

**NORTEX REGIONAL EMS PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 1, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Jeff Miller.

See attached the attendance list for those present.

The association welcomed Matt Spagnoli from Hutchinson Technology , Inc as a guest.

Minutes of June 6, 2013, were reviewed. On a motion from Foster Simmons and seconded by Bill Sokora the minutes were approved.

Reports:

- The Financial Report was presented by Foster Simmons as follows:
  - \$1,300 in annual dues has been collected.
  - Checking Account balance was \$154.13.
  - Savings Account balance was \$ 43,407.58.

On a motion by Bill Sokora and seconded by Bruce Sutton the Financial Report was approved unanimously.

Reports:

- Jerry Bradshaw made the following report:
  - The new state EMS Director is Joe Schmeider
  - The EMS Magazine will now be available online
  - Kelly Harrell has retired from DSHS
  - The annual EMS conference will be contracted out rather than being planned and produced by DSHS personnel
- The RAC Report was presented by Melissa Whitelaw as follows:
  - Invoices needed for reimbursement are due.
  - A desk audit requested by the Department of State Health Services was conducted and went well.
- The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) report was given by Ryan Matthews as follows:
  - At the GETAC meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, dates will be set for four (4) meetings to be held across the state to discuss new EMS rule changes.
- TETAF has encouraged members to participate in the monthly Continuing Education offerings. Upcoming topics are as follows:
  - July--EMS Errors
  - August--Hospital Destinations
  - September--Texas Medical Board new requirements for EMS Medical Directors

- It was noted that TETAF monthly Continuing Education programs can be viewed free of charge as long as no Continuing Education credit is requested.

Old Business:

- Skills Fair/Workshop in Fall
  - The skills fair and workshop will be held at the Wellington in Wichita Falls on September 24-25, 2013 (Tues and Wednesday) from 0900-1400. Lunch will be provided.
  - Representatives from various EMS product providers will be on hand to demonstrate various advanced procedure products. On a motion by Bruce Sutton and seconded by Kenny Hoffman, the association unanimously approved providing financial support to the Skills Fair/Workshop in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.

New Business:

- There was no new business brought before the association.

Open Forum/Announcements:

- Adam Scott from Vernon Fire Department announced that he would be leaving the area to accept a position at another department in the DFW area. Adam introduced Kade Long as his replacement at the Vernon Fire Department.
- Upcoming cardiology classes were noted.
- Melissa Whitelaw advised the group she was willing to write a grant in an effort to obtain "thumper" type CPR devices that could be used on ambulances. Melissa was advised by the group to proceed with the grant application.
- Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) classes are being considered. If interested, contact 940-867-1822.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bruce Sutton and seconded by Bill Sokora 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**

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Jeff Miller	Jacksboro-Faith Community Hospital EMS
Bill Sokora	Archer City Ambulance
Bruce Sutton	Olney EMS/Loving First Responders
Foster Simmons	P.K. Westlake Vol. EMS
M.W. Stripling	Seymour EMS
Kenny Hoffman	AMR
Harrold Shelley	Cryovac FRO/Electra EMS
Kelley Hudson	Graham EMS
Wes Edwards	Nacona EMS
Jerry Bradshaw	DSHS
Melissa Whitelaw	NTRAC
Joel Moore	Bowie EMS
Mike Beimer	Hardeman County EMS
Ryan Matthews	Trans Star Ambulance
Adam Scott	Vernon Fire Department
Kade Long	Vernon Fire Department