

## Notes from EMS Regionalization Exploratory Committee meeting September 20, 2006

Present: Freeholder Helene Reed  
Gerald White – Boro/Township Administrator's  
Paul Lambrecht – VP, Clinical & Support Services, Underwood  
Charlene Vitale – EMS Career Chiefs  
William Holmstrom – Ambulance & Rescue Assoc.  
J. Thomas Butts - Emergency Response  
Jack Fisher – County Administrator  
Michelle Pandolfo – Special Projects

Absent: Chad Bruner – Deputy County Administrator  
Louis Moffa – Mayor's Assoc.

### Approval of Minutes:

Tom Butts motioned with Paul Lambrecht making the second to approve the minutes of September 6, 2006.

Helene Reed introduced to the committee the power point presentation developed. It was shown at the South Jersey Freeholders Association meeting. Helene offered it out to the committee members. Tom Butts will have it "tweaked" with graphics and minor corrections. The presentation will then be copied for all committee members to use at their discretion.

### Squad Subcommittee:

- ✓ Paul Lambrecht gave some availability dates for a presentation to the committee by a consulting firm experienced in regionalization. Those dates are October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> in the evening. If someone is unable to make any of these dates, please e-mail Michelle Pandolfo at [mpandolfo@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:mpandolfo@co.gloucester.nj.us).
- ✓ Charlene Vitale reviewed preliminary results from the surveys sent out to the squads. Attached to these minutes is the summary. Fourteen squads responded to date.

### Operations Subcommittee:

- ✓ Jack Fisher discussed "DragonForce" software from Drakontas. It is a GIS/GPS handheld wireless network. He will arrange for a presentation for this committee sometime in the near future.

### Municipal Subcommittee:

- ✓ Jerry suggested that existing squad houses/stations be plotted in order to identify geographic coverage. Tom Butts will work on this. Also volume by town and DNRs by town may be plotted.
- ✓ Jerry White reported that he sent the survey spoken about at the last meeting to all municipalities.

### Key Points discussed

- ✓ A discussion ensued in regards to Rowan University and the number of calls for service which are generated during the school year and the fact that their EMS is inactive when classes are not in session.
- ✓ It was suggested costs to run a 2-bay station per year, 24/7 be obtained.

## Meeting dates

The next scheduled meetings are Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 pm, October 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

