



County of
Essex



**Essex Windsor EMS
Joint Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, June 14, 2018
Location of Meeting
Essex Civic Centre Room B
360 Fairview Ave. W.
Essex, ON N8M 1Y6**

**0900
Regular Quarterly Meeting - Q2**

1. Call to Order

Moved by: David Jacobs
Seconded by: Brad Hart

2. Record of Attendance

Union Committee Members Present:

David Kfrerer, Acting Co-chair
Miguel Restrepo
Brad Hart
Dustin Anderson
Renee Murray
Mike Lacroix

Management Committee Members Present:

David Jacobs, Co-chair
John Fast

Others Present:

Chris Grant, Management oversight
Crystal Sylvestre, Recording secretary

Quorum obtained.

Absent:

Dan Suvajdzin
Denis McFarlane
Jean Pierre Bacon
Tyson Brohman
Sarah Bezaire
Micheline Cornellier
Ian Nash

3. Union Cochair Designated

David Kfrerer is designated Union Cochair for this meeting.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by David Jacobs

Seconded by David Kfrerer

That the Monday, March 26, 2018 minutes of the EWEMS Joint Health and Safety Committee be adopted as presented.- **Carried**

5. Base inspection review

Inspections completed June 13, 2018 by Kfrerer and Fast. No action taken to address issues presented due to inspections and meeting being one day apart. Inspections reviewed by members, no issues with reports.

A) CR 11 and 12 – Gesto post

- testing of emergency lights has been discussed with Maintenance Department because they are very high ceilings and the test buttons can't be reached. Disable the master switch to test. Labels will be created to help inspectors navigate the panel.
- AC has been moved and is working well.
- Culligan water will be supplied soon.

B) Fish flies

- Suggestion presented to turn off excess outside lights at stations affected by fish flies? Agreed. Excess accumulation of flies create slick driving conditions.

ACTION: Send email to staff from Chris Grant explaining lighting reduction.

C) Updating floor plans

- Updating location of fire extinguishers is required. Outside fire company tests extinguishers on an annual basis. Committee reviews extinguishers and confirms they are present and charged on a monthly basis.

6. Health and Safety Focus Theme for next quarter

A) Bag and flashlight security

- Push message to tablet.

B) Fire extinguisher and flares

- Add to education items to check fire extinguishers and flares and flashlights in vehicles.

ACTION: CoChairs Create memos.

7. Pelee Island portable and pager

It has been reported that there are not enough pagers on the Island. This has been addressed. New pagers have been issued.

Portables are being tested by CACC throughout the Island. Work in Process controlled by another entity but we are in touch with them constantly and it is being scheduled.

Cell Phones all work well from all areas of the Island.

8. Cell Phone Cross Border Testing

Nash and Grant went to the US to test cell phones at most common EWEMS destinations. Used Deputy vehicle as repeater.

Cell phones did not work at all. Reported to CACC immediately and resolution was found. Phones need to be switched over to mobile network connectivity, choose 'All' rather than just 'Telus'. This setting will be reviewed by District Chiefs to switch.

ACTION: Assign changing of settings to District Chiefs as soon as possible.

Portables tested well other than Henry Ford ED. Signal was briefly lost under canopy.

9. Altering Company Vehicles

Taping emergency lights on the jam of the vehicle doors has been noticed lately. It is important that committee members are vigilant in monitoring and removing tape if found.

ACTION: All Committee members monitor and remedy as found.

If crews are having trouble with the red light staying on when door shows closed on the dash they should report it to Maintenance department for review and repair if needed.

10. Siren Usage

Siren usage is mandatory for avoiding collisions. Committee are asked to discuss and educate all of their coworkers about this issue.

ACTION: Orientation addition: Sirens are required to notify drivers that a unit is approaching an intersection AND need to be used until a unit CLEARS the intersection as well.

11. MOL Updates

Ian Nash absent – defer to next meeting.

12. Collision Review

Unit was involved in recent collision. Speed and siren usage could have contributed to the incident. No serious injuries.

Airbag sensors are being sent for review to the manufacturer.

Paramedics are responsible for their role in the usage of sirens. Members are asked to remind coworkers of their responsibilities.

13. Roundtable

A) Pelee Island:

- AC for the bedroom? Will look into. Generator is being installed this year.

B) Safety Gloves:

- The gloves were used by EWEMS in the past. The glove that was proposed at Spring Training meet the MOH standard for Safety Gloves.

C) Leamington Station Security:

- Can a motion light be installed in the back of the building? Tinting windows in station will be the first step. Offering lighting could invite people to restricted areas.

14. Next Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2018
0900
Leamington Station Boardroom

15. Adjournment

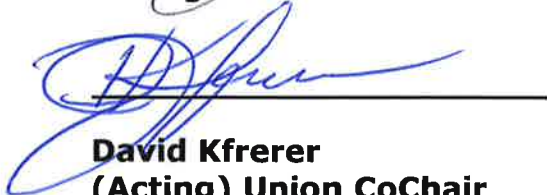
Moved by David Kfrerer
Seconded by Mike Lacroix

That the meeting of Thursday, June 14, 2018 adjourn at 1014 **-Carried**

Approval of Minutes:



David Jacobs
Management CoChair



David Kfrerer
(Acting) Union CoChair