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Crawford County Emergency Medical Service Commission MINUTES

February 23, 2023, 9:00am

- I. Commissioner's Welcome: Crawford County Commissioner Eric Henry welcomed the following Commission Members: Dennis, Paraskos (virtually), Bates, Geer, Mason, McClincy, Manuel and Moyer with DPS Staff Greg Beveridge and Allen Clark attending.
- II. Guests
 - a. Daniel McLaughlin, Director of Partner Relations, MD Ally – Mr. McLaughlin was unable to attend. Director Beveridge gave an overview of the program. He said the system costs next to nothing. It is similar to Telehealth system. The 9-1-1 Center could transfer callers to MD Ally that meet an Alpha or Omega call threshold. It was suggested that a presentation be held after the next EMS Commission meeting on April 27th at 10:00am and to invite Dr. Kraeling to attend.
 - b. Nick Bannister, Regional EMS Plan Coordinator – was unable to attend due to illness
- III. Lift Assists: Active Aging held a meeting in January and are working on education program. Dr. Kevin Kraeling from Meadville Medical Center attended. He reported that MMC is working with Allegheny College on marketing program. Bill McClincy from EMMCO West shared at that meeting samples of media marketing materials. Encouraging doctor offices to change their recorded message to not call 9-1-1 probably will not happen due to liability issues. They talked about a text alerting system and discussed Pulse Point and Genasys Systems. Before the April Commission meeting the Subcommittee should plan out how the system would work along with the training and legalities involved.
- IV. Report Out of Subcommittees
 - a. Communications: Director Beveridge reported that I Am Responding began January 1st and all departments were on board by January 4th. They are seeing

good success in the software and program which is leading to getting help to the patient the quickest. Step 2 in the program will be sending regional notices to all responders regarding who is on limited status which will be on the app and status boards in stations. There is also the capability for 9-1-1 to send messages to individual departments to regional departments. There were eleven departments that took advantage of the I Am Responding training.

- b. Government: Commissioner Henry reported that Emergycare and the City of Titusville are working on an agreement for the fire department to operate an Emergycare ambulance while Emergycare is out of service. Titusville Police Chief will be the new Public Safety Director over fire and police.

Bill McClincy reported that Aaron Rohn from the Bureau of EMS will be coming to speak at Perry Highway Hose Company on March 14 regarding their department not responding outside of their area, Summit Township. Their department does receive a lot of funding from the casino gaming. It was noted that the City of Erie pays nothing towards emergency medical services in the city.

- c. Volunteer Services: Austin Bates reported that Springboro and Conneautville have agreements with Kingsville and Community Care and working on agreements with Monroeville and Sheffield. Since Albion Fire Dept. is out of service and Cranesville Fire Dept. Ambulance Service taking that area over, Springboro is not responding into Erie County as much as they did before.
- d. Stakeholders: Commissioner Henry, Josh, and Kurt spoke at the French Creek Council of Governments regarding EMS

- V. Ross Westview Emergency Medical Services Authority – Commissioner Henry reported that ambulances in five municipalities have created a multi-municipal authority by ordinance. They have no EMS memberships and charge each household \$55 per year for EMS generating \$1.8 million dollars. The Authority collects the fees. Similar system is used in Lancaster and could be a good model to be used in other places.
- VI. Next Meeting, April 27, at 9:00am at Crawford County DPS
- VII. Adjournment of the Meeting was at 9:58am.