In attendance were: Mr. Roy Ivins, Dr. Alan Davidson, Dr. Ben Cherry, Tim Craven, Operations Manager for GMR, Frank Cappiello, Woodbridge Police Chief, & Cathy Trzaski, Clerk for EMS Commission

Roy Ivins called the meeting to order at 07:03P.M.

A MOTION was made to waive the reading of the minutes from November 1, 2021. Dr. Alan Davidson made the MOTION to Waive the minutes and Dr. Ben Cherry SECONDED. Dr. Ben Cherry made the MOTION to ACCEPT the minutes from the November 1, 2021, meeting and Dr. Alan Davidson SECONDED. The vote was UNANIMOUS.

The Commission reviewed the Key Performance Reports from August 2021 – January 2022.

In August 2021, the paramedic Priority 1 was 100% and Priority 2 was 100%. Transport for Priority 1 was 90% and Priority 2 was 84%.
In September 2021, the paramedic Priority 1 was 100% and Priority 2 was 100%. Transport for Priority 1 was 91% and Priority 2 was 82%.
In October 2021, the paramedic Priority 1 was 100% and the Priority 2 was 100%. Transport Priority 1 was 86% and Priority 2 was 82%.
In November 2021, the paramedic Priority 1 was 100% and Priority 2 was 100%. Transport Priority 1 was 90% and Priority 2 was 86%.
In December 2021, the paramedic Priority 1 was 100% and the Priority 2 was 100%. Transport Priority 1 was 91% and Priority 2 was 81%.
In January 2022, paramedic Priority 1 was 100% and Priority 2 was 100%. Transport Priority 1 was 91% and Priority 2 was 91%.

Dr Davidson asked why Priority 2 changed to 20 mins with a 13.53-minute median response. Discussion on where the ambulances are coming from. Tim Craven explained that ambulances are mainly in Town and sometimes one needs to come out of New Haven. They never really need to change a car on a call. They have other resources. Most of the delays in timing seem to be due to the ambulance coming from Yale into Town. Then it was asked why the transports for Priority 1 were lower and Tim stated there should be no exceptions. He went on to say October 2021 was an overloaded month. They had 390 calls for weeks 2, 3, & 4. The emergency volume was up. Tim also explained how calls will be dispatched as Priority 1 but once on scene and the paramedic determines what the call is they almost all
go Priority 2 to the hospital. Calls are reclassified once on scene. Tim commented that it would be great for the Paramedic to reclassify the call as soon as he/she is on scene.

Dr. Ben Cherry asked if we could look into getting the Map on the reports fixed. It hasn’t been working properly for several months now.

Police Chief Frank Cappiello shared the police report of the shared calls between the Police, Medic, and Fire Department. In November 2021, 37 calls – 9 with FD, December 2021, 23 calls – 9 with FD, and January 2022, 31 calls – 3 with FD.

OLD BUSINESS

Roy asked Tim about the ETTT and how it was going. He said its only been used 3-4 times but all the patients went to the hospital.

It was brought to our attention that the Emergency Medical Report for the State is due every four years. We believe ours from 2020 did not make it to the State. Chief Cappiello is working with the Department of Health to get us caught up with what needs to be sent in.

First Responder Certification is due on March 31, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

There is a new Key Performance Indicator Analysis Report----this covers the entire year at one time.

Tim Craven informed the Board that on a Code in Woodbridge the Lucas machine died on them 45 seconds into the call. The mother board went and cost $7000.00 per service. Sales Representative states the machine is 8 years old costs $10,500 to be replaced. The FD purchased this and donated for use on the Medic car. FD Chief agreed to have it serviced, etc. They may consider purchasing a new one. Conversations between the PD, FD, and Anthony Genovese regarding the replacement device.

Asked if the Lucas is reliable. Frank Cappiello states yes, it is very helpful to use this device. The PD is usually first on scene to start CPR compressions. Ben Cherry said he wants to check more data regarding the Lucas but doesn’t think the price is too expensive if it does the work.

The next EMS Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:00PM.

Dr. Ben Cherry made the MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Alan Davidson SECONDED. The vote was UNANIMOUS.

The meeting ADJOURNED at 0741PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Trzaski
Clerk to the EMS Commission