



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

March 24, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 1910 with Secretary Don Thompson in chair. Roll call taken and duly recorded.

Members present: Ken Gardner, Don Thompson, Ann Smith, Craig Ballard, Carol Muench, Kevin Wells, Phyllis McDougall, Dick McDougall

Members excused: Curtis Newtown, Julianne Sciorra

Members absent: Chris Adams, Ron Hance, Brenton LaGrow, Wayne Love, Jeanie McLear, Dr. Greg Healey, Julie Henry, Ron Koster

Guests: Tammy Sykes and Jim Barr from CPH; John Filangeri - NCEMS PA; Michael LeCuyer – Emergency Services

Correspondence: none

Office of Emergency Services – 1. Mike LeCuyer gave this report. He stated there will be two NYS BEMS courses scheduled at the fire academy. On June 6 there will be a NYSDOH Instructor Update starting at 8am. Scheduled for November 21st & 22nd is the full Instructor Coordinator Course.

2. Mike reported new communication's towers will be built over a three year period. Land sites are being acquired and plan on constructing 3-4 towers this summer. The first to be built will be to replace the tower on Kimble Hill in Russell. The property this tower is to be built on is owned by BOCES and are negotiating with them now. A total of 10 towers is anticipated with some of the sites to include Panther Mountain, Morristown, Ogdensburg, Hammond, Waddington, and Massena. Antennae are listed for Hammond and top of the high rise in Massena.

NCEMS Program Agency – Report given by program director John Filangeri who introduced himself to the board.

1. John reminded the board the Spring Fling EMS conference is schedule next month, April 23-25th in Alex Bay. Information is in the Program Agency website which is www.canton.edu/ncems.com

2. John reported his office is trying to improve communications and now have a website as well as a twitter account.

3. Departments in areas of southern St. Lawrence County have inquired about using distance learning for CMEs. Broadcasting could come from SUNY Canton or BOCES.

- REMSCO/ REMAC** – 1. Ann reported the NYS EMS Memorial service in Albany is scheduled for May 11th.
2. SEMAC has approved the use of CPAP for Basic EMTs.
 3. There will be major changes to the spinal immobilization protocols but when is not known at this time. Ray Theilke asked that we do not implement these two new protocols until we have received implementation dates from the state.
 4. At the REMAC meeting, the following were approved for St. Lawrence agencies:
 - a. Star Lake to switch their PCR documentation to EMS Charts
 - b. Lisbon FD – approved Dr. Jason Lorenc as its Medical Director
 - c. Potsdam Rescue – approved Jeffrey Doyle and Roderick Kenyon as CME evaluators for the department
 - d. Canton Rescue – Narcan use by BLS
 5. A written report is supposed to be left at the hospital if the department is utilizing ePCR. A run form has been developed that will be going out to agencies as a resource to be used if needed. It was discussed that a copy be scanned into ePCR as well with discussion about adding medication dosages as well.
 6. The new storm limited transport policy has been completed. A few minor corrections need to be made, then it will be sent out electronically for approval.
 7. We will be entering the region into a secondary airway pilot program for EMTs. Suffolk County has already started this. Surveys have been sent out to seek those interested in participating.
 8. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6th. With Ray Theilke is retiring which means John Morrissey will be covering the Central NY region by himself

Air Methods – No report

Unfinished Business – None

- New Business** – 1. Nominating Committee was appointed consisting of Ann Smith and Craig Ballard.
2. Verbal report that Tom Tomlins will be resigning from the board. He will be advised that a letter of resignation must be received by the board.
 3. On May 20th, Course Hospital and St. Joe's Hospital of Syracuse will be hosting a teaching day that is free to EMS providers
 4. Waddington will be hosting the Bass Masters Tournament this summer which is scheduled for July 31st and August 1st.
 5. SUNY Canton will be hosting a training day on Tuesday, April 21st at 6pm in Wicks Hall room 102. The county drug task force will be presenting this program.
 6. Kevin Wells reported there was a second meeting at CHMC regarding issues with sheriff deputies and EMS squads. It was determined most of the problems were related back to one ER physician. It is hopeful these meetings will be held quarterly. Things seem to be better at the ER since these meeting began.

Guests – Tammy Sykes and Jim Barr reported that as of yesterday Canton-Potsdam Hospital Has been designated as a Level 3 trauma center. The hospital will be issued a provisional certificate until certification is approved by Academy of Surgeons. At this time trauma patients came now come to CPH. Tammy and Jim stated they would begin to formulate in services for area departments.

The next monthly meeting will be at 7pm at the Office of Emergency Services on April 28th at 7pm for election of officers.

Upon a motion made by Kevin Wells and seconded by Dick McDougall, meeting was adjourned at 2012 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Thompson
Secretary