NJSFAC 12th District Meeting of November 12, 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:

John from Antique Fire Assoc., No. Jersey Chapter was introduced. He wanted to make us aware of a project they have going with a “Canteen” vehicle. This is to be at Fire, EMS, and Police events. They are trying to educate the public on the history of firefighting. They are hoping to have the vehicle on the road by Thanksgiving. It will contain water, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, non-oerishable foods/snacks. They have coolers and hoping to be able to do hot dogs, egg sandwiches, etc. in the future.

Mary Luster – Atlantic – She informed us that there has been an uptick in COVID cases so please make sure you stay vigilant continue using proper PPE. If you need anything, don’t hesitate to call her. A question came up from Blue Ridge Rescue Squad re: the usage of the free Naloxone rcvd. from the State Grant. It is 4mg and our protocols are 2mg. Mary is going to look into the Atlantic protocols regarding this with Mike Lemmons.

Joe Fishbach – Atlantic – agreed with Mary. Some classes are beginning to come back from the State. They are very slow to approve. The Weekend class is beginning in Jan. Please note that all outside emails are being blocked by Atlantic. Atlanticemt@gmail.com is a temporary email address. Some training centers are already closing again. He will keep us updated.

John DaSilva – Atlantic – Morristown ED. He is available for questions and concerns. EMS is permitted into the isolation area with full PPE. There is a some construction going on. You will notice a large crane in the parking lot. It shouldn’t interfere with ED parking. They are trying to get some free CEU classes coming out. He will update us as they happen.

Erin Crum – Glenwood Pochuck and Neuroscience service line with Atlantic – She is the stroke program manager at Chilton and is working with AHS EMS to put together a virtual stroke CEU class. If you are interested, email her at ecrum@gpvac.org.

Minutes – Motion by Budd Lake, second by Glenwood Pochuck that the minutes from the October 15, 2020 meeting be accepted. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence – The following emails were sent out – Notice of N95 masks and face shields, Notice of need for a Vice Chairman, minutes, Bergen County CEU classes, EMSCNJ 12 District monthly meeting notice, Oct. 2020 EMSCNJ newsletter, Notice re: ED visitors, another supply channel for PPE.

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 BOT meeting on Sunday, Nov., 15. Make sure you get your info in for the directory. Pre-orders only.

Education – Edna thanked Lafayette for all their help with the EMT class which will be done Dec. 15. There will be a B refresher at Newton on Nov. 14; B refresher on the 15th at Blue Ridge and Sunday the 22nd Blue Ridge will have a C refresher.

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 - Inspector - Michele Hess (973-390-1250) – Lafayette (since completed), 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 added the bills S2851 and A3360 to see. Skip Danielson requested that we put S432 and A3933 on the site as well. Jeff suggested we put an additional tab and add a memorial page. All agreed. Mary mentioned that Jeff will update the meeting dates for next year. All good for the 2nd Thurs. except Oct. which will be the 3rd Thur. due to conflict with the EMSCNJ annual convention. There is no conflict with Fire Convention next year.

Nominating Committee : The Nominating Committee (Gary Posey, Newton; Jen Brecciano, Sussex and Larry McPhail, Glenwood-Pochuck) presented the following slate and elections will occur under new business: 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 President – Edna Deacon. Nominations may be made for all positions at the November meeting.

Legislation – No report

Audit Committee - No report

Ad Hoc Committee - Freeholders – No report

Old Business – none

New Business – Motion by Milton, second by Lakeland to send a donation of $100 to Free Conference Call.com for use of the site for our meetings all year. Motion carried with 1 opposed (Stanhope-Netcong). Motion by Fredon, second by Sussex to donate $100 to Antique Fire Association for the “Canteen truck”. Motion carried with 2 opposed (Stanhope-Netcong and Glenwood-Pochuck). Motion by Lafayette, second by Stanhope-Netcong to increase our dues to $330.00 for the upcoming year. Motion carried with 1 opposed (Roxbury). Motion by Mine Hill, second by Glenwood-Pochuck to donate $100 to the 9-1-1 Memorial Monument, Keansburg which is due to be ready by 2021. Motion carried with 1 opposed (Stanhope-Netcong).

Lakeland mentioned that there is an upcoming meeting of the Township of Andover to vote whether to continue with Lakeland or go to Atlantic for coverage. They may call on us to support them. They have a 99.9% response rate and have no idea why they are considering making this move.

Elections: The following were elected to 2021 offices: Chairman – Mary Hookway, Vice Chairman – Kevin Duffy (motion from the floor by Fredon, Mine Hill), Recording Sec’y, Michele Hess, Corresponding Sec’y – Cheryl Wood, Treasurer – Butch Mendyk, 12th District V. Pres. – Edna Deacon, Chaplain – Larry McPhail. Installation will be at our December meeting. Mary thanked the Nominating Committee for their work.

Good and Welfare –

1. Frank Schmidt has had a partial lung removed. Cheryl will send out a card
2. Alan Arduini – Ogdensburg – explained that they have been struggling to get members. They have reluctantly decided to close their doors after 65 years of service. Edna mentioned that Alan is always welcome to join us.
3. Pat Sabourin is doing well at Bristol Glen and says Hello to everyone
4. Re: Pop Tops – Alan will let us know where to send them
5. Toy Drive – Project Self Sufficiency is accepting new toys and gift cards. Cheryl will get more info for us on this
6. Edna thanked Newton First Aid for being able to use their building
7. Last newsletter listed Don Stol as a member of Wantage – he was Wallkill
8. Edna wishes everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving

Next meeting will be December 10, 2020 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 100 Sparta 201

 Budd Lake 200 Lakeland 300 Stanhope-Netcong 100

 Frankford Twp -0- Milton 200 Sussex 110

 Fredon 100 Mine Hill 200 Vernon -0-

 Glenwood-Pochuck 301 Newton 100 Walkill -0-

 Hopatcong 100 Ogdensburg 100 Wantage 001

 Jefferson 100 Roxbury 210

Motion by Milton, second by many to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 21:28

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hess, Recording Secretary