

*Council Update*  
*July 13, 2009*

Dear Council Members,

Thank you again for your continued support in our council. As decided last month we will be having a meeting this month (July 16) at 6pm. After talking with the past chair we had decided that there was a lot of work that still needed to be completed this year and taking two months off will slow our progress. With that being said, my intention is to make this meeting a planning meeting discussing; the events that have taken place along with our goals for the rest of the year. We need your input. We have made some great strides in the last couple of months and maintaining the open communication with all our members will allow our council to continue to move forward.

Here are some updates:

**Web Page:**

Jake from Medic One has been hard at work. We are now able to access the web page at [masoncountyeems.org](http://masoncountyeems.org) and download council minutes, access the online training roster, and see a calendar of events. This is still a work in progress. Please keep checking back for updates. Jake is working with Mason General to get server space to upload recent base stations and other useful information. Thank you for your hard work Jake.

**Budget Committee:**

I talked to Chair Mark Visaya yesterday and he stated that they were moving forward with some options. Mark stated that he will have an update for us on July 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions please bring them forward at the next meeting. The goal is to have this completed by September so the members can take this back to their departments for budgeting purposes.

**Training:**

Jess and Kym are doing a great job with training. A SEI meeting is planned for July 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes are being scheduled and well attended. Our classes for next year are being planned as we speak and we should have some information about the EMT class at the meeting. If you have possible EMT students contact the Training Committee. We are following the Region closely on the issue of funding. Unfortunately we will be seeing a cut in our training budget due to the economic climate. The Training Committee will be making adjustments as necessary and presenting them to the council.

**By-Laws and Resolution:**

Thank you to the By-Law Committee for their hard work. Chief Burbridge and Dr. Hoffman along with Stan have done a great job updating our By-Laws and presenting

them to the council for a vote; which passed. I will be signing these on July 16<sup>th</sup> for submission to the county.

**Financial Review:**

Brandon has ordered the financial software through the Region Office at a cost of under \$100.00. We are awaiting the program information from the software vendor. Once we receive this we will be able to download this to our computer for use. Brandon has also been in constant contact with our financial assistant Larry Hill. As soon as the software is acquired we will continue with the review. We will keep everyone posted.

As for me, I could not be happier with the direction of the council. I encourage all members to come and show their support for our council as it continues to make positive changes. As always I am always available to answer all questions at 360-271-8205.

Sincerely,

Jeromy Hicks