NJSFAC 12th District Meeting of October 15, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the 12 District NJSFAC was opened at 20:15 by Chairman, Mary Hookway via "FreeConferenceCall.com" due to the COVID-19 pandemic and no meetings in place order by the President and the Governor.

We were opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer by our Chairman, Mary Hookway who also greeted us all. She also read the disclaimer about the meeting being recorded, etc.

We welcomed the following guests:

Mary Luster – Atlantic – She informed us that there has been a slight uptick in COVID cases so please make sure you continue using proper PPE.

John Cronin – St. Clare’s – He wishes everyone well. They are still working on education and more will follow. He also reminded all that you should be using N95 or P100’s with any patient contact.

Minutes – Motion by Lakeland, second by Mine Hill that the minutes from the September 10, 2020 meeting be accepted. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report – There was no change in balances from the last report. Motion by Mine Hill, second by Milton to accept the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

Correspondence – The following emails were sent out – minutes, lists of refresher classes, St. Clare’s Captain’s meeting being postponed; EMSCNJ General Membership Meeting deadline info; Notice of the 12th District monthly meeting and how to get online; Notice from Belvidere EMS looking for paid employees; notice from Lakeland EMS looking for paid employees; EMSCNJ newsletter; Letter from the Antique Fire Assoc.

Northern Area VP – No report

12th District VP - **As of July 1, 2018, there is 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**.

There will be a virtual business meeting on Saturday and the General meeting on Sunday. She hoped everyone liked the newsletter. There are 12 squads eligible to vote – Budd Lake, Fredon, Glenwood Pochuck, Hopatcong, Jefferson, Lakeland, Milton, Mine Hill, Ogdensburg, Roxbury, Sparta and Wallkill. If you need help with getting your reports done, contact either Paula Weiler from the State Council or Michele Hess, our Sec’y who can help you. You must get an acknowledgement email from Paula Weiler that the reports are accepted. If you didn’t get an email, something isn’t correct. Contact Paula. The budget was sent to those that requested a copy. Carl has several concerns on the budget. 1. Vice President increase; 2. Treasurer budget; 3. Executive Director expense; 4. Public Relation budget; 5. Professional Fees; and 6. Executive Director salary. He was asked if he addressed his questions to Ken Weinberg of the State Council as was the direction and he said no, he wanted our approval to go to them. He was informed that as a Delegate, he may go to the Board with his questions.

Education – The A & C classes at Blue Ridge are full. Remember you must sign up online and bring the proper form (see bold above) to class.

Mobilization – No report

Standards – The new forms are online. Download them and have them filled out and SIGNED prior to the inspection to make it easier. Please contact your inspector to make arrangements for your inspections. They are ready to inspect when you are. The following squads are still not inspected – (listed by inspector – Cheryl Wood – Fredon; Michele Hess (973-390-1250) – Blue Ridge, Glenwood-Pochuck, Lafayette, Newton, Sussex, Vernon, Wallkill Valley and Wantage. Thank you to the Committee of Inspectors and Teri Martin for heading this up.

By-Laws – nothing to report

Web Site –The website is **www.NJSFAC-12th-District.org**. Jeff has made a few changes to email address and phone numbers. He has also put the training form on the site so it will be easy for you to find.

Nominating Committee : The Nominating Committee (Gary Posey, Newton; Jen Brecciano, Sussex and Larry McPhail, Glenwood-Pochuck) presented the following slate for vote at our November meeting: Chairman – Mary Hookway; Vice Chairman – no name in nomination; Recording Secretary – Michele Hess; Corresponding Secretary – Cheryl Wood; Treasurer – Butch Mendyk; Chaplain – Larry McPhail; District Vice Presdient – Edna Deacon. Nominations may be made for all positions at the November meeting. Michele will send an email letting all squads know of the open position.

Legislation – Mary mentioned that there are 2 bills out there. 1 – the Vitale bill is about paid services riding with one EMT and one EMR. This bill # S2851 just came out. And # 2 is Cody bill and the wording was changed to reflect EMSCNJ from the NJSFAC. Bill # A3360.

Audit Committee - Chairman appointed the following committee - Pam Karkovice, Roxbury; Dawn Foote, Budd Lake; and Cheryl Wood, Milton. The Committee met and found all to be in good order. The Chairman, Mary, asked for a written copy of this and Cheryl agreed to send it. It was also discussed that since no money was spent this year, the committee is discussing the possibility of covering a portion of the squad dues. This will come up at the November meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee - Freeholders - This is Jeff Hookway, Michele Hess and Larry McPhail. The committee met with the Freeholders on Oct. 14. There were 2 Freeholders, the County Administrator and the Budget Director present. It was a very enlightening meeting for them and they seemed very receptive to our proposal of increasing our annual donation. They will present our concerns to the entire committee.

Old Business – Dawn from Budd Lake had a question regarding obtaining the OA License Plates. After some discussion, she will pursue it further with Motor Vehicle.

New Business – none

Good and Welfare –

1. Mary asked that we think about setting our dates for the upcoming year. We do the 2nd Thursday of the month except July. Sept and Oct usually moved based on Fire Convention and EMS Convention. October 14 will move to Oct. 21 and it seems that it will not interfere with Sept. this coming year.
2. Morris County Alliance is having a guest speaker on Nov. 5. They are from the NJS Police to speak about Incident Mgmt. classes and who can teach and who will be enforcing it. Also, a presentation on NJ All Hazards Incident Mgmt. Team (NJ-AHIMT). RSVP y Nov. 1
3. Dawn from Budd Lake discussed a letter sent out regarding the Antique Fire Assoc. lf NJ and their building of a “mobile canteen unit” for prolonged emergency scenes. They are looking for donations to build out these units. They will service Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties. They will be invited to our Nov. meeting to discuss this further.
4. Cheryl Wood mentioned that members Larry and Mary Parr are both not doing well and can use prayers
5. Fredon is hosting an online “Scentsy” party. See John Cronin’s or Michele’s facebook page for information or to please place an order.
6. On the First Aid Council website, there is a block to find squads in your area. Take a look at it and make sure your contact info is correct.

Next meeting will be November 12 and will again be a virtual meeting. Information will be forthcoming.

Member of the night is ALL OF US!!

There were 17 of 20 squads in attendance.

Blue Ridge 010 Lafayette 200 Sparta 201

Budd Lake 100 Lakeland 200 Stanhope-Netcong 100

Frankford Twp -0- Milton 200 Sussex 100

Fredon 100 Mine Hill 201 Vernon -0-

Glenwood-Pochuck 100 Newton 100 Walkill 101

Hopatcong 100 Ogdensburg 100 Wantage -0-

Jefferson 100 Roxbury 210

Motion by Hopatcong, second by Mine Hill to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 21:30

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hess, Recording Secretary