



## VT EMS Advisory Committee Meeting

Hosted by Deerfield Valley Ambulance

November 20, 2019

### In room:

Bobby Maynard, Deerfield Valley Rescue/D12  
Dan Batsie, Dept of Health  
Mark Considine, D13  
Alan Beebe, Upper Valley Ambulance  
Drew Hazelton, Rescue Inc

### On Phone:

Brad Reed, D5  
Jim Finger, D10  
Mark Podgwaite, D6  
Adam Heuslein, Glover Ambulance  
Gwen Zakov, VLTC

Meeting called to order: 1300

### **Review of Response Time and Run Data by District provided by Dept of Health**

- This data is used to answer Question 4 on legislative report
- Total call volume includes all “calls for service” per Dan Batsie – First Response agencies and transporting agencies total calls for service (even if they happen to be calls to the same address)
- This year’s data will be used to answer the question with an appendix showing previous year’s data
- It will be noted that the times do not include 911 processing time

### **EMS Buyer’s Guide**

- Review of the document – formatting has been updated by the state office
- Updated numbers will be added for total providers
- ACS will be added to page with types of emergencies
- M. Considine suggested that it may be a possibility to show which towns are most affected by changed in population – D. Batsie would look to see if that information exists
- Pg 9 - D. Batsie will be updating regional service coverage area map to be more accurate, will be difficult to illustrate smaller services. Dan will work on language

regarding regional response times. Adam suggested adding information regarding square mileages of coverage for regional ambulances and number of stations to help explain response times.

- Pg 12 – numbers will be updated as applicable with new data
- Pg 13 – Dan will look into these numbers closer, the amount of trained practitioners appears very high
- Pg 14 – Jim Finger and Drew will help Dan with numbers to get some averages of EMS funding
- Pg 16 – volunteers needed. Jim makes a point that VT EMS needs **career** and volunteers. Somehow needs to reflect the challenges of keeping paid staff as well. The National low-income housing coalition calculations of incomes needed to purchase affordable housing (\$22.78/hour), EMS average rates are below this amount. Suggestion to do a survey for average base rates for 40 hour work week
- Pg 18 – Jim Finger suggests to add in the top box that volunteer AND career organizations and lighten the language regarding regional services having longer response times.

### **Credentialing**

- No consensus/opinions on language requests for this topic

### **Language Requests for draft report**

- Reporting on health of EMS system – how is this measured? Do the number of services opened and closed over a year tell us this? Mutual aid responses may be an indicator, Dan is not sure where that data may come from, would have to be prospective  
Are more services going back to towns for subsidies?
- Survey with rating system for service heads to evaluate health of EMS system in Vermont
- Dan is scheduling a meeting of the EMS education subcommittee to develop responses to questions 5 and 9
- VTC sent paramedic program update
- Send any language requests to Drew Hazelton by the December meeting

Approval of minutes: Minutes approved

***Next Meeting – December 11, 2019– 1:00 pm Rescue Inc 541 Canal Street Brattleboro, VT***