NJSFAC 12th District Meeting of December 13, 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 Chaplain, Wes Shelton.

There was a word of welcome from Jenn Henry, Captain of Wallkill Valley First Aid.

We welcomed the following guests: A representative from Toy's for Tots (First Sergeant Eduardo Ascencio) was here earlier but had to leave due to another commitment. We welcomed guests from the Sparta Women's Club, Joe Fishbach and Mike Lemons from Atlantic and John Cronin from St. Clare's. The Sparta Women's Club - Marjorie Strohsahl, Arlene Kayne and Suzanne Mazur, brought packages of the Vial of Life program they are doing. In the past, it was for Sparta residents. They have decided to branch out to the County and distributed one packet to every squad. They also would give more. This program is a donation only program. They handed out sign up sheets if you were interested in additional packets.

Joe Fishback introduced Mike Lemons who is the new EMS Education Coordinator. They are now setting up 2019 courses and refreshers. If interested in hosting classes, contact them. The new pricing is out. Michele will forward it to the squads. Mike mentioned that they are working on the medical oversight agreemnets. They will be sending them out to those that need them. His contact info is michael.lemons@atlantichealth.org.

John Cronin reminded all that they are having their holiday dinner on Jan. 9, 2019 at the Rockaway River Country Club. Michele already forwarded this to all squads. Please make sure you RSVP. He also would like everyone to please send him updated officer lists. His email address is johncronin@primehealthcare.com. Ride safe and stay healthy.

Minutes -Motion by Milton, second by Ogdensburg to approve the minutes of, November 8, 2018. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report -No treasurer's report given in the absence of the Treasurer.

Correspondence – Michele reminded all to please take and/or return the directory update forms to her.

Northern Area VP – No report

12th District VP – We will be welcoming Budd Lake back to the 12th District. **REMINDER - any squads needing service pins, please let Edna know ASAP and Paula Weiler for the certificates**. Condolences to Sparta on the loss of Matt Lanigan. Pat Leonard, editor of the Gold Cross will be retiring. Unsure as to the future of the Gold Cross magazine at this time. 260 squads in the Council and 172 are in good standing including paperwork, inspections, etc. Congratulations from the President to the Convention Committee and Symposium staff for a Stellar year. Only District 3 and 12 VP's had their reports in. Reminder - notify the District Chaplain (Wes Shelton) in the event of a death of a member. New directories are available for pre-order. They are $7.00 per book. Forms are here and Michele forwarded the form to all squads. Frank Goodstein asked about putting MAB units (Medical Amb. Buses) that are around the state into the Directory. There are approx. 19 units in NJ. Congratulations to all new elected Squad Officers. Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year. Motion by Mine Hill, second by Glenwood Pochuck to purchase 6 Directories for the District Officers and the Chaplain. Motion carried. Michele will make sure Butch gets a form.

Education – Once again the EMT program has no home. There will be refreshers at Milton - 4/7 for A; 4/14 for B; 4/28 for C. Article in the Gold Cross regarding the NRT - no additional news or changes as of now. Michele currently as an EMR class running. Anyone needing recerts and wanting her to run them, please contact her.

Mobilization – no report

Standards – no report

By-Laws – Nothing to report

Web Site – Mid year forms are now on the website. Also legislation is on there. Jeff put the information on about the Worker's Comp. issues, per Skip Danielson. The website is **www.NJSFAC-12th-District.org**.

Mid-Year – Nothing much to report. Vendor apps are now out. Reminder that we need ads. These aren't limited to just Squads. They can be from anyone that would like to put one in. Remember, these help to defray our costs. Also, giveaways - please get them to me as soon as you get them so we aren't stuck at the last minute trying to stuff the bags. Also, they need to be batches of 150 per item. Thanks for the help

Legislation - no report

Old Business – None

New Business – Motion by Milton, second by Blue Ridge to donate $100.00 to the Sparta Women's Club for their "Vial of Life" program. Motion carried with 1 opposed (Glenwood Pochuck).

Wes Shelton mentioned that Wantage had a former member pass away. The State only recognizes active and life members, not former members. Wes does send a card on behalf of the District but he feels we should be doing something. He recommends that we have 1 meeting per year dedicated to remembering all members that have passed away. He will look into this and report back at the next meeting. Anyone interested in working with him, contact him directly.

Michele Hess brought up the new dates for the upcoming year. She has done the new schedule with the following date changes - Sept. and Oct. to the 3rd Thurs. so as not to conflict with Fire Convention and EMS Convention. Edna mentioned that EMS convention next year will be the 3rd weekend so Oct. will revert back to the 2nd Thurs. Also, Budd Lake has now been added to the rotation. Motion by Fredon, second by Milton to approve the new dates. Motion carried. New Dates are on the State website, will be on our website and a list will be attached with the minutes.

Good and Welfare –

1. Paramedic Irene Slate's son recently got married. Congrats.
2. Wes represented the EMS at the memorial service held at the SCPSTA (Training Academy) and will do so again next year.
3. Sussex Elks is holding a breakfast on 12/16 honoring ALL First Responders. They are free. All others will be $5.00 donation.

The next meeting will be at Wantage on January 10, 2019. Meeting at 8pm with dinner before.

Members of the night was Edna Deacon, Mine Hill

There were 11 of 19 squads in attendance.

 Blue Ridge 100 Lakeland 100 Sparta 203

 Frankford Twp -0- Milton 201 Stanhope-Netcong -0-

 Fredon 100 Mine Hill 100 Stillwater 100

 Glenwood-Pochuck 100 Newton -0- Sussex -0-

 Hopatcong -0- Ogdensburg 210 Vernon -0-

 Jefferson 100 Roxbury -0- Walkill 218

 Wantage -0-

Motion by Milton, second by Fredon to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 20:53

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hess, Recording Secretary