Westchester County EMS Advisory Board (EAB)

November 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Location: Westchester County Department of Emergency Services

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1835 hours: In the absence of Chairman Faucher and Vice Chairman David Dawson the meeting was started by the board members.

1838 hours: The May 14, 2015 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

1840 hours: New Business:

Deputy Commissioner Wacha briefed the group on the large full scale Hazmat/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) exercise that was held on June 13, 2015 at the DES and Municipal Tabletop Exercises conducted on September 17th and 18th. The exercises were designed to evaluate the County’s All Hazards planning efforts that include the Hazardous Material Emergency Response Annex.

The full-scale exercise was conducted with over 300 individuals and multiple fire, EMS and law enforcement agency in an effort to familiarize, assess and test local capabilities to respond to a Hazmat/ WMD event.

The exercise objectives included:

- Fire Operations.
- Demonstrate Triage, Treatment and Transport of casualties.
- Law Enforcement Operations.
- Decontamination and monitoring.
• Decontamination of person(s) with disability, access, or functional need(s) and/or service animals.
• Incident Size up
• Implementation of ICS
• Interoperable Communications

DC Wacha stated prior to the exercise a draft response matrix/toolbox was developed to support pre-incident planning and the Incident Commander that may respond to a Hazmat or WMD event since these events can become quite large and complex. The matrix and tools continues to be evaluated and updated based on the feedback from the exercises. It is hope in the near future a greater alarm plan can be developed for agencies to utilize, similar to the Structure Fire greater alarm plans currently used in the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

An after action report is being developed for the exercises.

1855 hours: Michael Volk briefed the group on the latest WREMSCO and WREMAC updates that included the following:

• The new NYS DOH Spinal Restriction protocol is active and all EMS provided must make sure they review the NYS video training online and attend a skills session for the new procedures.
• Four new MCI trailers ordered by the DES to replace the older existing units and they should be available for deployment the 1st quarter of 2016.
• A reminder that EMS agencies should be diligent in assuring staff is prepared and protected for Ebola. Although not a current threat a sentinel event could be around the corner.
• BLS CPAP has been approved for use in NYS, so far there have been no request by any Westchester EMS agency to participate in the program.
• A brief discussion was held on the EMS protocol that would allow the transport of a patient with a suspected sexual assault to the Regional Center of Excellence at Westchester Medical Center. The Forensic Acute Care Team (FACT) is credentialed by the NYS DOH and similar to a STEMI transport case the local EMS agency would need to obtain online medical control to diver the patient to this specialty center.

1905 hours: Michael Volk briefed the board on the County radio system project. A vendor was hired by the County's Department of Information Technology to evaluate the requirements and specifications for a new radio system in the county. The vendor will be meeting with the Fire and EMS Advisory Boards jointly in the future to collect
their input. It was suggested that the board members obtain information from local providers on their needs and desires for a new system.

1918 hours: A request was made to reach out to the Chairperson Faucher and make sure he will be attending future meetings, if not a request to assign his duties to the Vice Chairperson.

The 2016 EAB meeting schedule is as follows: (Please mark your calendar)

- February 9, 2016
- May 10, 2016
- Sep 13, 2016
- Nov 15, 2016 (November 8, 2016 conflicts with Election Day)

1920 hours: Meeting adjourned.