

NORTEX REGIONAL EMS PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Bill Sokora.

See attached the attendance list for those present.

Minutes of the August 2, 2012, meetings were reviewed. On a motion from Foster Simmons and seconded by M.W. Stripling, the minutes were approved as written on a unanimous vote of those present.

Reports:

- The Financial Report was presented by Foster Simmons as follows:
 - \$1,750 in annual dues have been collected
 - Checking Account balance was \$168.08
 - Savings Account balance was \$ 44,149.76
 - There were no outstanding bills to pay.

On a motion by Harrold Shelley and seconded by Kelley Hudson the Financial Report was approved as presented on a unanimous vote of those present.

- The RAC Report was presented by Roger Ritchie as follows:
 - Announced the passing of Al Garcia and acknowledged Al's work as RAC Executive Director as well as his efforts to continually improve EMS Education throughout the state
 - Roger announced that he would be assisting the RAC until a person can be hired to be the RAC Executive Director
 - Reviewed RAC Standard Operating Procedures
 - Discussed RAC goals for the upcoming years
 - Announced that the RAC would be renting office space in the near future. A suitable location had been located and the RAC was negotiating with the land lord regarding rental agreements
 - Discussed CQI initiatives for Endotracheal Intubation and IO insertion and use.
- The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) report was given by Ryan Matthews as follows:
 - EMS rules 157.xx changes have been delayed until sometime after the first of the year (2013). The issue of what pediatric equipment would be required on ambulances was still being discussed.
 - The recent cases of fraud brought about by some EMS Providers is a big issue for DSHS and GETAC. Rules will eventually be enacted that affect all EMS providers in the state regardless of whether fraudulent billing occurred or not.
 - The Trauma Registry In-services are now online. You must have taken the inservice in order to get access to the new Trauma Registry.
 - TETAF recently presented a webinar on the current drug shortages.

- The Department of State Health Services report was given by Jerry Bradshaw as follows:
 - State EMS Conference is November 10-14, 2012, in Austin. Jerry reminded everyone that the conference was being held a week earlier this year due to a scheduling conflict with another event being planned in Austin for the week of Thanksgiving.
 - Announced that Larry Bordon would be the Acting EMS Coordinator at Vernon Regional Junior College due to the recent death of Al Garcia.

Old Business:

- Bowie EMS announced they will attempt to collect stray backboards and bring them back into our service area.
- Ryan Matthews indicated he had been storing various types of EMS equipment which had been purchased by the association. If a service needs equipment, contact Ryan.

New Business:

- Jerry Bradshaw from DSHS noted that there was a need in this area for more First Responder Organizations.
- Jerry also noted that grant money might be available to purchase an Auto CPR device; however, assistance is requested in writing the actual grant.
- A discussion was held regarding a memorial for Al Garcia. One discussion mentioned the establishment of a scholarship fund. More information on this topic will be provided at the next Providers Association meeting in December.

Open Forum:

- Cryovac reported that Tom Griffin is the new Continuing Education Instructor.
- AirEvac reported Continuing Education classes are still available through that agency. Contact Roger Ritchie for more information or to schedule a class.
- Trans Star reported that they had changed their protocols to allow for onboard use of CPAP. They will be having in-services with the staff at United Regional Healthcare System to acquaint URCHS staff with the new equipment that may be arriving with a patient.
- Graham EMS reported that the city and county had received money for a new remounted ambulance. Graham EMS is now using the newly revised protocols. And Graham First Responders are now registered as a First Responder Organization.
- Wichita Falls Fire Department reported they are in the selection process for new fire academy candidates. They also advised they would be getting a new engine and brush truck.
- Vernon Regional Junior College reported the EMS Coordinator Position is currently being advertised. Also noted that the simulation lab is up and running at the Wichita Falls campus.
- Bowie EMS is planning to replace an ambulance and is currently looking at various vendors.
- Archer City EMS reported the purchase of a new Horton ambulance that was currently enroute from the factory. This unit was purchased with last year's Local Project Grant Money.
- Vernon Fire/EMS reported they would be offering a Continuing Education Course monthly.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Foster Simmons and seconded by Harrold Shelley to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Beimer, Secretary

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Attendance Sheet

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Adam Scott	Vernon Fire/EMS
Bill Sokora	Archer City Ambulance
Don Groves	Wichita Falls Fire Department
Foster Simmons	P.K. Westlake Vol. EMS
Harrold Shelley	Cryovac FRO/Electra EMS
Jerry Bradshaw	DSHS
Joel Moore	Bowie Fire/EMS
Kelley Hudson	Graham EMS
Larry Borden	Vernon College
Len Nauman	Burkburnett VFD
Lewis Skinner	American Medical Response
M.W. Stripling	Seymour/Baylor County EMS
Mike Beimer	Hardeman County EMS
Roger Ritchie	AirEvac Lifeteam
Ryan Matthews	Trans Star Ambulance