



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board
January 30th, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 1904 by Chairperson Carol Muench, roll call taken and duly recorded.

Members present: Julianne Sciorra, Mark Deavers, Joyce Dalton, Tammy Sykes, Carol Muench, Jay Moore, Ann Smith, Mallory Buckley, R. Storm Cilley, Don Thompson, Tammy Mitchell

Members excused: Phyllis McDougall, Dick McDougall, Kevin Wells, James Barr

Members absent: Ron Hance, David Sherman,

Guests: Michael LeCuyer, Daniel Fay, Wayne Love, Brenton LaGrow

Correspondence: None

Minutes from March

- Motion to table the approval of the minutes from the November 2017 meeting as they were distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Ann Smith explained that she did not fully understand the process of follow up to a motion made in November to remove members who did not meet the bylaw requirements of Article X. The notifications were not sent out as it needs to go the full legislative meeting in February. Two of the members were notified at the meeting, Carol Muench agreed to notify the other two.

Motion made by Mark Deavers to table the approval of November minutes, seconded by Jay Moore, all in favor, motion carried

Office of Emergency Services – See attached report

- Mike LeCuyer reached out to the legislature to follow up on the “State of EMS” presentation done on January 8th and they feel an ad hoc committee should be formed and they will support the legislation that was given to them. The committee should consist of legislative representatives and members of this board. The following members volunteered to be on the committee: Ann Smith, Joyce Dalton, Storm Cilley, Mark Deavers, Julie Sciorra, Michael LeCuyer and Daniel Fay
- Discussion on the status of Russell Rescue and their current challenges to cover their CON area. It was discussed that until they work through their issues, Canton and Gouverneur should be placed on automatic dispatch based on the location of the call. Mike and Ann will reach out to the Town Supervisor as Russell has not notified Central Dispatch of their availability or provided an agreement with Canton or Gouverneur. Other concerns discussed were the upcoming bridge in Russell being taken out and it is a 35-mile trip to get to the other side of the community, this will provide additional challenges.

NCEMS Program Agency and REMSCO/REMAC report together

- The Bureau of EMS should be announcing who will be filling the director vacancy in February.
- NYS Vital Signs Award nominations requested, flyer distributed and assistance offered in completing the forms.
- NYS BLS protocols continue to be revamped, their format will be similar the NYS ALS collaborative protocols when completed
- REMSCO Meeting February 5th, 2018. There has not been a meeting since our last meeting.
- State EMS meetings were held on January 9 & 10, but there was not a quorum to approve any items at the State EMS Council meeting. The changes to the NYS Continuing education program discussed at our last meeting are tentatively scheduled to be rolled out in May of this year.

Air Medical – There has been a request to the Regional Council to proceed with an Air Medical Committee to review issues that have been reported in the region.

- **Upcoming Trainings**
 - Spring Fling is the last weekend in April
 - IAC registration has been posted for May
 - Peter Brodie from the NYS Department of Health will be coming to the area in March and ePCR agencies will be receiving announcements for a training on utilization of the NYS Image Trend data bridge.

Executive Committee-

- By-laws were reviewed for any changes, due to our meeting schedule being every other month the following change was proposed to the by-laws under Article VIII, changing the month from February to January to present the nomination of candidates for the offices of the Board.

- Personnel

Chair of the committee shall be the Secretary. The functions of this committee will include: at the ~~February~~ **January** meeting, nomination of candidates for the offices of the Board for the Annual Meeting in March, to submit names to the Board if a vacancy occurs in an office of the Board, submit names for appointment or reappointment to the Board, maintain the membership list and attendance records. A member of the committee is to contact any member of the Board who has missed two unexcused meetings or a total of four missed meetings in a calendar year to advise them of Article X of the By-laws.

Motion made by Ann Smith to change the month to January for the presentation of nomination of candidates for offices of the board under the Personnel Committee, Article VIII, seconded by Jay Moore, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Ann Smith to have the personnel committee send out nominations of candidates for this year via email by the end of February to be voted on at the annual meeting in March, seconded by Joyce Dalton, all in favor, motion passed.

Communications Committee-

- Continue to encourage departments to report their availability, it was noted that St. Lawrence County is the only one in the region without known status dispatching, this should be looked at by the ad hoc committee as well

Legislative Committee-

- Discussed the items that were presented to the legislature for support and
 - S2527 Seward/ A0343 Magnarelli: Direct insurance reimbursement
 - S2770 Richie/ No Assembly counterpart: Emergency Medical Services an Essential Service, this allows for more grant access and municipal funding.
- Further discussion over the bill below versus H.R 3729 which has some cuts that would affect ambulances that do Dialysis Transports, more information needs to be obtained. **S. 967, the 2017 Medicare Ambulance Access, Fraud Prevention, and Reform Act:** Permanent ambulance relief legislation has been introduced by Senators Stabenow, Roberts, Schumer, Collins, and Leahy (S. 967). This legislation will allow ambulance service providers to maintain high quality ambulance services and budget for the future. Specifically, the bill:

Personnel-

- All items discussed previously in meeting

Old Business

- Leadership meeting in December was cancelled, next leadership meeting will be in February.
- Firefighter Rehab plan was voted on by the Fire Advisory Board and approved. It was asked to have the final plan emailed to board members.
- Ann provided an overview of the report that was given to the legislature on January 8th, and additional discussion occurred. The possibility of starting EMT classes in the BOCES system was discussed and there is currently ongoing discussion regarding Fire Classes, EMS to be added to those discussions.

New Business:

- Tammy Sykes provide an overview of the work that CPH has done to help decrease the time it takes to get an ambulance for inter-facility transfers and it has shown a large decrease in the time.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Deavers, seconded by Jay Moore, all in favor, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

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EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT

TO: Ruth Doyle, County Administrator
 FROM: James Chestnut, Supervisor of Dispatch Operations
 DATE: January 5, 2018

The following is a report of CAD calls for December 2017:

| | DEC 17 | YEAR 2017 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| FIRE DEPTS DISPATCHED | 259 | 4,287 |
| EMS DISPATCHED | 1,573 | 18,238 |
| LOCAL PD CALL FOR SERVICE | 261 | 2,847 |
| NYSP DISPATCHED BY B-COMM** | 925 | 14,354 |
| NYSP DISPATCHED BY SLC ES*** | 310 | 2,548 |
| INFORMATIONALS CALLS* | 892 | 11,182 |
| SHERIFF'S CALLS FOR SERVICE | <u>855</u> | <u>11,377</u> |
| TOTAL CALLS DISPATCHED IN SLC | 5,075 | 64,833 |

*Informational calls include pocket dials, hang up calls, and test calls

**Dispatched by NYSP at B-Comm from Lewis

***St Lawrence County ES dispatched

Phone calls handled in dispatch center incoming and outgoing by line:

Emergency Services Dispatchers handled:

| | |
|------------|-------------|
| 911 | 2547 |
| EMS | 3353 |
| TEXT_2_911 | 0 |
| NYSP | 146 |
| SHERIFF | <u>2823</u> |
| TOTAL | 8,869 |

TOTAL PHONE CALLS HANDLED FOR November: 8,869
 YTD: 116,588

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Michael LeCuyer, Director
James Chestnut, Supervisor of Dispatch Operations