NJSFAC 12th District Meeting of November 14, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the 12 District NJSFAC was opened at 20:05 by Chairman, Mary Hookway.

We were opened in prayer by our Chaplain, Wes Shelton.

There was a word of welcome from Cheryl Wood, Past Chief of Milton First Aid.

We welcomed the following guests:

Joe Fishbach from Atlantic. Everyone else is at the EMS Convention in Atlantic City. Joe mentioned that the classes are up on their website for viewing. Jan. there will be a class at HMC and there will be a weekend class at MCPSTA. Electives will be coming out soon. He is working on getting more variety out there. Also, trying for 1 per month at hospitals for no cost.

John Cronin sent a message reminding everyone of the St. Clare's dinner on Jan. 8. Flyers will be out soon.

Minutes - Motion by Mine Hill, second by Milton to approve the minutes of October 10, 2019. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report - No report

Correspondence – There was an email from Firefighter One and McCoy ambulance. They want to come to a meeting. We will invite them to our Jan. meeting which will be at Newton.

Northern Area VP – No report - but he is a new Daddy to baby boy, George.

12th District VP - **As of July 1, there will be a new Training Fund form. It's the same form for both EMT Basic and Refreshers. It must be signed in BLUE INK. It also MUST BE TYPED**. Remember, there is no grace period for your EMT if not renewed on time.

Reminder that all cards expire either June 30 or Dec. 31. There is NO EXCEPTIONS or extensions. Also, if you are taking a class that Edna is sponsoring, the sponsor for the form is Mine Hill First Aid Sqd. NOT the squad where it is being held. The course number is also required on the new form (all must be typed) and can be found on the website when you register.

Convention went well. Any suggestions for classes you would like?? Let Edna know.

If you need pins for installations, make sure you let Edna know asap. She has from 5 to 60 and can get a 50 year if needed.

Thanks to Mary for representing us at the Memorial Service. Wish all a Happy Thanksgiving

Education – The EMT class is up and running and will complete on Dec. 7. If you sign up for classes given by Edna, the sponsor is Mine Hill. There will be Refreshers at Glenwood-Pochuck - C (# 136235) - 11/3. Roxbury is holding A - 11/3; B - 11/17 and C 12/1. Sussex is holding A - Thur. 12/12 & Fri 12/13 at 6:30p; B - Sat. 12/14 at 8:30a; and C - Sun 12/15 at 8:30a Mine Hill will hold CEU class on Tue. Nov. 19 for Epi and SMR. Make sure you go to www.njems.us to register for the classes and bring the proper NEW form - see above BOLD note. Glenwood is holding the following classes - SMR & Epi on 11/12; CPAP on 12/10; see 2020 classes on their Facebook page. Michele Hess is putting together an EMR class in the new year. Anyone interested, please let her know.

Mobilization – No report submitted. The SC EMS Coordinators with UH CEPR are sponsoring a drill for LSI Awareness Level. They are requesting 4 people from each squad to attend. After that, they will open it up to others. It will be at Andover Twp. Firehouse and is free to SC First Responders (live and/or work in SC). Out of County cost is $40. From 0800-1230 on Dec. 7, 2019.

Standards – There is only 1 squad left - Vernon. Michele has set a date.

By-Laws – nothing to report

Web Site –The website is **www.NJSFAC-12th-District.org**. No new report.

Nominating Committee - The nominating committee made the following recommendations for officers: Chairman - Mary Hookway, Vice Chairman - Theresa Martin, Recording Sec - Michele Hess, Corresponding Sec - Cheryl Wood, Treasurer - Butch Mendyk, Chaplain - Wes Shelton and District VP - Edna Deacon. A motion was made by Lakeland, seconded by Glenwood Pochuck to approve this slate and that the Sec'y cast a single ballot. Motion carried. Installation will be at our December meeting.

Legislation - Senate bill S3849 has NOT been withdrawn even though Sec. Oroho said he would do so. No other report

Ad Hoc Committee - There was a committee set up (Jeff Hookway, Sparta; Larry McPhaill, Glenwood-Pochuck and Michele Hess, Fredon) to look into the Freeholder's donation and how it is figured. No meeting has taken place as of yet.

Audit Committee - Nothing to report

Old Business – Skip Danielson stated that the case was finally settled and his Daughter-in-law will receive the full benefit for the rest of her life. The judge still has to decide the distribution, etc.

The Calendar of next year's District meetings is available for anyone wanting one.

Reminder that at the Dec. 12 meeting (Lakeland) we will collect unwrapped toys. This will go to "Pass It Along" from Project Self Sufficiency since we couldn't get Marines for Toys for Tots.

Convention Report - Mary mentioned some highlights of convention and that Director Scott Phelps was there on Fri. at the general business meeting to answer questions. There will be two sections under the new EMS regulations - "Education & Clinicians" and "Programs and Vehicles". The P & V has already been drafted, the other is being worked on. More info to follow. No current NJ EMT will ever have to take the Ntl Reg. test unless to become and EMT instructor. As for Medical Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Act (went in effect 8/1), Director Phelps encouraged using good judgment and compassion to do the reasonable and compassionate thing. Dues will be the same as last year. Council has contracted a consulting firm to provide advocacy and legislative tracking and lobbying services. Next year convention will be Oct. 8 - 11, 2020. Also, it was mentioned about the "Bridge Program" between EMR and EMT. Director Phelps has asked if anyone can put something together, he will entertain it. Livingston apparently has such a program and will be moving ahead with presenting it to the Director.

Mary thanked Wes for the Memorial Service on Oct. 13.

New Business – None

Good and Welfare –

1. Budd Lake is holding a Christmas Tree sale beginning on Nov. 29
2. Blue Ridge is holding their tricky tray at Frankford School on Dec. 6
3. Glenwood is having a Christmas Wreath Fundraiser - see their Facebook page for ALL their classes and events
4. Mine Hill - Nov. 21 is a fundraiser at NJ Bar & Grill from 11:30 til closing
5. Sussex Elks holding a Sunday Breakfast on Dec. 15 10:30 - 1p - free for 1st responders $5.00 for others. Proceeds for Sussex Fire, Wantage Fire and Wantage EMS

Edna asked all veterans to stand and thanked them for their service. Pat Kotarski's husband is having some medical issues. Keep them in your prayers. Thanksgiving greetings to all.

The next meeting will be at Lakeland on Dec. 12. Meeting at 8pm with dinner before

Member of the night was Wes Shelton, Blue Ridge

There were 13 of 21 squads in attendance.

Blue Ridge 010 Jefferson 100 Sparta 201

Budd Lake 100 Lakeland 201 Stanhope-Netcong -0-

Frankford Twp -0- Milton 314 Stillwater 200

Fredon 100 Mine Hill 100 Sussex -0-

Glenwood-Pochuck 101 Newton 010 Vernon -0-

Hamburg -0- Ogdensburg 310 Walkill -0-

Hopatcong -0- Roxbury 100 Wantage -0-

Motion by Mine Hill, second by Glenwood Pochuck to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 20:55

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hess, Recording Secretary