

## **Emergency Medical Services Commission**

Town of New Canaan

PO Box 598, 128 South Avenue

New Canaan, CT

February 19, 2008

**ATTENDING** Commissioners: Susan Dahill, Paul R. Aaronson  
NCVAC members: Troy Haynie, Captain, Patti Spindel, Vice President,  
Larry Kessler, Treasurer; Mike Handler, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant  
Public: None

**CALL TO ORDER:** by Susan Dahill at 19:33.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion by Paul Aaronson to accept minutes from the January meeting. Seconded and approved by Mrs. Dahill.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Patti Spindel (in the President's absence) reported that the Capital Campaign is nearing its goal; over 1000 people have contributed so far. Bids for the construction have not yet gone out, but the demolition permits have been applied for. Representatives of the Corps met with the New Canaan Police Department to discuss the Corps' move to the third floor of Police Headquarters during construction. A NCVAC-sponsored EMT class is being organized for the fall. Five new probationary members have been accepted. The Board of Governors recommended that the Corps obtain Supplemental Worker's Compensation insurance, the cost of which is reasonable. The Corps is updating the Red Books, the binders carried by each ambulance with the names and medical history of patients in New Canaan who have known medical conditions. It is helpful to responding crews to be aware of a patient's history before arriving on scene.

**CAPTAIN'S REPORT:** Troy Haynie reported that a total of 139 patients were treated on 142 calls, with 98 transports. All but 10 of these went to Norwalk Hospital (the remainder to Stamford). There was a medic on board for 43% of those transports. There were 13 back up calls and five mutual aid calls to Norwalk. Silver Hill, Waveny and New Canaan Inn had 10, 7 and 4 calls, respectively. The fly car and the back-up response vehicle had routine servicing. 352 was out of service for over a week to repair an oil leak. 353 is scheduled for routine servicing. The ambulances will be inspected by DMV on February 23 at Westport EMS Headquarters. Troy Haynie met with representatives of Stamford Hospital and Stamford EMS as they continued their marketing push in the region.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Larry Kessler reported that there were no out-of-the-ordinary expenditures during the month of January. The cost of the Supplemental Worker's Compensation insurance will be \$750. The presentation to the Board of Finance is scheduled for February 28.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was discussion regarding the issue of NCVAC charging patients for responding to call, which came up again at the budget presentation to the Public Safety Committee of the Town Council. The Corps has always been, and remains, strongly opposed to the idea. The arguments against charging will be remade if and when the issue comes up again.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**NEXT MEETING OF EMS COMMISSION:**

March 18, 2008 Police Department Training Room 19:30.

**ADJOURNED:** 20:45

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul R. Aaronson*