



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD

January 24, 2012

Meeting called to order at 1900 hrs by Vice-Chair Grover Katzman

Members Present: Grover Katzman, Dick McDougall, Carol Muench, Gary Jarvis, Ken Gardner, Tom Tomlins, Phyllis McDougall, Dr. Healey, Jean McLear

Guests present: Craig Ballard, Ann Smith, Rolly Churchill, Dan Parker

Members Excused: Don Thompson, Storm Cilley, Chris Adams

Members Absent: Ron Hance, Wayne Love, Kevin Wells, Curt Newtown

Minutes of the November meeting reviewed. Corrections – Dr. Healey was absent, Tom Tomlins was present, Craig is not a member and cannot make a motion. Motion to accept the minutes with corrections by Gary – seconded by Tom – voted and carried.

Presentation: Rolly Churchill gave a presentation regarding the New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association, Inc (NYSVARA). He encourages rescue squads in this region to join the association. This association gives “us” a voice in the State. There are many benefits associated with this group – **see attached**. Any questions, call Rolly.

NCPA/REMAC/REMSCO:

Ann Smith reviewed her submitted report - **see attached**

CPH CQI meetings – attendance is down – all departments that transport to CPH are encouraged to send a representative

Vital Signs Award Nominations – Must be in to the State by 6/1/12. Motion by Carol and second by Jeannie – nominations to go to Ann’s office where they will be typed and then sent to be submitted to the State – voted and carried. We will be notified of the deadline date but will need to be in fairly soon.

Discussion regarding the General Municipal Law bill being proposed – 209 B – passing this law would allow fire departments with rescue squads to bill for EMS services without the 2 entities separating but the ability to bill for ALS intercepts would be lost. This would be a big financial hardship for some departments. A sub-committee has been formed that Ann is part of – at this time this committee is gathering information. Ken and Ann plan on attending the next Fire Advisory Board meeting and discuss the issues involved with this bill. Dan will talk with the rest of the Board of Legislators at the next meeting to let them know what the passing of this bill would mean.

Office of Emergency Services: (Craig Ballard)

November	EMS calls – 608	Fire calls – 238
December	EMS calls – 629	Fire calls – 265

Article 30 (Report by Craig)

Priority Dispatch is being discussed – This system advised the squad how to proceed to the scene – lights and siren etc. Jefferson County has started using this system – we will monitor and see what the problem areas are. Franklin County tried this system and dropped it. One of the big concerns is that it is difficult to get accurate information from the caller.

Dr. Herman recently died – he will be missed

Life Net – Steve Anderson will be here next week. Craig will be meeting with him.

Narrow banding is coming soon – pre-planning at this time. When the switch happens it will need to happen all at once.

Photo IDs done through the Office and the Sheriff Dept – if there are any errors on cards bring them to Craig's attention.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

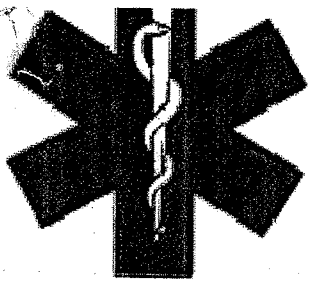
Recently a legal flyer came out. In it were articles on patient drops and law suits. Be careful – remember stretchers are not very stable especially in the up position and going over rough ground. Take your time – somebody on each side of stretcher, keep the stretcher in a low position when possible.

Concerns From the Floor/Comments:

Carol – PLEASE bring the patient's medications with you if at all possible. Don't rely on the patient's or family members memory. This becomes a large problem when the patient is really ill or injured and especially if they will be transferred to another hospital.

Next Meeting will be March 27, 2012 @ 1900 hours

Meeting adjourned at 2025 hours



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CQI Screens –

Data being entered for the Intubation screens- Will be looking at all cardiac arrest for February 2012 for our Regional CQI project.

Air Medical –

Have a renewed interest from Life Net which is a division of Air Methods. Air Methods have bases in 43 states. The newest base under Life Net is in Sidney NY, they have bases in the following NY locations Glen, Albany, Newberg, Hornell, Harris, and operate Guthrie Air out of Robert Packer Hospital in PA.

I met with them just prior to Christmas and the week of January 30th they are supposed to be coming back with their business teams.

Air Evac- They continue to be actively interested and pursuing locating bases in the area, they are awaiting to hear from Governor's office in regards to language of the membership bill , I would request that the REMSCO send a letter of support to Air Evac to support them in there pursuit of locating air medical bases in the region.

Excellence in EMS-

Need to work with Dr, Snicer on best avenue to distribute previously approved Excellence in EMS Awards for the MCI in Star Lake.

Letter University Hospital recommending crew from Trauma Call in Massena for award. Massena quickly packaged patient and headed to meet with helicopter in Alex Bay, along the way they picked up Medic from OVRs with narcotics, and upon arriving at the landing zone they worked jointly with the helicopter to decide the airway needed to be secured better prior to flight. Unable to facilitate intubation, patient was taken to River hospital where RSI was performed and patient was immediately moved back to aircraft and off to Trauma Center.

This call was reviewed at the Regional Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting and it was identified as a best practice call for getting a patient to a trauma center.

I don't have the PCR yet to know all crew members but I put forth a recommendation that Massena Rescue Crew, Ogdensburg Crew, and River Hospital receive and excellence in EMS award.

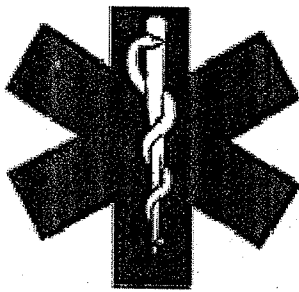
State EMS Meetings – Next Meeting January 31st and February 1st.

They did hold a special meeting on November 29th, 2011 for

1. Elections for the new SEMSCO officers.
2. Approval of the SEMSCO's EMS system budget

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Protocol Review Committee- The committee has reviewed all adult and pediatric protocols and has recommended some changes. Attempting to get a conference call set up with other regions so we can move forward with Multi-region protocols or on our own if we don't get an answer soon

BLSFR updates-

With the help of Craig, Judy and Mark we reached out to all BLSFR agencies multiple times since notification of the project. I requested an update from the state last week but they just stated they would send us the information when they had it together.

Some of the agencies sent copies of their updates to us, others did not so I am not sure if our records are up to date or not, but the states should be.

We did receive notification that the following St. Lawrence departments were complete
Hannawa Falls FD

Brier Hill FD

West Stockholm just received their code and did not have to submit paperwork

Many others had submitted incomplete paperwork so they will have 45 days to send in missing paperwork.

The only deactivation that I am aware of at this time is one in Jefferson County

Program Agency Report

New BLS protocol- Amputation T-1 updated to reflect new bleeding control recommendations. This was found by accident while on State Website, our office did not receive any notification of another new BLS protocol- I spoke with Debbie, since she is on the state ed and training committee and asked her to bring up the notification process or should I say lack thereof when the state puts out new protocols.

Also two new policy statements out-, one in regards to required CPR testing for EMT students, other in regards to epi auto-injectors.

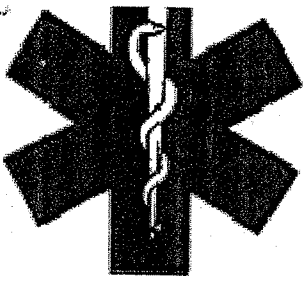
Our Second quarter report is complete and there is no news on contract renewals. Our contract expires June 30th.

On the table is a NYS 2012 Legislative draft merger plan that includes revisions of Article 30 which would make 18 regions into 6 and repeal the language that identifies program agencies. Below is the link to a very important document regarding the budget and our futures.

Please read section D starting on page 80.

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You will note the document the describes changes to:

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Program Agencies

Page 96 contains the repeal of Section 3003-a (Program Agencies)
§ 83. Section 3003-a of the public health law is REPEALED.

2012-13 NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE BUDGET
MERGE STATE ENTITIES
ARTICLE VII LEGISLATION

<http://publications.budget.ny.gov/eBudget1213/fy1213artVIIbills/StateEntitiesMergerArticleVII.pdf>

Spring Fling-

Programs- WMD on Thursday April 26th, hopefully Mike Dolan will present this
Friday will be doing ALS and BLS Core Content
Saturday the usual ALS and BLS tracks.

Drug shortages- memo for Versed 5 mg slow IV/IM standing order for active seizures if Valium unavailable.

ALS Inspections – Parishville Fire/Rescue No critical Findings
Hammond Fire Department

CME's were due December 31st and with Mysti's persistence we only had to send out 2 suspension letters and 2 letters for folks who were thought to no longer be actively providing care with a North Country Agency

Training

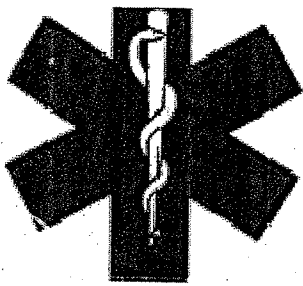
PHTLS Provider course November 19th and 20th –8 students
Instructor update done the evening of November 19th.

Upcoming Training

Still need to schedule AMLS provider/Instructor courses

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PEPP Course- received funding again from EMSC program, did not get notice until mid – December and all courses need to be completed by end of February. With the help of Joe Bova and Jeff Call as instructors the following dates have been set.
January 28th and 29th- Lewis County Search and Rescue – 2 openings
February 11 and 12- SUNY Canton- Full
January 14th and 15th- Jefferson County training center- Class Full rescheduled due to weather it is now February 18th and 19th.

Grant does not cover food; the REMSCO will be supplying food for the course

PAD

New applications-Brier Hill FD, Morley FD

Updated applications- Hannawa Falls FD, St. Lawrence University

EPI

New applications-Norfolk Rescue, Morley FD, West Stockholm

Updated applications – St. Lawrence University, Brier Hill

Albuterol-

Morley, Brier Hill, Rensselaer Falls

Electronic PCR's –

Continue to work with DOH and image trend on getting information from EMS Charts into the state bridge

Nine agencies using EMS Charts and 1 Agency using Code Red within the region
St. Lawrence County Agencies- Ogdensburg Rescue, Potsdam Rescue, RB Lawrence, Colton FD, Hermon FD,

Agency Upgrades/Downgrades

Canton Rescue- King LTD as secondary airway- approved

Norfolk rescue- BLS Blood Glucometry Approved

Medical Director Changes

Cranberry Lake, Newton Falls BLSFR, and Star Lake Fire Department to Dr. Snicer

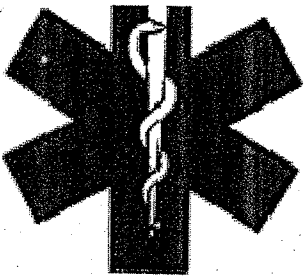
New CME Evaluator- Aaron Lindquist- Ogdensburg Rescue

Discussion on ALS inspections:

New policy statement on the horizon for agencies who have critical failures during ALS inspections

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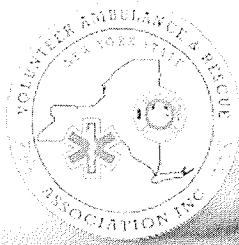
Meeting Change

April REMSCO meeting has been changed to the 16th, 2012

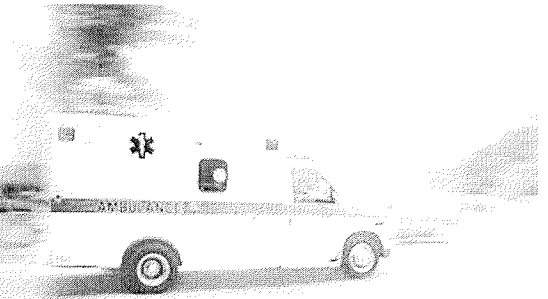
Vital Signs Award Nomination need to be into State by June 1st, (change from August), They have to go through this board and then to the REMSCO- Suggested deadline for submission? Do you want our office to collect and forward to advisory board?

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New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association Inc.



About NYSVARA

The New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association is a statewide not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) membership organization. Its mission is to promote and assist the interests of the state's community volunteer and nonprofit EMS/First Responder/First Aid sector. The association keeps pace with the challenges facing EMS, First Response and Rescue agencies of today. Membership is open to organizations and individuals. Our members include: independent volunteer ambulance companies, fire district and fire related ambulance services, college and school based services, first response medical squads, rescue squads and teams, tax based ambulance and rescue companies, combination services (volunteer/career) and organizations wishing to support the spirit of community/volunteer EMS/Medical first response service as well as individual CFRs, EMTs, AEMTs, rescue workers, instructors, specialists, nurses and firefighters affiliated with these services.

Districts and Regions

NYSVARA currently has 19 Districts and 3 geographic regions. Each district and region has a representative that attends annual meetings. Most of the state is represented within NYSVARA very well with the exception of northern New York and portions of the Adirondacks.

Member /Agency Benefits

- Technical and Legal Assistance
- Youth Programs Assistance
- Local District Representation
- Government Affairs and Legislative agenda
- PULSE CHECK CONFERENCE
- The Blanket Newsletter
- Discounts on Brady Books
- Insurance Discounts
- EMS supplies discount through North Central EMS Cooperative
- Multiple Other

Northern NY District 20 – Why now

Northern NY District 20 was recently formed. The current agencies represented are Thousand Islands Rescue, South Jefferson Rescue, Lewis County Search and Rescue, Town of Watertown Ambulance, Black River Ambulance, and Carthage Area Rescue. Soon to join are Indian River Ambulance, Evans Mills Ambulance, NOCA, Sackets Harbor Ambulance and Henderson Ambulance.

Northern NY needs a larger voice in the state. Our area is more diverse and geographic and EMS is a different breed of operation. What happens in Rockland County is entirely different in Jefferson and St. Lawrence. With changes in the state, pending changes in Article 30 law and a host of other issues facing rural EMS we all need to be represented more strongly.

Legislative Agenda

- Direct Insurance Reimbursement
- Dedicated EMS Training Fund
- Emergency Service Volunteer Tax Credit
- Subscription Service
- Workers Compensation Reform
- Emergency Services Higher Education Scholarship

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	Rescue Squad	Best Value Membership	
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