



*ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY*  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**  
*ADVISORY BOARD*

September 22, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 1903 with Chris Adams in chair. Roll call taken and duly recorded. Two corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting were noted and accepted.

Members present: Carol Muench, Dick McDougall, Ken Gardner, Don Thompson, Chris Adams, Kevin Wells, and Craig Ballard

Members excused: Phyllis McDougall, Jeannie McLear, Wayne Love, and Storm Cilley.

Members absent: Ron Hance, Gary Jarvis, Grover Katzman, Dr. Healey, Curtis Newtown.

Guests: Cindy Rockhill – MMH, ED Director

Communications – 1. EMS Conference in Burlington, Vt. at the end of October  
2. Bio-graphics from Ann Smith was received and will go across to the Board of Legislators

**Unfinished Business**

1. There will be four new positions as the board has allowed having the hospital representatives be members on the SLC EMS AB. Motion to place these four positions to the SLC EMS AB was made by Kevin Wells, seconded by Carol Muench and carried.
2. Re: Air Medical Service. Service will be operational out of Potsdam beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Re: Protocol for helicopter stand-by. Chris stated he has sent a rough draft to Ann Smith and is awaiting her reply. Kevin Wells inquired if there is a report on activities/run numbers by Air Methods since their inception in Watertown. Dick McDougall reported he attended the Mountain Lakes EMS Conference in Lake Placid earlier in the month and had attended a session presented by Air Methods which included the use and requesting of the helicopter. Handouts were available and Dick passed out copies to the members present. Cindy Rockhill, ED director at Massena Memorial Hospital passed along the thoughts of the use of helicopter transport from Dr. St. Pierre. He wish to have Life Flight called first as they do not bill; if they are unable to fly or already in use, then onto the next. He also would like to see local ambulance services contact the hospital more than it

happening. Ken Gardner voiced his disagreement with this as he stated he has NYS protocols which need to be followed regarding major trauma criteria and getting to a trauma center immediately. Much more discussion followed. Per Ann Smith, in the future, Air Methods would like names of intersections and cross roads rather than GPS coordinates when giving location of pickup.

### **New Business**

1. Don Thompson discussed the details of the MCI Canton Fire and Rescue was having on Saturday morning, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am along with participation with Canton Potsdam Hospital. This will included the implementation of the county's MCI plan with SLC dispatchers doing the paging, use of Air Method's helicopter, and all patients being transported to CPH. There will be 15 patients and approximately 10-12 ambulances involved with this MCI drill located on the Brewer Road.
2. Ken Gardner reported OVRS will also be having an MCI drill on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Information will be sent to those agencies that will be involved with this drill.
3. Dick McDougall asked that the board send a letter of support for the new burn building at the fire training center in West Potsdam. He would like this board to offer its support and put this into a form of a motion. Motion was seconded by Ken Gardner and carried. Chris to write the letter.

### **Report from Emergency Services**

Report given by Craig Ballard

August

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Re: narrow banding. Craig stated most base radios and portables have already been converted to narrow banding. Craig Porta has done some field testing and works very well at this point. The objective is to have narrow banding completely ready to go by October 1st

Meeting adjourned at 1953 hours upon a motion made by Don Thompson and seconded by Ken Gardner.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Thompson  
Secretary