



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

**Thursday, September 12, 2019
County of Essex Civic Centre Room E
360 Fairview Ave West
Essex, ON
N8M 1Y6**

**0900
Regular Quarterly Meeting - Q4**

1. Call to Order | 0904

Moved by: Dan Suvajdzin
Seconded by: Tyson Brohman

2. Record of Attendance

Union Committee Members Present:

Dan Suvajdzin, Co-chair
James Jovanovic

Management Committee Members Present:

David Jacobs, Chair
Jean Pierre Bacon
Tyson Brohman

Quorum obtained.

Others Present:

Chris Grant, Management oversight
Ian Nash, Union oversight
Crystal Sylvestre, Recording secretary

Guests:

Rob Vitek, Health and Safety Consultant, COE Human Resources

Absent:

Brad Hart
Dan Pickel
David Kfrerer
Denis McFarlane
Dustin Anderson
Micheline Cornellier
Miguel Restrepo
Mike Lacroix
Renee Murray
Sarah Bezaire

3. Review of last meeting minutes

Minutes approved. Voted unanimous.

Motion to accept: David Jacobs
Second: Dan Suvajdzin

CARRIED

4. Follow-up to Action Items

Item #8: Armoured vests: There is plenty of information available. Allow time to get together and present at Dec 2019 meeting. Consult with Nate who is investigating radio harnesses.

Item #9: radio harnesses. Nate has not submitted report yet, work with JP and Brad for Dec meeting.

5. Base inspection report review – September 2019 and Pelee

September base inspection completed yesterday - items have not been actioned yet. Emergency lighting issues were found at a couple stations. Emergency lighting is not uniform throughout all stations. Rodents are a concern at 11 and 12.

Pelee Island inspection – major repairs are to be done before winter. Funding has been approved. JP and David K will go to Pelee in September to inspect.

Jefferson – trip hazard at sidewalk – have it cut down.

6. Emergency Alarm Buttons

Send a memo from JHSC to staff to test emergency buttons per policy. There is an order from the MOL requiring the buttons to be tested. Operations can follow up with messaging as well.

Ian has copy of MOL order to share with the group.

7. PGH Access Update

Deputy Lemay has attended PGH to investigate access to the ED at PGH. Use the intercom to enter the building. In offload triage area there are three areas by which to exit that area. They are secured to aid in patient care. No swipe out is required at the EMS exit. Deputy Lemay believes access and egress is sufficient and there is no Health and Safety concern at this location at this time. Continue to monitor the location and if there are incidents that arise the issue can be revisited.

8. Leamington Base safety concerns

It was reported there was an uninvited visitor outside the Leamington base. Staff are to contact the police when they feel there are people around any station that should not be there. Do not confront people – call for help. All staff are reminded to be vigilant by locking their cars, keeping valuable out of sight in cars.

Leamington base garage doors is locked and has to be swiped.

9. Kingsville Fire cleaning bunker gear

Concern was presented regarding being exposed to gases from the cleaning of the Kingsville Fire bunker gear at the Kingsville station. Deputy Grant visited with KFD to discuss this concern. It was confirmed that there was no gear present at that time and no hazards were found. The KFD policy regarding cleaning and off gassing of fire gear appears sufficient.

10. OHS Updates

January there will be more updates to be shared.

11. MOL updates

Section 21 reports there has been some funds received for base pager testing.

12. WSIB Stat Report – Rob Vitek

WSIB stats June 2019 – 21 incidents compared to 19 in 2018 in the same timeframe. 7 overexertion back, 2 overexertion other, 2 exposure head, 3 exposure multiple body parts, 1 cut to arm, 1 MVC, 1 struck and caught arm, 1 trip and fall leg, 2 multiple body part other and one right leg other.

8 of the 21 needed medical attention, one needed First aid – 12 no treatment. 2 more than last year however 10 needed medical aid where only 8 this term.

Lost time details 2 within a month, 5 within a week.

A – for future reports provide information on which of the numbers are reoccurring injuries.

Staff need education on the requirements of when to report.

13. Back Up Generators

SPH generator failed and battery pack was faulty. Information on checking batteries has been shared with Chris.

14. Next Meeting

Dec 12, 2020
0900
Civic Centre Room TBD

15. Adjournment

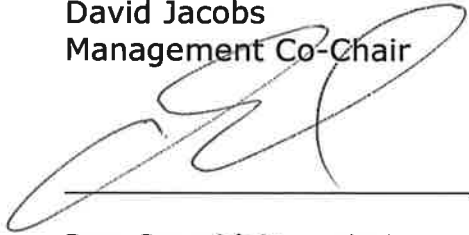
Moved by Dan Suvajdzin
Seconded by James Jovanovic

That the meeting of Thursday, September 12, 2019 adjourn at 1045 –
Carried

Approval of Minutes:

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David Jacobs
Management Co-Chair



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Jacobs', written over a horizontal line.

~~Dan Suvajdzin~~ — IAN NASH
Union Co-Chair

