

**MAINE EMS
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2001
MAINE EMS CONFERENCE ROOM, AUGUSTA**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: R. Doughty, P. Knowlton, C. Pillsbury

Staff: D. White, D. Kinney

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m.

A. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- 1. Case 01-15**
- 2. Daniel Lauze - Application**
- 3. Pete Morrill – Application**
- 4.**

2. Investigations

- A. Case 01-12**
- B. Case 01-15**
- C. Case 01-16 – Request for Investigation**

The Committee entered executive session for the purpose of discussing Cases 01-12, 01-15 and 01-16.

Motion: To enter executive session for the purpose of discussing investigations (Doughty; Knowlton – motion carries).

The Committee entered executive session at 12:10 p.m. and exited executive session at 12:39 p.m.

The Committee discussed the disposition of case # 01-12.

Motion: In re: case # 01-12, the Committee finds that the licensee practiced EMS patient care without a license for a period of time from April 1, 2001 to July 25, 2001; that the license issued to the licensee was not valid from April 1, 2001 to July 25, 2001 due to the licensee's Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) card having expired on March 31, 2001; that the licensee's EMS license became valid on July 25, 2001 because the licensee renewed CPR certification; that the licensee is in violation of §§ 11.A.2,

11.A.3, and 11.A.17 of the Maine EMS Rules (dated July 1, 2000); that mitigating circumstances exist in that no harm to a patient occurred, the licensee assumed responsibility for failing to maintain CPR certification, the licensee expressed remorse for the violations and that Maine EMS is currently reviewing CPR certification as a condition of licensure. Therefore, the Committee directs staff to resolve this matter by issuing a letter of guidance to the licensee (Pillsbury; Knowlton – motion carries).

The Committee then discussed case # 01-15.

Motion: Motion: In re: Case # 01-15, the Committee finds that an investigation was initiated into the licensee's 1999 conviction for disorderly conduct, for information received by the Committee indicating that the licensee was dismissed as a police dispatcher for inappropriate use of police teletypes and for allegations that the licensee may have been excluded from the premises of certain local businesses except for the purposes of providing emergency medical services; that the licensee has withdrawn application for renewal of the EMT-Paramedic license previously held by the licensee; that the Committee will terminate its investigation and take no further action in this matter until such time as the Board receives an application from the licensee; that if Maine EMS is required to consider any application by the licensee in the future, it shall continue the investigation of case # 01-15 and will consider information from that investigation in any future action involving the licensee; and that information obtained as part of case # 01-15 will be noted on the licensee's record at Maine EMS (Doughty; Azzara – motion carries 2-0-1, Pillsbury abstains).

The Committee then considered initiation of an investigation of a licensee that has been indicted by the criminal justice system.

Motion: To initiate investigation #01-16 in reference to a Maine EMS licensee who has been indicted by the criminal justice system (Pillsbury; Knowlton – motion carries).

3. Applications

A. Daniel Lauze

Staff reported that it had received information from Daniel Lauze that he intended to pursue Maine EMS licensure. Mr. Lauze had surrendered his license in 1998 pursuant to a consent agreement regarding case #98-18.

The Committee requested that staff complete an inquiry into the circumstances of Mr. Lauze's conduct that led to the initiation of case # 98-18 and to report that information to the Committee for its use in determining Mr. Lauze's licensing eligibility.

B. Pete Morrill

Staff updated the Committee on the application of Pete Morrill. The Committee directed that Mr. Morrill receive a license and a letter of guidance from the Committee.

4. Other – None.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held after the next Maine EMS board meeting.

6. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White, Licensing Agent