

VT EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES February 17, 2021

In attendance:

Drew Hazelton
Will Moran
Leonard Snell
Carl Matteson
Leslie Lindquist

Mark Podgwaite
Mark Considine
Charlene Phelps
Dan Wolfson
Gwynn Zakov

Brad Reed
Adam Heuslein
Ray Walker
Pat Malone

District Updates

- District 3 – biggest challenge is education and testing. Hard to find appropriate space, a large area of need is more ICs
- Ray Walker – this was the first year that continuing education was required for the IC certification and it likely contributed to the decline in those renewals and also there hasn't been a training administrator to help coordinate the CE. 15-20% reduction in ICs for 2021, up to 80% of ICs in the state are not active.
- Pat Malone – Education Committee – students are surveying other states to learn how they certify and train ICs and recert requirements. A survey is being done of current ICs to learn more about who they are (when they last taught, barriers to education). An IC program is being developed and may be available in the fall. The wrong people may have been recruited previously into being ICs that weren't really the right people.
- District 6 – AEMT class is wrapping up. Still has need of training funds, looking at Siren grant.
- District 7 – AEMT hybrid program wrapping up, setting up a new EMT course
- District 1 – State-funding for education helped the district, a few active IC courses, AEMT and EMT classes are finishing up, Staffing has stayed stable
- District 13 – Staffing and recruitment are a global issue – especially on the first responder level. NCCR was done virtually, well attended.

Educational Committee Updates

- 6 ex officio members have been added to the committee – Inge Smith, Carl Matteson, Chris McCarthy, Tyler Mulder, Ellen Stein, Mariah Whitcomb
- Competency Project, survey of states will be done to find out what states are doing for competencies for EMT levels instead of psychomotor. Skill competencies to pass class before NREMT written exam.
- First Responder project – gathering data
- Drew and a student are researching organizational leadership in EMS. – lack of leadership Training. Preparing a report for late spring

Data information

2019/2020 Response times – EMS unit on scene:

District 1 - 2019 - 11 min, 2020 – 12 min 26 sec

District 2 - 13.9 to 14.61

District 3 - 8.6 to 12.6
District 4 – 17.6 to 15.83
District 5 – 12.1 to 11.94
District 6 - 11.65 to 11.45
District 7 - 17.7 to 13.86
District 8 - 19.5 to 17.06
District 9 - 12.2 to 11.76
District 10 - 12 to 10.08
District 11 - 13.7 to 11.55
District 12 - 12 to 10.8
District 13 -10.1 to 9.04

Priority dispatch models will have affect on this information and other variables. This data set may not hold any value, and it may be helpful to include a conversation about the need for updated priority dispatch models across the state. COVID/PPE protocols also can have effect on these items. We may need to go back to the legislators to see what they looking to learn from this data

EMS Office Update

Protocol Workgroup – working on 2022 update.
Online licensing system is almost up and running

Minutes from January 20, 2021 meeting approved

Next Meeting Wednesday March 16 at 1:00 pm