

# EMS Committee

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Friday, July 16, 2021

- Called to Order - 1000
- Roll Call
  - Mr. Thor, Mr. Bagley, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Allen, Chief Campbell, Chief Seek, Chief Welch, Chief Boswell, Chief Currie, Chief Jaszowski, Capt. Wells-Whitworth, W. Sullivan, S. Simmonds, D. Daniel, R Ahmed, M. Willingham, K. McDonald, P. Ledet, R. Morris, S. Pelczar, M. Jaszowski, M. Deats, M. Parker, M. Fischer, R. Jackson, E. Berlehner, K. Adams, S. Pelczar,
- Update to scheduling work group - M. Jazz
  - Last meeting only 2 people were there, R Carter is no longer on the committee.
  - Very little progress to report, possibly more beneficial to bring the discussion back to the full board.
  - Chief Campbell reiterates the differences between 24/72 and Debit, P/C's, etc.
  - Mr. Thor would like a Pro/Con's and budgetary requirement report for both of those schedules.
  - Chief Campbell reiterates examining a potential timeline. I.e Promotions, hiring additional FTE's, etc.
  - Mr. Johnson proposes a hypothetical of beginning FY2023 (October 2022) being the beginning of changing the schedule.
  - K Adams would like a date for schedule comparisons to be returned to this committee. Command Staff will have a work day on 8/3 to hash out this report and return to the committee on 8/12.
  - Mr Thor knows that we need to "throw a bone" to effect retention and recruiting at this time, not 15 months from now.
  - Various discussion on which schedule we want, and discussed polling field employees.
  - Chief Boswell wants clarification on what will be sacrificed/cut to obtain these budgetary requirements.
  - Mr Thor reiterates that we don't know yet what the budget will look like, that's why we need these options explored.

- Newsletter update - M Jaskowiak
  - Discussion surrounding the timeline and content as well as method of production.
  - Committee agrees that Chief Campbell should be the principal voice contributing to the newsletter with input from other staff.
  
- Departmental Communication - M Deats
  - NEOP's visiting ALARM closer to their 180 day is beneficial
  - Dispatchers riding in the field is still an open discussion
  
- Road Safety - W. Sullivan and S. Simmonds
  - Zoll Road Safety is no longer being updated/supported.
  - M13, M43, and D4 have new systems that provides virtually the same information and monitoring.
  - The important information includes G-Forces, speed, seatbelts, GPS tracking, etc.
  - Mr Thor wants to know how the field feels about the driver monitoring systems.
  - Mr Johnson inquired about how the field feels about the 360 degree cameras.
  - Discussion regarding violence towards healthcare providers and camera involvement
  
- Open member spot
  - Leave as is for now
  - No active recruitment but if there is interest, we may fill the position.
  
- Late Calls - Chief Campbell
  - Downtime will be utilized at the end of a units shift when they are not on station. They will return to the station and complete crew change.
    - Committee agrees and would like this implemented ASAP.
  - When broken down by hour, over a 6 month period, 776 calls were received in the 6-7 hour. Consider moving shift change back to 0600.
    - Committee suggests trying this new DT procedure prior to implementing.

- Staging R Jackson
  - Discussion regarding extended staging times and unnecessary EMS activations.
  - Law Enforcement Awareness Call is a possibility from the CAD side. EMS is notified via ALARM but no unit is dispatched until cleared in.
  
- Mental Health Awareness - Mr Thor
  - Discussion revolving MCHD's CISM programs and if they are adequate

Action Items:

- August 3rd - Meeting at WFD ETC to brainstorm the schedule and prepare report
- August 12 1400-1600 - EMS Committee Meeting