



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

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board  
September 29, 2020

Meeting called to order by Chair Mark Deavers at 1906 hours, roll call taken and duly recorded.

Members Present: Ann Smith, Phyllis McDougall, Richard McDougall, Nicholas Wildey, Carol Muench, James Blackburn (zoom), Aaron Johnson (zoom), Kevin Wells (zoom), Storm Cilley, Dr. Coates (zoom), James Barr (zoom), Mark Deavers, Chris Towler, Tammy Sykes (zoom).

Ex Officio Members Present: Matt Denner, Rita Curran

Members Excused: Jay Moore

Members Absent: Christopher Velez, Chelsea Snyder Dennis, Johnathan Mitchell (Ex-Officio)

Guests: Matt Denner, Colleen Gleeson

May 26, 2020 Minutes were corrected to show that Chris Towler was in attendance. Motion to approve minutes as corrected by Carol Muench, Second by Phyllis McDougall. Carried by voice vote.

Office of Emergency Services Report: Matt Denner. Copy attached.

Correspondence: Letters of resignation submitted by Dick and Phyllis McDougal after 28 years of membership to this Board. They were presented with plaques and letters of recognition for their years of service by St. Lawrence County.

Ann Smith announced her resignation, as she feels that her position as North Country EMS Program Agency Director presents a conflict of interest with membership on this Board. She will be listed as an Ex Officio Member.

North Country EMS Program Agency Report: Ann Smith. Copy attached.

Discussion was held regarding proposed NYS Part 800 changes. No action taken.

Discussion was held regarding EMResource tracking. No action taken.

Discussion on EMS Academy Access. No action taken.

SEMSCO Report: Mark Deavers

The state cannot waive anything from Article 30 or Part 800.

Seeking comments for changes prior to next state meeting. Email comments to Mark Deavers or Ann Smith.

There are emergency regulations coming.

Certifications at all levels have been extended by one year by the Governor's executive order. It is

unclear what will happen when the executive order expires.  
Course Sponsor funding is being cut by 20%.  
There are some scope of practice changes coming.  
Amy Eisenhower in the New Program Administrator for the DOH EMS for Children Program.  
Expect cuts to Medicaid funding after the first of the year.

Air Medical Report: Colleen Gleeson. Copy attached.

Upcoming Training:

Vital Signs Academy is ongoing.

Vital Signs Conference will be held virtually this year with an emphasis on the non core mandatory classes.

There will be a Spring EMT Class at Gouverneur Rescue sponsored by Jefferson County.

Didactic hours will be virtual on Mondays and Thursdays. Skill sessions will be held at various locations.

Airport MCI drill will be held at Ogdensburg Airport on October 22.

The Elizabethtown Paramedic program will be holding sessions in Potsdam.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee - No report

Communications - No report

Legislative - Proposed state legislation - Tax breaks during COVID pandemic, direct pay by insurance companies, COVID relief, Community Paramedicine bill. No action reported  
Personnel - Discussion regarding Bylaws. Looking for suggestions for new members of this Board. Interested in community members of influence with input from the county. Looking for actual consumers for those seats. Discussion regarding the number of members allowed on this Board by state law and the county, as well as the membership categories assigned. No action was taken.

Dispatch Committee - No report.

Agencies/Hospitals - No report.

Old Business:

Matt Denner provided an update on the new towers being constructed.

Matt Denner provided new Fire Rehab forms. The new policy is out. He will have it sent to all agencies.

COVID-19:

SLC reports a slight increase in the number of cases. Currently no hospitalizations.

Agencies are advised to prepare for a second wave by securing a 90 day supply of PPP.

The reopening plan is available on the state website.

Make sure that your facility has the proper signage and floor markings.

Face masks are required if two people are together in the front, or patient compartment of the ambulance.

Warned that the state is enforcing violations state wide.

Providers and agencies face a possible fine of up to \$1,000 for violations.

New Business:

Committee Assignments

Communications:

James Barr

Kevin Wells

Dr. Ryan Coates

Personnel:

Aaron Johnson

Chris Valex

Carol Muench

Storm Cilley

Legislative:

Jay Moore

James Blackburn

Nick Wildey

PIER (Public Information Educations Relations):

Don Thompson

Chris Towler

Rita Curran

Discussion regarding public relations and use of social media. Advised to use discretion and caution in posting. No action taken.

County EMS Awards are currently being solicited.

Discussion regarding difficulty that agencies are having filling positons.

Discussion of the NYS Workforce Survey. The Office of Emergency Services will send it out.

Motion to adjourn by Carol Muench, Seconded by Ann Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 2051 hours.

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**OFFICE of EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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*FIRE  
E.M.S.*

*EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT*

TO: Ruth Doyle, County Administrator  
FROM: James Chestnut, Supervisor of Dispatch Operations  
DATE: September 1, 2020

The following is a report of CAD calls for AUGUST 2020:

	AUG 20	YEAR 2020
FIRE DEPTS DISPATCHED	347	2,707
EMS DISPATCHED	1,559	11,921
LOCAL PD CALLS TO 911	345	2,673
NYSP DISPATCHED BY SLC ES	319	1,985
INFORMATIONALS CALLS*	1,347	8,971
SHERIFF'S CALLS FOR SERVICE	<u>991</u>	<u>8,004</u>
TOTAL CALLS DISPATCHED IN SLC	4,908	43,239

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

The following are law enforcement calls dispatched by their own dispatchers  
CAD cards created for the Law Enforcement Departments (from their start date)

NYSP DISPATCHED BY B-COMM	1251	8,682
CANTON PD DISPATCHED	302	732
MASSENA PD DISPATCHED	594	1,859
POTSDAM PD DISPATCHED	806	4,191
OGDENSBURG PD DISPATCHED	<u>803</u>	<u>1,831</u>
TOTAL OUTSIDE LAW DISPATCHED CALL	3756	17,295

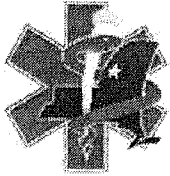
Phone calls handled in dispatch center incoming and outgoing by line:

Emergency Services Dispatchers handled:

911	2993
EMS	3497
TEXT_2_911	5
NYSP	173
SHERIFF	<u>3155</u>
TOTAL	9,818

YTD: 70,479

*Matt Denner, Director; Jon Mitchell Deputy Director*  
*James Chestnut, Supervisor of Dispatch Operations*



# North Country EMS Program Agency

“Serving Jefferson, Lewis & St. Lawrence Counties”

[www.fdrhpo.org/ems](http://www.fdrhpo.org/ems)

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- Spring Fling that was rescheduled for October is canceled
  - Spring Fling 2021 April 22-25<sup>th</sup> at Edgewood
- Regionally working on BLS 12 lead acquisition and transmission for interested agencies
- NYS EMS Meetings in August
  - Next meeting TBA in the November time frame, they were unable to facilitate their original plan of holding them October
- Vital Signs Academy is offering free CME hours- 5 days a week
  - Link to the calendar on our website
- Agencies who still complete PCR's will see a change in how they are submitted soon
  - They will be submitted directly to the state
- In August, we did a great webinar on EMS financial management- poorly attended
  - It will be posted. Thank-you to Lewis County EMS Advisory Board
  - Agencies who bill, having a compliance program is important
- Course Sponsor
  - Currently in discussions surrounding the status of education in the County
  - SUNY Canton has decided not to continue being a course sponsor
  - Jefferson County is helping out in the interim
- Part 800 proposed changes
  - We will be sending this out, please take some time and look over it.
  - I am sure it will be back on the agenda at the State level at their next meeting
- EMResource
  - Jefferson County Hospitals are all using it
  - Met with Jefferson County 911, and they will be implementing it for diversion notification
  - We learned that we could feed notifications back through Active 911, and I am responding.
  - Excellent asset for resource tracking as well
- Second Semester CME's
  - Due December 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Agencies must submit scheduling forms, will be agency decision to open to members outside of their department
  - Region will be doing some sessions to help facilitate
- Health Commerce System
  - The state has requested all agencies to have access to the system
  - Multiple agencies have not done so
  - State plans on using this as a platform for submission of documents to them

# **North Country Clearinghouse**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report for 2020**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Colleen Gleeson  
Account Executive

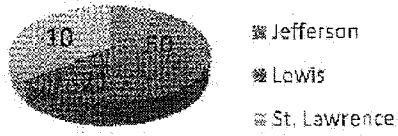
## Requests by County

<b>Q2 Totals 2020</b>			
<b>Referring Agencies</b>	<b>Requests</b>	<b>Transports Completed</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
Jefferson County 911/Hospitals	169	50	119
Lewis County 911/Hospitals	36	21	15
St. Lawrence County 911	21	10	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>145</b>

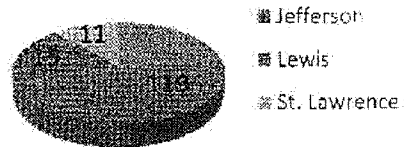
## Requests



## Transports



## Cancellations

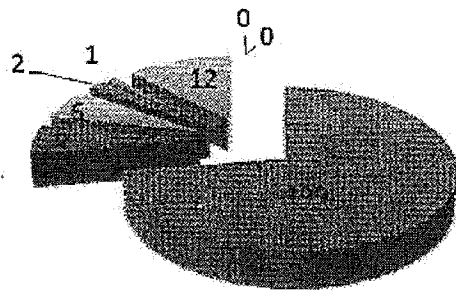




## Requests by Company Aircraft

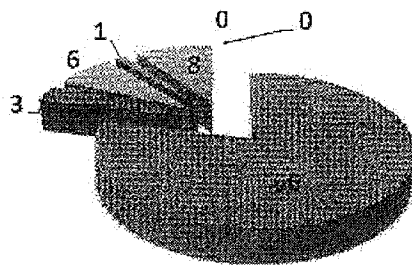
<b>Q2 Totals 2020</b>			
<b>Responding Aircraft</b>	<b>Requests</b>	<b>Completed Transports</b>	<b>Cancel/Miss</b>
LifeNet 7-10 Watertown	199	66	133
LifeNet 7-9 Potsdam	6	3	3
LifeNet 7-12	6	6	0
LifeNet 7-13	2	0	2
LifeNet 7-2	1	1	0
Mercy Flight Rome	12	8	4
Mercy Flight Marcellus	0	0	0
North Country Life Flight	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>142</b>

### Request by Aircraft



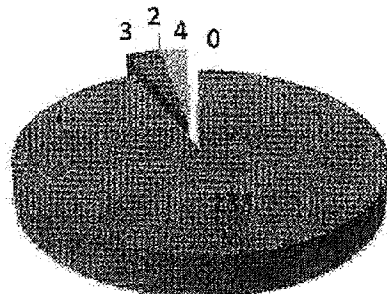
- LN 7-10
- LN 7-9
- LN 7-12
- LN 7-13
- LN 7-2
- MF Rome
- MF Marcellus
- NCLF

### Transport by Aircraft



- LN 7-10
- LN 7-9
- LN 7-12
- LN 7-13
- LN 7-2
- MF Rome
- MF Marcellus
- NCLF

### Cancellation by Aircraft



- LN 7-10
- LN 7-9
- LN 7-12
- LN 7-13
- LN 7-2
- MF Rome
- MF Marcellus
- NCLF

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**RUTH A. DOYLE**  
*County Administrator*

**JOSEPH LIGHTFOOT**  
*Chair, Board of Legislators*

November 6, 2019

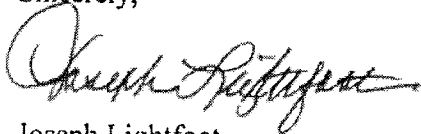
Christopher Towler  
748 Old Potsdam Parishville Road  
Potsdam, NY 13676

Dear Mr. Towler:

The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators has appointed you to the EMS Advisory Board at the Full Board Meeting held on November 4, 2019. You will be serving on this advisory board through December 31, 2020.

Our Board genuinely appreciates the time you give to participate on this important Advisory Board.

Sincerely,



Joseph Lightfoot  
Chair

JL/ksp

Cc: Matthew Denner, Director, Emergency Services



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Name	Signature	Address and email changes, if any	Home/Cell Phone	
Ann Smith R			315 454 2606©	R
Phyllis McDougall R				C
Open				R
Richard McDougall R				R
Nicholas Willey				X
Carol Muench				N
James Blackburn				R
Christopher Velez				X
Aaron Johnson				R

Name	Signature	Address and Email change if any	Home/Cell Phone	
Kevin Wells	2007			L
Donald Thompson	<i>Donald Thompson</i>	<i>no change</i>	<i>Ab change</i>	R
R. Storm Cilley	<i>R Storm Cilley</i>			R
Dr. Coates	2007			M
Julianne Scieszka EHMC				H
Open				X
James Barr	2007			R
Mark Deavers	<i>Mark Deavers</i>			R
Open				R
Open				C
Open Chris Tolson	<i>Chris Tolson</i>			X
MMH - Open				H
CPH - Tammy Sykes	2007			H

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Clifton Fine- Chelsea Snyder- Dennis				H
Gouverneur- Jay Moore	<i>Jay Moore</i>			H
Ex-Oficio				
Rita Curran	<i>RC</i>			
Jonathan Mitchell				
Guests				
Life Net				
<i>Collin Kassan</i>	<i>CK</i>			