



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

July 23, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 1858 with Chris Adams in chair. Roll call taken and duly recorded. Minutes of the March SLC AB meeting were approved.

Members present: Dr. Greg Healy, Dick McDougall, Phyllis McDougall, Wayne Love, Jean McLearn, Tom Tomlins, Ken Gardner, Don Thompson, Curtis Newtown, Ann Smith, Chris Adams, Kevin Wells, Craig Ballard, and Julie Sciori.

Members excused: Storm Cilley, Carol Muench

Members absent: Ron Hance, Ron Koster, Cindy Rockhill, Julianne Henry

Guest - James Stockman – NCEMS Program Agency, Bill Sova, Brent LaGrow

**Communications** – 1. A letter was received from Canton Rescue asking for support of the Advisory Board for their amended CON. Motion was made by Curt Newtown, seconded by Wayne Love to move forward with this proposal. Motion carried by members present.

**Office of Emergency Services** – no report

**NCEMS Program Agency**

1. James Stockman reported the Air Medical screens have been coming in and will share the results with us when tabulated
2. Jim stated he would be starting with ALS ambulance inspections next week
3. Jim told the board the Governor is looking to abolish the local REMSCO boards and establish a state wide board.
4. He also stated he has received the request from Canton Rescue for a change in its CON and will be working on getting it forward to the REMSCO board.
5. On August 29<sup>th</sup>, Jim reported there will be a Scene Safety Situation Awareness lecture at 6pm at the Edwards Fire Hall.

**Ann Smith, Air Methods** – not present but did leave work the call volume is up with 25 in Watertown and 12-13 out of Potsdam.

**Committee Reports** – Ken Gardner gave this reports and started by saying we should enact the recommendations from the previous meeting. He also suggested polling some stats from .PCRs for response times,

## New Business

1. Dick McDougall had some concerns after the last bomb scare at Madrid Waddington C.S. and the way it was handled. He was unaware of it until told to him by the Madrid FD chief. He stated the State Police were the only department to respond as the school superintendent only called the SP and not emergency services. He had concerns over not having Fire and EMS on scene as well as never being notified of the incident. These two departments needed to be involved as the state police would not be fire or EMS if it had been the real deal. Joe Gilbert agreed there has to be a policy in place regarding such incidents as bomb scares at our local schools. Sheriff Wells stated it should be school personnel, not police officers, as the school staff knows what is what, not the police.
2. The interference on F1 cleared up but it is still unknown where it came from and if it will return. The problem with F2 was interference from Canada.
3. Dick McDougall stated the state Department of Health has sent out a letter to nearly 600 ALS agencies and Madrid Rescue was identified as being an ALS agency not carrying narcotics. If the police goes into law in 2014, this law states that any ALS agency not carrying narcotics will have to drop their status as an ALS ambulance service and drop back to a BLS ambulance. Dick stated he felt this was not a good idea or in good judgment to not keep an ambulance at the CC level when he has 5 other ALS agencies with narcotics within 20 miles of Madrid. This cannot be voted into law without agency input and surveys have been sent out to be completed and returned. Dick had a question why not back drop to being certified at the AEMT level.
4. Chris Adams discussed the Bass Master's fishing tournament coming to Waddington, NY on August 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. This would become a mutual aid event for EMS which he has been asked to handle. Due to the expected large crowd of people, all the paperwork, including Article 18 for DOH, has been submitted for approval. SR1 from OVRs will be used as a stationary first aid facility. There will be revolving EMS on site which will include both foot patrols and golf cart capabilities. Waddington Rescue will provide a BLS ambulance which will be staffed by outside agencies that will be on standby at the event and mutual aid ALS ambulances will be staffed by their own members. The DOH has stated there needs to be a staffed ALS ambulance to be used strictly for the two concerts scheduled Friday and Saturday evenings. The county's MCI trailer and SRI need to be there by August 7<sup>th</sup> and inventoried by 6pm the night before the event begins. The use of mobile radios will have as its primary channel, V-call with additional channels on V1, V2. BLS coverage will begin at 6am, the first aid station to be manned starting at 10am with ALS coverage to begin plus or minus an hour to this time. First aid coverage will continue 30 minutes after closing time. There will be no EMS coverage on the boats for any water incidents. If EMS is needed for an emergency on the water, a grounds crew will be dispatched for pickup.
5. John Morrissey will be in Massena sometime in August. If any agency or person needs to see him, he will be at Massena Rescue.

The next monthly meeting will be at 7pm at the Office of Emergency Services on Sept. 24, 2013.

Upon a motion made by Curtis Newtown and seconded by Jean McLearn, meeting was adjourned at 2017 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald Thompson  
Secretary