs meeting, Scot Phelps from the state was there. He discussed the ePCR and that it is a done deal. See the Gold Cross for more information. He also mentioned that the I-Pads given out were not contingent on signing a contract with Image Trend. He will look into ordering more for squads that didn't get them.

Standards –Teri said 6 squads are currently complete - Fredon, Jefferson, Newton, Wantage, Sussex and Ogdensburg. Thanks to those that offered to inspect.

By-Laws – nothing to report

Web Site – Jeff has added another tab that is labeled Legislation. Under the tab for Resources, he added the form for tuition credit.

Audit - The audit committee (Jeff Hookway, Sparta, Pam Karkovice, Roxbury, and Sue Crum, Ogdensburg) met on May 9, 2018 and found the books to be in balance and in agreement with the bank. They made several recommendations - That old signers be removed from the account; that a second signatory be added to the account; cks should be signed by both signers; all receipts and statements should be kept; supply the NJSFAC with a yearly financial recap as required by the council by-laws. It was also recommended that Alan Arduini, Ogdensburg FAS be the second signer on the account. There was also some discussion as to a budget. Income is from the $40.00 per squad that is added onto the dues and the money donated by the "member of the night". Expenses are the dues, ads, tricky tray donations, etc. It's not a lot of income or expenses.

Legislation - Cap Whiz is up and running again in time to make legislators aware of issues we have with the ePCR law. A blast email will come out shortly. Ntl Registry - there is still a lot of discussion on this issue as it was tried in the past and was unsuccessful. There are a lot of budget concerns as well as membership concerns. As for NJ Assembly bill 709, the council is not taking a position on this as they feel that a $5,000 deduction isn't worth as much as a $200 or $300 tax credit. (See May Gold Cross newsletter for information on these items)

Mid-Year – The Committee met and is working on all the items needed for Mid-Year. We decided that we would be the focus committee and then come to the squads for volunteers for the day of. We discussed give-aways; tote bags; forms, etc. Michele has a meeting on May 18 with Doug from Atlantic and then we will have a better idea of costs/reimbursements, etc. It was decided that we will have a CEU class offered at lunchtime. Next meeting is Fri., June 8.

Old Business – None

New Business – Motion by Newton, second by Wantage to have the 12th District create an additional standard that every agency in the district is trained and carrying the five (5) available elements (CPAP, Narcan, Epi, Aspirin and Pulse Ox). There was a lot of discussion on this motion with the biggest objection being costs and who is going to pay for all this equipment, especially the CPAP and masks (they are approx. $75.00 ea and are in different sizes). Also, enforcement, who will be enforcing this and what are the repercussions to a squad not in compliance. No answers to these questions. Vote taken and motion defeated 4 in favor to 11 against.

Good and Welfare –

1. Milton wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day
2. Mine Hill - May 19 - King of the Hill Car Show
3. There is going to be a fundraiser on May 20 from 8-11 at Newton Fire Dept., 22 Mill St., Newton for Adam Gourlay - a longtime Newton Dispatcher with acute myeloid leukemia. Cost is $12.00 adults and $8.00 children

The next meeting will be at Sparta on June 14. Member of the night was Pat Kotarski.

There were 15 of 19 squads in attendance.

Blue Ridge -0- Lakeland 100 Sparta 200

Frankford Twp -0- Milton 311 Stanhope-Netcong 100

Fredon 100 Mine Hill 100 Stillwater 200

Glenwood-Pochuck 100 Newton 110 Sussex 200

Hopatcong 100 Ogdensburg 310 Vernon -0-

Jefferson 100 Roxbury 317 Walkill -0-

Wantage 200

Meeting was adjourned at 21:10

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hess, Recording Secretary