

VP Membership Report - April 2020

Today, we received a resignation from cadet Nick Witkowski

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We haven't had so few riding members in 17 years. I am working closely with Ankit to get as creative as possible given our current circumstances.

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A special thanks to Trisha for recommending WWPeeps and Voices of Plainsboro as a means of getting out our recruiting message. I started to do that just before the world shut down.

Recruiting newbies would probably be very frustrating as we cannot provide many opportunities to learn and become EMTs. Ideally, if we could get some of our non-riding experienced people back it could relieve some of the difficulties in filling shifts.

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For now, I am not taking any aggressive action for recruiting members. However, we do need to continue recruiting if the pandemic is going to continue for much longer. We also need to work to move our current trainees up to EMTs as soon as possible. It is unclear when EMT schools will open again.

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Michael Colwell received positive feedback and has been invited to tonight's video meeting to be voted into membership. I will try to meet with him ASAP to get him drug tested and an onboarding packet. He is a NJSP dispatcher and our PD is making an exception for his background check – granting him immediate approval.

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The cadet program continues to be suspended in terms of face-to-face meetings. However, we are allowing individual attendance at rig check and drills. Any trainee showing up for a rig check and drill should be carefully assessed as to his/her current health and his/her knowledge of Bloodborne Pathogens and skills with donning/doffing PPE.

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