



VERMONT EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VEMSAC)			
DATE	11-08-2018	LOCATION	Central Vermont Medical Center, 130 Fisher Rd, Berlin, VT 05602
TIME	1:00 PM	ROOM	Conference Room #1 (Main Entrance, Bottom of Stairs)

REPRESENTATIVES (Key: P=Present, A=Absent, T=Teleconference, V=Vacant)				
EMS District 1		Leonard Stell	EMS District 12	Forest Weyen
EMS District 2		Adam Heuslein Jen Piette	EMS District 13	P Mark Considine
EMS District 3	T	Leslie Lindquist	Vermont Ambulance Association	P Drew Hazelton
EMS District 4		Scott Brinkman	Initiative for Rural EMS @ UVM (IREMS)	P Pat Malone
EMS District 5	T	Brad Reed	Professional Firefighters of Vermont	David Danforth Roger Gosselin
EMS District 6	P	Mark Podgwaite	Vermont Career Fire Chiefs Association	T Robert Plante
EMS District 7	P	Charlene Phelps	Vermont State Firefighters' Association	Brad Carriere
EMS District 8		Eric Hannot	Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (Nurse Manager or ED Director)	V
EMS District 9		Scott Cooney	The Commissioner (or designee)	Dan Batsie
EMS District 10		Jim Finger	Vermont League of Cities and Towns (Non-Hospital or Public Safety)	P Gwen Zakov
EMS District 11		Aaron Sylvester		

Guests: Inge Luce, Chris Bell, Wendy James

AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order 1:02. A quorum was not present.
2. Information on posting of agendas and minutes.
 - a. EMS office
 - i. Chris Bell can have a sub-page off the VT OEMS Site. There will be a single point of contact that Chris Bell will share with Chairman Hazelton.
 - b. Effects of staff turnover at the EMS Office
 - i. Leslie Stated D3 Service Leaders are concerned about the turnover in the state office. There was discussion on if the rate is turnover compared to other agencies. Chris Bell stated that state Government is in the 20-30% range. He did mention that the positions are posted before the person leaves, and there is not the wait to post like in a lot of state agencies. He also stated he does not think the new system is a hindrance. Pat Malone wanted someone, maybe a mid-level person, that can help with development.
 - ii. Gwen stated that we need to put EMS in the perspective like other public safety positions. Compare Fire Academy and Police Academy budget and staffing levels vs. what EMS gets. Our argument should be in that context. EMS has 'been forgotten'. We should not just ask for positions, but put it in context that you can compare it to. Chris Bell stated that Fire gets ~1.05M and that EMS gets ~150K. (Note: Chris stated he may have the numbers wrong, but that they are substantial.) Leslie thinks we should not put it in the report unless we have a specific request.



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3. Review the data requested by the EMS office
 - a. Chris Bell reviewed the data as requested by the EMS office.
 - b. First Response agencies were excluded due to the issue with skewing data. Also – District 3 transport only agencies were excluded because they skewed the data.
 - c. Agencies Closing: There were 3 Transporting Agencies and 2 First Response Agencies in the last year that closed. The numbers after the name were the number of calls that were handled by the agencies the year before they closed.
 - i. Derby Line 616
 - ii. Barton 216
 - iii. Montgomery 41
 - iv. Berkshire 64
 - v. East Dover 53
 - d. The EMS Office prospectively reaches out to any agency they hear is having trouble or issues.
4. Drew Hazelton reviewed the District Representative submitted survey Data.
 - a. The number of responses was only in the mid-50's. There are near 170 agencies in Vermont.
 - b. Conversation around EMR testing and follow through vs. EMT/AEMT/MEDIC
 - c. Conversation about testing access. Chris Bell said a partial solution may be in the works, will share at next meeting. There is possibility of having at least 3 sites, and maybe even 4 in Vermont. Unsure of the details.
5. Comments were reviewed.
6. Reviewed draft report – many comments.
 - a. Should figure out what question we want to answer with Question 7.
 - b. Inge Luce talked about the impact of the VTC Paramedic Program and the potential closure of the program.
 - c. Drew will send out a copy of the Draft.
7. Chris Bell gave updates from the EMS Office.
8. Representative clarification (Who is representing what district/agency/body). Need to clarify at the beginning of the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: December 13, 2018 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Hartford Fire Department, 812 VA Cutoff Rd, White River Junction, VT 05001