



**Southeast EMS Directors Association**  
**540 McCallie Ave.**  
**Chattanooga, TN 37347**



The February 26, 2009 meeting of SEEMSDA was held at Rib & Loin in Hixson, TN.

**Attendees:** Robert Sherwood, John Combes, Paul Feaster, Marshall Ruth, Amy Maxwell, Joel Dishroon, Sonia Roberts, Perry Rogers, Beth Jordan, Danny Smith, Larry Billingsley, Jerod Billingsley, Stacy Prater, Shaun Hale, Darlene Poole, Nita Jernigan, Dennis Jones, Tony Finnell, Janie New.

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Robert Sherwood at 12:20 p.m.

**Opening Announcements:**

- Minutes from December 2008 meeting was provided by Secretary Perry Rogers and were accepted by vote.
- Financial Report-No Report.

**Committee Reports:**

*Board of Directors:* Tony Finnell reported that the Board of Directors approved a non-agenda item for Perry Rogers to negotiate a financial agreement with a web hosting company for the SEEMSDA website during January 2009.

*Communications:* No Report.

*Conference:* Amy Maxwell reports that 30 people have already prepaid for the conference. AirEvac has provided funding for one of the breaks. Amy asked each agency to help financially or with door prizes.

**Educational Institutions:**

*Chattanooga Fire Dept.* Bernie McBurnett reports that their engines have been upgraded to EMT level with personnel and some equipment. They will be opening an additional station with the future opening of the Volkswagen plant.

*Chattanooga State:* No Report.

*Cleveland State:* Janie New reports she has 4 classes and will be testing in May. Janie asks for assistance in helping with testing and needs expired drugs and equipment to be used as training aids in her classes.

*University of the South:* No Report.

**TASA:**

Larry Billingsley reports they are watching several bills that affect EMS. March 10 there will be a TASA Board meeting at the Sheraton in Nashville. Larry encourages everyone to attend "EMS Day on the Hill" on March 11. He encourages those attending to wear uniforms and attempt to make appointments in advance with those you wish to meet with.

**T.C. Thompson's:**

Joel reported that Dennis Jones won the trip to Nashville to the Pediatric Conference.

**Med Comm. /RMCC:**

Sean Cloud reported that they have a new notification program for hospital advisory. Currently they are still perfecting the program.

**Homeland Security:** No Report.

**EMS Board/Staff:**

Nita Jernigan reported that 2 strike teams were deployed to Kentucky during the February ice storm that affected their region. Nita reported that there was about a 5 day turn around on reimbursement compensation for debts incurred during the strike team deployment. During upcoming audits Nita will need to speak with the services medical director. Nita also expressed thanks for the support she has received for the last 9 months.

**Old Business:**

Amy Maxwell has gotten the content for the SEEMSDA website functional. She asks for current service information to update the web site.

**New Business:**

Next meeting scheduled for April 23, 2009 at Erlanger. Time TBA.

Meeting Adjourned at 13:05 p.m.