

Ossining New Castle Ambulance District
Oversight Committee
Minutes 3/31/10 meeting

Present: Dr Bob Seebacher, Chair, Richard Wishnie, Vice Chair, Catherine Borgia, Recording Secretary, Bill Hanauer, Richard Leins, Barbara Gerrard, Jerry Faiella, Sue Donnelly, Bill Hamilton, OVAC Chief Sam Luben

Dr Seebacher called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

Dr Seebacher called on OVAC Chief Sam Luben to review the Ambulance District's performances statistics. (See charts attached.)

In 2009, there were 1627 calls in the Village of Ossining, 301 calls in the Town Unincorporated portion of Ossining, and 48 calls in the portion of the Town of New Castle covered by the district. Chief Luben reviewed the call criteria, the hour-by-hour volume, and the response time statistics. Chief Luben reported that 96.66% of calls had performance times of under 9 minutes. This well met the conditions of the contract.

There was a general discussion of the statistics, including the reasons for the outlier times that exceeded 9 minute criteria. Several members requested definitions of terms used in Chief Luben's chats.

Jerry Faiella requested some additional clarification of the mutual aid arrangements with neighboring municipalities. Chief Luben explained that the position of the flycar at the time of the call often determined which agency would be on site first.

Chief Luben presented a written description of the activities of the February 25 Snow Emergency in the Village of Ossining (attached). Richard Leins described the integration of ambulance services into the villages command center operations. Chief Luben described the events of the day. Luben, Leins, and Bill Hanauer discussed the financial arrangement made by the Village to cover the additional operating costs of the day.

Richard Wishnie described the outreach being made to the Villages of Croton and Briarcliff to encourage them to participate as full or partial partners in the Ambulance District. Wishnie and Luben described how OVAC personnel were helping Croton and Briarcliff to enhance revenue by billing insurance companies of residents served by the ambulance corps of the villages. Both discussed how closer cooperation with the villages could provide mutual financial benefits.

Chief Luben provided a breakdown of the 2009 Tax District expenses. Committee members agreed that a financial audit of the districts expenses would be required. Luben discussed the increase in worker compensation insurance, and how the agency had made up the difference in expenses from the agreed-upon 2009 budget. Chief Luben recommended that the paid paramedics and EMTs receive a \$1/hour salary increase, in

order to make service to OVAC their "A" jobs. The benefit to the district is that we can compel them to work in Ossining and New Castle in general emergencies. The committee agreed to discuss the salary at the next meeting, scheduled for autumn 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14.

Respectfully submitted:

Catherine Borgia
Recording Secretary,
Ambulance District Oversight Committee