

# Plainsboro Rescue Squad

Dec Monthly Meeting (Hybrid)

Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Arun Bantval. Roll Call followed. 22 members present, 14 eligible to vote. Quorum met.

MOTION: Motion to approve the Nov 2022 monthly minutes was made by Arun Bantval seconded by Ankit Parikh

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

**Introduction and Prospective New Members** – Debi Vivona on behalf of Anmol Karnad

Motion to be voted into membership for Pradeep Rao made by Debi . Seconded by Don Vadakan, Motion carried. Welcome Pradeep

Motion to be voted into membership for Vibha Yadav made by Debi . Seconded by Arun Bantval, Opposed by Harshit and Cadet organization. It was decided to talk to Vibha and invite for her more crew nights to evaluate her further.

Motion to be voted into membership for Nancy Gupta made by Debi . Seconded by Arun Bantval, Motion carried. Welcome Nancy

**Guest Report** – Neil Lewis (Deputy Mayor)

- Snow fest on coming Sunday. Please show up if you can
- Bird watching on every Tuesday , Coffee will be provided
- Program at Wycoff Museum & Library on 18<sup>th</sup>. Scavenger hunt, smores etc

**Police Report** –

- New dispatcher is hired, who can speak 5 different languages
- We are in need of 5 EMT's, looking to hire on per diem basis
- School Incident – Juvenile is sent to hospital. It was a case of misunderstanding

**President's Report** – Arun Bantval

- Overall a good year, but next year looks bit challenging. We may need to tighten controlling the costs and find increasing the income
- Need to work on grants , especially with RWJ

- Fundraiser mails have gone out, expecting some good returns at least to the state of pre-covid
- Installation dinner will be held at Mercer Oaks. Neena and Apryl will be part of installation committee

**VP Fundraising – Neena Karnad**

**VP Membership –Anmol Karnad**

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**Treasurer's Report – Suhaas Kamble**

- Reports are sent to the recording secretary
- Hoping fundraiser to be a success
- Budget plan to be tabled as part of new business today

Q (Jegan) : EMS charts license is expiring soon. DO we have any document or paper work from the past to start discussing them for renewal

A (Suhaas & Ankit) : No

**Corresponding Secretary's Report – Lucy Zhu**

- None

**Recording Secretary's Report - Anil Reddy Raavi**

- Reports received, will upload them to the site
- Thank you all for the support. It was interesting and a good learning for the past 2 years as Recording secretary.

**Cadet Report—Marc Vadakan**

- Reached out to school , but have not received response yet.

**Cadet Advisor – Sreedevi Mallem**

## **Trustee Report – Karin**

## **Chaplin Report - Sheryl Brown**

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## **Chief's Report—Don Vadakan**

### Special Thanks

- Riding members who stepped up to take up extra shifts to keep the squad in service.  
Karin and Akarsh for helping out, especially on weekends
- To the Scheduling team for the fantastic and thankless job, you do day in and day out.
- Shoutout to our Top Responders - Strut your stuff. You have earned it.
- It was fantastic for all who showed up for the Santa Ride with Fire and PPD! The community engagement was heartening, and we all made our agencies proud.
- Arun and eboard for the new fridge and Members who helped clear and tidy up the bay.
- Bindu, thank you for helping with sorting uniforms.
- To all those who returned winter coats to the rack and to those who still haven't, it is essential you, please do so immediately and not hold onto them.
- From now on, please turn up for calls in full Winter gear. Noncompliance will face disciplinary action.
- Ruchi, for updating our wall of first-call pictures. They look great.
- Cadets, We need to do a better job of the Outdoor signage, especially this Holiday Season. Let us mix it up a bit and make it fun.

### Promotions

- No promotions this time

### Protocols

- Amar has taken an unexpected leave of absence, and Brian cannot ride regularly, given his move to a new home nearby. We continue to be grateful for whatever time he makes for us. Thanks, Brian, as always.
- Riding fatigue and stress levels are high and concerning.
- Staffing weekday nights have been a problem. We continue to face challenges on Wednesday and Sunday nights, in particular. We were out of service far more than accustomed to recently.
- We are working to remediate this issue as follows:

- Five EMT 2's actively training to be EMT 1s, and Two EMT 2's will soon be joining them based on the exposure they get over the next couple of months. It will undoubtedly add capacity to our current pool of Five regular OICs and Four part-time OICs. We expect a pipeline of 12 regular EMT 1 / OICs in the next 3 to 5 months.
- Also, a strong pool of upcoming EMT 2's, including adults (9) and cadets (4)
- Please help as much as possible, especially with OIC openings, until we build the team. All our OICs and EMT 1's who are not actively riding, please help us until we get to a better place. Thanks! Every little thing will help reduce the stress and burnout in the existing group.
- All three rigs are in service; 104 and 105 are in service.
- We are in discussions with Fire over allocation for equipment purchases.

#### Equipment/Supplies

- Supplies online

#### Training/Certifications Up To Date

- Credentials not updated on EMS charts before month end will earn well-deserved riding suspensions, which please note.
- EMS charts completed on time closed out, and QA's closed out - not asking this time,

#### Joint Drills

- None

#### Events

- Snowfest 2022

#### **LOSAP Report - Jegan Gokulchandran**

- 20 have qualified , 13 members have maxed out on the calls, may have to find other ways to reach 100. Please send me certificates if you have done any courses

**Grants Officer:** Leena Nair

**Technology -** Arun & Mark

**Medical supplies –** Abhilash

**Non Medical supplies - Harshit**

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business : Budget**

Budget is presented to the members in the meeting. Members discussed in detail on the expenditures etc.

Suhaas : Budget is set to Recording secretary, who will distribute to the members. Please take a look and reach out to me if you have any questions

Anil : The budget will be uploaded to the website.

A motion to adjourn meeting made by Ankit, seconded by Don.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 30 PM