

February 2020-Ankit Parikh

Special Thanks

Special thanks to Karin and Abhilash who helped with PTEMS coverage in the past month.

Promotions

Congrats to Gagandeep (Sunny) Mudhar, Esha Mogali, Wardah Samad, and Trisha Malhotra on attaining riding status. Congrats to Ummehani on becoming a State certified EMT. Let's help her work towards EMT2 status.

Rig Checks (New Jumpkits)

101 and 103 have been updated and the new rig checks are in effect. If you guys have any questions or any discrepancies, please let me/Line know so we can take any corrective measures. Do not overstock any of the trucks. That's why everything on the rig check sheet has a quantity number. Please do not put NRBs in the BVM pouches. The BVM pouches should only have the BVM and an adult nasal cannula. Speaking of nasal cannulas, DO NOT request pediatric nasal cannulas as we have stopped carrying them. Even the pediatric BVM pouch should have an adult nasal cannula, not a pediatric one.

Rig Status

101's pimp lean issue was corrected and it's back and in functioning status. 102 is out for repairs due to its swaying issues. We hope to have it back soon. Once it is back, I will downsize it so it matches our new rig check sheets so until I do that, it will remain as our 2nd backup.

Equipment/Supplies

If there are any supplies that are missing, please notify the Line/Don and we'll order them appropriately.

Training/Certifications Up To Date

Please put all your certifications into EMSCharts so that it will give you warnings when they are set to expire. OICs, please make your crews go through their certs (including DLs) and put them into the EMSCharts certifications page.

Joint Drills

Events

Operations Meeting

Operations meeting was successful last month. We discussed possible upcoming promotions and who is in the line and needs some help getting to that next step. If you think you are one of those people, please talk to me. I haven't had a chance to reach out to people yet but hope to in the next few weeks. We also discussed the new rig check and as you can see, it has now been placed into effect. Please continue to go through the rig to familiarize yourself with it as some things have moved places but mostly just the quantity has decreased.

Radios

Thank you to Roan for the beautiful cabinets and now that we have the locks installed, we will be taking inventory of the radios and moving them in there. If anyone needs radios or pagers, please bear with us as we go through this transition and we will be sure to dole them out to you in the near future. The Line is still mulling over what to put in the sliding cabinet but will keep you guys updated as we decide.

Memoriam of Understanding

The Memoriam of Understanding with the Township is apparently still sitting up with the Township officials so we are still waiting on that.

2nd OIC/2nd EMT

Thank you to all our OICs who help do 2nd OIC shifts and take 2nd assignments. I would hope that some of our EMT2s could also pick up some 2nd EMT shifts and help out so our OICs don't get burdened. Most 2nd assignments get taken by 2 or more OICs. It's rare to get an EMT2 to come out for those. It's especially a good experience for EMT2s who are trying to achieve EMT1 status in the near future.

Goals

I'm disappointed that only 2 people responded to my "setting goals" email. This organization requires people to move up and as Chief and an OIC, we can only do so much to poke and prod you onto the next step. Unless you're committed to bettering yourself and trying to attain the next level, we won't have progress but we need people to step up and become EMT2s, EMT1s, OICs so we have replacements for when an OIC has to abruptly stop riding due to other commitments or injuries or relocating or the thousand other reasons that could crop up. I hope that people want to get promoted and as a team, we can all work to help that person to the next level.

Charts

Please make sure that the OIC and EMT2 both sign the chart before locking it. I've updated it so that at least 2 crew member signatures are needed to lock the chart. If I keep seeing issues with signatures, I'll be forced to require the entire crew to sign the chart before it can be locked. Please don't make me do that. OICs, please take the initiative to make sure charts are done ASAP. State law requires charts to be locked within 24 hours and we could face fines if they are not locked in that time frame. And I'm all for cadets and trainees doing charts but please help them with the charts or have them do the chart and then send them a quick email about what was good, what was bad, what needed changing, etc. so they can learn and make a better chart next time. Please also document properly. If ALS was cancelled due to services not needed, make sure the chart's documentation supports that as well. Please also respond to my QA flags.

Miscellaneous

Township EMS has been out of service relatively frequently recently (3-4 times already this year). This means that we should try to cover when possible. I know that's difficult with your work schedules, but if you guys happen to be available even for a few hours of those days, it would be greatly appreciated. Alternatively, we have also started doing combo crews with one PTEMS employee that rides with one of our members. Members allowed to ride with PTEMS as part of the combo crew are ALL OICs, ALL EMT1s, and CERTAIN EMT2s (those that have had substantial experience as EMT2 over the years and hold active riding status). If we can get one person out and PTEMS has one person, then it makes no sense to not put them as a crew and take calls instead of two people first responding and tying up a mutual aid unit for transport. All such requests will be run through the Chief or the Deputy/Assistant Chief in the absence of the Chief.

We have also advised Dispatch to try All Call tones during the daytime for 2nd/3rd assignments (especially with PPPL being OOS still). Many times, they have gone straight to mutual aid after trying PPPL even when we have crews available for these assignments. And we have had incidences where they have used our Duty tones instead of All Call tones so I've worked with Dan to hopefully fix that issue. Dispatch has also been advised to try All Call tones ONLY ONCE before going to mutual aid so OICs/EMTs, do not request another set of All Call tones. If you happen to know someone is available but didn't sign on due to not having a radio or such, try to reach them on the cell phone and then let Dispatch know that you have a crew via radio or cell phone. If anyone has further questions, please talk to me and I'll clarify it for you.

Chief Driver Report (Krishna)

Training Officer Report (Ankit, Akarsh, Harshit)

Scheduling Officer Report (Ankit, Abhilash, Jeffrey)

Radio Officer Report (Ankit, Akarsh, Harshit)

Uniform Officer Report (Ankit, Akarsh, Harshit)

Charting QA Report (Ankit, Akarsh, Harshit)