

MEDINA COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
General Meeting
March 24, 2011
MINUTES

Called to order: Co-President Don Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Co-President Bill Roser introduced our speaker of the night, **Eugene Sulzener III, Life Support Team, Director.**

The Life Support Team better known as LST, first **started April 4, 1976**, Director Sulzener started on April 9, 1976. Before LST, there were two (2) area funeral homes that provided transport service to the community.

LST **main office** is at **Medina Hospital**, providing emergency response for the following: City of Medina, Medina and Montville Townships. Service is provided to York Township during the hours of 6a.m. to 6p.m. Staffing consists of three (3) crews covering twenty-four (24) hours daily. **Medina Fire Department** staffing is 7a.m. to 3p.m. daily.

LST started as a basic EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) service. In 1978 members of LST were encouraged to become Paramedics. To ensure that all shifts were covered, members scheduled their class time accordingly to ensure the needs of the community were met. The Helicopter that is now located on the premises of the hospital, is used to transport patients to a Trauma I hospital. **In 1976 LST responded to approximately 900 calls, in 2010, LST responded to 4,155 calls.** Due to the increase in calls, LST no longer transports patients from the local nursing homes to the hospital; this is now done by a private ambulance service.

One of the many programs that LST has initiated is the “**Firefighter Rehabilitation Program**”. This program checks firefighters when on a call (fire) to make sure that the firefighter can properly function, especially when fighting a fire for a period of time, checking such things as breathing, monitoring heart rate and keeping the responder hydrated. This program proved to be especially useful in Sharon Township last year when there was a chemical spill. LST responds to every Hazardous Material (Haz-Mat) call in the county inclusive of any calls that the Technical Rescue Team responds to. **Some of the other programs that LST is involved with are:**

- **Buckle Up Ohio** – Safety Belt Use During Pregnancy
- **Working with Seniors** – What can be done to prevent falls
- **Home Safety Check**
- **Safe Communities** – Ohio Highway Patrol – looking at key locations that accidents are occurring and identifying what can be done to avoid future accidents, i.e. sign postings, speed postings, traffic lights, etc.

- **Hands Foundation** – making sure that Seniors have a record of their important papers and current medications posted in a red pouch, which was initiated by Sheriff Hassinger, (since these pouches are magnetized, seniors are encouraged to keep them on their refrigerator) for easy identification of emergency personnel
- Information regarding the **signs of a stroke**, remember that **Every Minute Counts** and you will need to act **F. A. S. T.** some of the signs to look for are:
 - **F**ace – facial droop, uneven smile
 - **A**rm – arm numbness or weakness
 - **S**peech – slurred speech, difficulty speaking or understanding
 - **T**ime – **Call 911** and get to the hospital immediately

Remember that Every Minute Counts

- **Schools** – LST also visits schools, especially during prom time reinforcing the dangers of talking on their cell phone and texting, inclusive of drinking and driving and some of the possible results that can occur. When an accident occurs, this not only affects the people involved but the entire community as well.

Mass Casualty Incident

There are three (3) trailers which have been purchased via grants. The trailers are housed at the following fire departments

- Brunswick
- Medina City
- Wadsworth

When a mass casualty occurs such as the explosion at the Fair Grounds, there is a card that is placed on the victims identifying the severity of their injuries, such as:

- **Red** – most critical
- **Yellow** – second most critical
- **Green** – minor injuries – delayed transport
- **Black** – deceased

Because of the cooperation of all of the agencies in Medina County, a good working relationship is had.

Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED)

The patrol vehicles of the Medina, Medina Township and Montville Township police departments, are now equipped with AED's.

Director Sulzener spoke about some of his personal experiences and stated that this year LST will be celebrating its 35th year anniversary.

Happy Anniversary LST and Thank you for being there for the residents of Medina County when needed and **Thank you Director Sulzener** for your time this evening.

General Meeting

Secretary Report – Motion made by Dolly, seconded by Irene to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as presented, all yeas vote, motion passes.

Treasurer Report – Current balance is \$2955.71. Karen has just received a bill for shirts in the amount of approximately \$200.00. Motion by Brian, seconded by Dolly to accept the Treasurers report as stated, all yeas vote, motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports:

Police Specific: There has been a request by Chief Berarducci that Chief Building Official Greg Hannan and Officer Valentine speak to us regarding our participation with "Property Management". This training will take place at our next meeting scheduled for April 28, 2011.

Community Events: A chairperson is still needed for this committee, if you are interested; please contact Bill Roser or Don Barnes.

Website: Brian has/will be posting more pictures on the web site. Please visit the site and give Brian your feed back.

Social: Diane Snider has agreed to be the chairperson for this committee, after conversation with Karen, she has suggested having a pot luck dinner prior to the May 26th, 2011 meeting. Help is needed to set up at 5:30, with the meal being served at 6p.m. Don will check on the availability of the room since this is approximately 1 1/2 hours prior to our regular meeting. There will be a sign up sheet passed around at the April meeting. Chief Berarducci and Sgt. Undercoffer will be invited.

Apparel: Jackie Evvard has agreed to be the chairperson for this committee. Any one in need of any apparel, should contact Jackie (330) 725-3496 to place an order. Jackie will need to get approval from the Board prior to placing an order.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Al Kress, has completed two (2) of the FEMA courses that were suggested by Chief Berarducci at the January 2011 meeting. After speaking with Sgt. Undercoffer, it was determined that the Sgt. will keep a file of the certificates. Once you take the test, you will have the pass/fail results within thirty (30) seconds. Anyone needing help with the course information, please contact Al (330) 725-5574.

Cops N Kids – Al, Larry & Juanita (Wanda, hehe) Floyd attended the planning meeting at Medina Hospital. It was requested that we be permitted to set up under the overhang due to weather constraints. Cops N Kids will take place on Saturday, **June 18, 2011** from **10-1p.m.** The next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at Medina Hospital, in one of the conference rooms located at the back of the hospital. Discussion ensued regarding "The ABC's of Summer" being hosted at Medina Meadows taking place on June 4th, two (2) weeks prior to Cops N Kids and what would the attendance be like. Evelyn mentioned that she had spoken to Jerry Klue and he would be in contact with Jim Bigam (MGH) regarding the closeness of the two (2) events. More information

forthcoming.

Juanita Floyd, has agreed to chair the nomination committee. The committee will consist of **Juanita Floyd (330) 416-6528**, **Diane Snider (330) 722-4276** after 6 p.m. and **Gil Patterson (330) 416-1495**. The following nominations were made from the floor:

Co-President(s)	Al Kress & Joe Assion
Vice President	Brian Haskell
Secretary	Evelyn Czyz
Treasurer	Karen Whitaker
Trustee	Gil Patterson

The responsibilities of this committee will be:

- **April 28, 2011** present slate of candidates
- **Prepare** ballots
- **Counting of ballots** (if your name is on the ballot, you cannot count ballots)

Those wishing to nominate members in good standing (paid members) can contact one of the above committee members and express your nomination.

Doug McClure, has received several inquires as to:

- **CERT** - the curriculum has been revised Training will be done in the fall. Anyone wishing to learn more about CERT, please contact Doug for information.
- **CPR** - certification/recertification, class offered on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, lasting approximately two (2) hours starting at 7p.m. Location to be announced. This class will possibly be taught by Jackie Russell with LST Medina Hospital.

Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting – April 11, 2011

General Meeting – April 28, 2011 with guest speakers/training: Greg Hannan & Officer Jim Valentine – regarding “Property Management”.

ID Badge – Photos:

Brian Haskell has once again agreed to take pictures of those members needing a current badge. Please see Brian after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. followed by refreshments provided by Diane Snider

Respectfully submitted by:

Evelyn Czyz, Secretary

