NJSFAC 12th District Meeting of February 14, 2019

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.

We were visited by guest Erin Edwards, a Graduate Student working on her doctorate of nursing practice for psychiatry. She is working on a research project designed to look into how stigma is related to mental health affecting EMS personnel / accessing services available. More information will be available after she gets her paperwork complete and the approval of her project. She wanted to know if we would be interested in being part of her study. There was some discussion as to what it will entail and what she expects of us. We will welcome her again when more information becomes available.

There was a word of welcome from Linda Larsen, Treasurer of Blue Ridge Rescue.

We welcomed the following guests:

John Cronin from St. Clare's He announced that Dover and Denville are now on TWIAGE. He has available the File's of Life that were requested of him. Please see him. He also mentioned the Captain's dinners on March 27 at Denville, June 19 at Dover and September 25 at Denville. Please try to send one or two people from your squads. There is some great discussion at these dinners.

Mary Luster from Atlantic mentions that upcoming classes are on the website - www.atlanticambulance.org and go to training.

Minutes - The Chairman mentioned the following additions to the January minutes - Audit Commitee for 2019 was appointed - it will be Alan Arduini, Ogdensburg, Betty Cleaver, Milton, Cheryl Wood, Milton. Also, the treasurer reported that 2 squads had not yet paid - Frankford and Newton. Motion by Milton, second by Sussex to approve the minutes of January 10, 2019, with above additions. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report - Treasurer was not present so no report given

Correspondence – We received the EMS Schedule from Morristown. Copies are on the front table for anyone interested in attending. Thank you received from Sparta Women's Club for allowing them to make their presentation and for the $100.00 donation.

Northern Area VP – No report

12th District VP – The packets have been put together of important information regarding the Council. If you have not yet received yours, see Edna. Thanks to all squads that have invited Edna to their installation dinners. At Milton's dinner, Larry Parr was awarded a 60 year pin by the Chief. The directories are in and will be picked up at the next BOT meeting. We will have them at our March meeting for those who paid for them. Edna will be attending Stillwater's dinner on Sat. provided they don't have another blizzard. At Jefferson's dinner, there were many awards given including 2 for CPR saves. Hopatcong's dinner also had many awards and each member was given a jump bag. Reminder that EMT cards expire at the end of June or the end of December. Watch your dates, especially if you were a 5 year renewal, and remember that you are responsible for keeping track of your own CEU's. There is NO GRACE PERIOD. Edna will be attending a convention committee meeting so if you have any suggestions or comments, please see her. Lastly, Happy Valentine's Day.

Education – There will be Refreshers at Milton - A - 4/7; B - 4/14; C - 4/28. Sparta - A - 3/16, B - 4/13, C - 9/7 (note these are Saturdays and are by Atlantic) Glenwood-Pochuck - A - March 3, B - April 6 and C - June 1. Make sure you go to www.njems.us to register for the classes and bring the proper form. All classes begin at 8:30. Michele will be scheduling an EMR Spring Class and will notify everyone with those dates when set.

Mobilization – no report

Standards – no report 2019 paperwork is not online yet. See Teri Martin to sign up for your assignments.

By-Laws – nothing to report

Web Site – Michele wanted to make sure that the vendor forms were also put on the website. Jeff will check and if not, will make sure they are on. The website is **www.NJSFAC-12th-District.org**.

Mid-Year – Mid Year on May 5, 2019 at Middlesex Fire Academy. We need help from EVERY squad in the district. We need to schedule a committee meeting to get together to see what's left to be done and follow up. As of now, things are coming together nicely. Michele has spoken with Doug Cook and he will be ordering the bags for the giveaways. Several people have committed to giving various items. We have 1 paid vendor so far and another one that is interested. Mary is going to be sending letters out to various businesses in her area. You can all do that. Ads don't have to be EMS related, we will take ANYONE's ad.

Legislation - no report

Old Business – On May 9, Wes (Chaplain) will be putting together a memorial service. Please get him a list of names of those that have passed from our various squads. This is ALL Members, whether they were still a member or former member at the time of their passing. Please get him the names by April.

New Business – No new business.

Good and Welfare –

1. Jeff is looking to put together a committee willing to meet with the County Freeholders. As of now, no one has stepped up. Michele said she is willing to be on that with Jeff. He also looked into the advertising stickers on the front of the NJ Herald. The cost varies from $648, $665 and $797, depending on the day of the week. It was decided to hold off on this until after Mid Year and see where we are money wise. There was some discussion as to the effectiveness of these and seems to be a positive response.
2. Ocean State Job Lot - www.osjl.com - they hold certain times in the year honoring Volunteer EMS and Fire by giving discounts. You can check the dates on their website.
3. The Hardyston Scholarship forms are here on table for the area squads eligible.
4. 200 Club Scholarship paperwork has been sent out to all Sussex County Squads. Some copies on the table for those that didn't get them. These are for HS Seniors and College Students.
5. Jeff Hookway mentioned that he asked Sylvie Mulvaney, EMSCNJ publicist, to send a letter to all non-member squads inviting them to join or re-enroll. She is working on it under the direction of the President of the EMSCNJ
6. Sparta was working with Phil Orfan prior to his leaving on donating outdated supplies and equipment. John Cronin from St. Clare's will look into if there is any interest from them. Also, Cheryl Wood mentioned that some animal shelters might take some of the stale dated supplies.
7. Wes Shelton spoke about the history of the purple heart and George Washington. He then presented Michele Hess with the "first ever" Purple Mushroom award for "taking one for the Council".

Edna mentioned the following squads are in 100% compliance with all reports, dues and inspections: Fredon, Hopatcong, Stillwater, Blue Ridge, Ogdensburg, Roxbury and Mine Hill. Remember, if you need help with your reports, contact Paula Weiler and she will gladly work with you. Also, Michele Hess is willing to help you as well.

The next meeting will be at Frankford on March 14, 2019. Meeting at 8pm with dinner before.

Members of the night was Wel Shelton

There were 13 of 20 squads in attendance.

 Blue Ridge 313 Lakeland 010 Stanhope-Netcong -0-

 Budd Lake 100 Milton 300 Stillwater 200

 Frankford Twp -0- Mine Hill 100 Sussex 100

 Fredon 100 Newton -0- Vernon -0-

 Glenwood-Pochuck 100 Ogdensburg -0- Walkill 001

 Hopatcong -0- Roxbury 200 Wantage -0-

 Jefferson 100 Sparta 202

Motion by Fredon, second by Milton to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 21:15

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hess, Recording Secretary