Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board January 26,2021

Meeting called to order by Chair Mark Deavers at 1905 hours, roll call taken and duly recorded.

Members Present: Nicholas Wildey, Carol Muench, Aaron Johnson, Storm Cilley, Doug Bohl, Mark Deavers, Chris Towler, Jay Moore, James Blackburn, James Barr, Chris Velez, Dr. Coates,

Ex Officio Members Present: Ann Smith, Jonathan Mitchell. Members Excused: Kevin Wells

Members Absent: Donald Thompson, Tammy Sykes, Chelsea Snyder Dennis, Rita Curran (Ex-Officio)

Guests: Colleen Gleeson.

All attending via zoom

November 17, 2020 Minutes were accepted as presented, with correction. The stipend provided to the first 120 agencies to have 50% of their providers complete the stroke education initiative is \$229, not \$200.

Office of Emergency Services Report: Jonathan Mitchell. Monthly and Annual Report attached.

North Country EMS Program Agency / REMSCO / REMAC Report: Ann Smith.

The State is looking to sunset the Critical Care level, probably within the next 10 years.

SEMAC Minutes presented by Mark Deavers - attached

The state DOH is receiving complaints about providers not wearing PPP while not on calls. Providers can no longer work after a positive test, even if asymptomatic.

New Part 800 required equipment list is finalized. It will probably be a year before implemented.

New EMT cards will probably be issued in April.

Air Medical report presented by Colleen Gleeson - attached.

Air Methods will begin a free monthly CME training program in March.

COVID-19 The State site at SUNY Potsdam is open and currently vaccinating 500/ day. The county site is open and doing 100-150 / day. There is an issue with the site refusing to do required practical and sign off for EMS providers to administer vaccinations. Contractors are not willing to accept the liability. The State is working on a solution. Providers have been called to work, and were unable to due to this situation.

N95 masks continue to be in short supply

Waddington Rescue has extra supply of gloves that they would like to get rid of before they expire.

James Blackburn reports an issue with disposing of PPP and cleaning supplies at CHMC.

Training

Virtual EMT class at Clarkson has started.
A reminder that the NYSDOH Vital Signs Academy continues to be on line and free.

Committee Reports - None

Old Business

The county mutual aid policy is progressing.

Bylaws/Membership

Carol Muench reported on the proposed realignment of the seat categories on the board. She will present the proposal at the next meeting.

New Business

There was a discussion regarding purchasing requirements for pharmaceuticals. Small squads such as Rensselaer Falls are being forced to purchase in quantities which are not practical. The will expire before they are used.

There was a discussion regarding increasing scratch rates for county agencies, and how to assure that an ambulance is enroute and on scene In a timely manner. Jonathan Mitchell will provide a report to the EMSAB showing scratch rates by agency. The only suggested solution at this time is to enforce the time frames in the dispatch policy. Also discussed a known status policy.

The next meeting is March 25, 2021

Motion to adjourn by James Blackburn, Second by James Barr. Meeting adjourned at 2030.

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TO:

Ruth Doyle, County Administrator

FROM:

Jonathan Mitchell, Deputy Director

DATE:

January 4, 2021

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

| | DEC 20 | YEAR 2020 |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| FIRE DEPTS DISPATCHED | 305 | 4,087 |
| EMS DISPATCHED | 1,535 | 18,083 |
| LOCAL PD CALLS TO 911 | 156 | 3,834 |
| NYSP DISPATCHED BY SLC ES | 78 | 2,932 |
| INFORMATIONALS CALLS* | 898 | 13,183 |
| SHERIFF'S CALLS FOR SERVICE | 1,195 | 12,731 |
| TOTAL CALLS DISPATCHED IN SLC | 4,167 | 54,850 |

^{*}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 | 1288 | 13,341 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| CANTON PD DISPATCHED | 334 | 2,136 |
| MASSENA PD DISPATCHED | 467 | 3,936 |
| POTSDAM PD DISPATCHED | 427 | 6,542 |
| OGDENSBURG PD DISPATCHED | 669 | 4,780 |
| TOTAL OUTSIDE LAW DISPATCHED C | ALL 3,185 | 30,735 |

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

Emergency Services Dispatchers handled:

| 911 | 2,600 |
|------------|--------------|
| EMS | 3,183 |
| TEXT_2_911 | 1 |
| NYSP | 112 |
| SHERIFF | <u>2,707</u> |
| TOTAL | 8,603 |

YTD: 106,721



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Message from the EMS Coordinator

Beginning in 2021, and herein released annually, the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services Bureau of EMS will publish a countywide comprehensive Emergency Medical Services (EMS) data report. This report will utilize data obtained by the St. Lawrence County Dispatch Center, North Country EMS Program Agency, New York State Department of Health, and individual EMS agencies in order to identify the effectiveness of the EMS system in St. Lawrence County.

In 2020, first responders across the globe have had the arduous task of facing the CoVid-19 pandemic, putting their personal safety at risk to care for others. Our community in St. Lawrence County have risen to battle doing everything in their power to combat Coronavirus. Dedicated first responders and medical professionals have been working around the clock responding to and treating suspected and confirmed cases. Our community's local businesses and non-profit organizations have submitted monetary and equipment donations to first response agencies struggling with the acquisition of proper personal protective equipment (PPE). Clinical researchers and other professionals have worked tirelessly to search for treatment and effective intervention. I am proud to be a member of this community; a community that has banded together to fight for life.

This year, strides have been made to improve the EMS system as a whole. Three new communication towers, located in Gouverneur, Waddington, and Hammond, have been constructed to patch gaps in our land-mobile radio communications system. Two EMT-Basic classes have been conducted, one at SUNY Canton and one at Gouverneur Rescue; both classes achieved a full roster. Clarkson University became a new EMT course sponsor, becoming the sole EMT course sponsor in St. Lawrence County. New York State Department of Health extended all EMT cards by one year, and began offering virtual "live" CME opportunities in an attempt to give current EMS providers every opportunity to recertify certifications. It is important to stay on this positive track to ensure that everyone in our community receives exceptional, proper, and emergent emergency medical care that they require.

Unfortunately, even with the dedication and commitment of local EMS departments during this pandemic, EMS in our county is struggling. For the year of 2020, there was an 8.4% call turnover rate, up from 7.3% in 2019. In addition, the average dispatch to onscene time was 0:13:53 minutes, being about 1.5 minutes greater than 2019. With the average call turnover/mutual aid time being 12 minutes, it was not abnormal that 8.4% of the time an ambulance was requested, the response time was in excess of 25 minutes. Both the turnover rate and the average response times for 2020 are currently the highest values since data collection began in 2015.

These increased statistics are the result of a multitude of factors. The stress that CoVid-19 is placing on EMS providers and agencies is prodigious, and unfortunately with EMS strain being predominant prior to the start of the pandemic, is resulting in an increasingly stressed EMS system. Inability to obtain proper PPE due to inflated costs and shortages, EMS providers contracting CoVid-19, increased dispatch-to-in service call times due to extended equipment and provider decontamination periods, and the steadily decreasing state of volunteerism are just a few contributing factors. Unfortunately, our entire EMS system is on the verge of its breaking point.

It is strongly recommended that EMS agency administrators and Chiefs utilize the data presented in this report for policy development, mutual aid planning, mass-casualty incident planning, and staffing considerations. St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services Bureau of EMS will remain committed to continuously finding ways to improve the County EMS system and emergency response procedures through collaborative data collection and innovative solutions to benefit the residents and visitors of our county. If there are any questions regarding any of the information presented in this report, please contact the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services Bureau of EMS.

Jonathan W. Mitchell County EMS Coordinator

St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services

St. Lawrence County Agencies (Transporting)

| Agency | Unit Type | Unit Number |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| Canton Rescue | Ambulance | A131 |
| 77 Riverside Drive | Ambulance | A132 |
| Canton, NY 13617 | Ambulance | A133 |
| | Ambulance | A134 |
| Agency Capabilities: | Ambulance | A135 |
| 9 Paramedic Ambulances | Ambulance | A136 |
| | Ambulance | A137 |
| | Ambulance | A138 |
| | Ambulance | A139 |
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| Colton Rescue | Ambulance | A231 |
| 87 Riverside Drive | Ambulance | A232 |
| Colton, NY 13625 | | |
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| Agency Capabilities: | | |
| 2 AEMT Ambulances | | |
| Cranberry Lake Rescue | Ambulance | A E E 1 |
| 7115 NY-3 | Ambulance | A551 |
| Cranberry Lake, NY | | |
| 12927 | | |
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| Agency Capabilities: | | : |
| 1 Basic Ambulance | | · |
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| Gouverneur Rescue | Ambulance | A171 |
| 1024 US-11 | Ambulance | A172 |
| _ | Ambalance | A1/2 |
| Gouverneur, NY 13642 | Ambulance | A173 |
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| Agency Capabilities: | Ambulance | A173 |
| Agency Capabilities: 3 Paramedic Ambulances | Ambulance | A173 |
| Agency Capabilities: | Ambulance | A173 |

| Hammond Rescue | A | A0E4 |
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| 300 Lake Street | Ambulance | A951 |
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| Hammond, NY 13646 | | |
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| Agency Capabilities: | | |
| 1 Basic Ambulance | | |
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| Hermon Rescue | Ambulance | A182 |
| 1651 County Route 21 | Ambulance | A183 |
| Hermon, NY 13652 | | |
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| Agency Capabilities: | | |
| 2 Basic Ambulances | | |
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| Lisbon Rescue | Ambulance | A191 |
| 7002 County Route 10 | | |
| Lisbon, NY 13658 | | |
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| Agency Capabilities: | | |
| 1 AEMT Ambulance | | |
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| Madrid Rescue | Ambulance | A201 |
| 2 Depot Street | Ambulance Ambulance | A201 A202 |
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| Morristown Rescue | Ambulance | A228 |
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| 200 Morris Street | Ambulance | A229 |
| Morristown, NY 13664 | | |
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| Agency Capabilities: | | |
| 2 Basic Ambulances | | |
| Norfolk Rescue | A mala vila va a | |
| 7 Sedwick Street | Ambulance | A141 |
| | Ambulance | A142 |
| Norfolk, NY 13667 | | |
| Agency Capabilities: | | |
| 2 AEMT-CC Ambulances | | |
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| Ogdensburg Rescue | Ambulance | A241 |
| 1223 Pickering Street | Ambulance | A241 A242 |
| Ogdensburg, NY 13669 | Ambulance | A243 |
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| Agency Capabilities: | Rescue | R245 |
| 4 Paramedic Ambulances | Utility | M246 |
| 1 Rescue Truck | Marine | MAR3 |
| 1 Utility SUV | Trailer | |
| 1 Marine Unit 1 Trailer | Trailer | SR1 |
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| Parishville Rescue | Ambulance | A051 |
| 6 Catherine Street | Ambulance | A251 |
| Parishville, NY 13676 | Ambulance | A252 |
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| Agency Capabilities: | | |
| 2 Paramedic Ambulances | | |
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| Seaway Valley | Ambulance | A841 |
| 202 North Main Street | Ambulance | A842 |
| Massena, NY 13662 | Ambulance | A843 |
| - | Ambulance | A844 |
| Agency Capabilities: | Ambulance | A845 |
| 6 Paramedic Ambulances | Ambulance | A846 |
| 1 Paramedic Fly Car | Medic | M8410 |
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| Potsdam Rescue | Ambulance | A261 |
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| 29 Elm Street | Ambulance | A262 |
| Potsdam, NY 13676 | Rescue | R263 |
| 1 01044111, 141 10070 | Ambulance | A264 |
| Agency Capabilities: | Ambulance | A265 |
| 4 Paramedic Ambulances | Medic | M266 |
| 1 Rescue Truck | Marine | |
| 1 Paramedic Fly Car | warne | MAR21 |
| 1 Marine Unit | | |
| Rensselaer Falls Rescue | Ambulance | A971 |
| 424 Rensselaer Street | Ambulance | A971 |
| Rensselaer Falls, NY | | |
| 13680 | | |
| 13000 | | |
| Agency Capabilities: | | |
| 1 AEMT-CC Ambulance | | |
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| Star Lake Rescue | Ambulance | A281 |
| Main St, 4078 NY-3 | Ambulance | A282 |
| Star Lake, NY 13690 | | , , |
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| Agency Capabilities: | | |
| 2 AEMT-CC Ambulance | | |
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| Tri-Town Rescue | Ambulance | A531 |
| 900 NY-11C | Ambulance | A532 |
| Brasher Falls, NY 13613 | Ambulance | A533 |
| | Rescue | R534 |
| Agency Capabilities: | | : |
| 3 Paramedic Ambulance | | |
| 1 Rescue Truck | | |
| Woddington Descrip | D | Dood |
| Waddington Rescue | Rescue | R301 |
| 48 Maple Street | Ambulance | A303 |
| Waddington, NY 13694 | Ambulance | A304 |
| Agency Canabilities: | | |
| Agency Capabilities: 2 Basic Ambulance | | |
| 1 Rescue Truck | | |
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St. Lawrence County Agencies (First Response)

| Agency | Level of Care |
|---|---------------|
| Brier Hill Fire Department | EMT-Basic |
| 2680 NY-37 Brier Hill, NY 13614 | |
| Brief Fills, N.F. 13014 | |
| Clarkson University EMS | EMT-Basic |
| Clarkson University EMS | EIVI I -DASIC |
| 8 Clarkson Avenue | |
| Potsdam, NY 13676 | |
| Degrasse Fire Department | CFR |
| 2211 County Route 27 | CFN |
| Russell, NY 13684 | |
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| Edwards Fire Department | EMT-Basic |
| 115 New Street Edwards, NY 13635 | |
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| Fine Fire Department | EMT-Basic |
| 582 Spring Street | |
| Fine, NY 13639 | |
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| Heuvelton Fire Department 95 State Street | EMT-Basic |
| Heuvelton, NY 13654 | |
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| Morley Fire Department | EMT-Basic |
| 7220 County Rd 27 Canton, NY 13617 | |
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| North Lawrence Fire Department | EMT-Basic |
| 9 County Route 52 | |
| North Lawrence, NY 12967 | |
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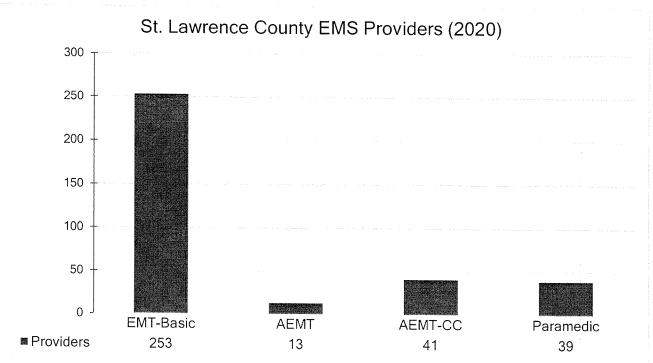
| Ogdensburg Fire Department EMT-Basic 718 Ford Street Ogdensburg, NY 13669 Pierrepont Fire Department EMT-Basic 62 Old County Road Canton, NY 13617 | |
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| Potsdam College Campus Rescue EMT-Basic Potsdam Campus Rescue 44 Pierrepont Avenue Potsdam, NY 13676 | |
| Richville Fire Department AEMT 71 Main Street Richville, NY 13681 | |
| St. Lawrence University EMS EMT-Basic SLU EMS 23 Romoda Drive Canton, NY 13617 | |
| SUNY Canton EMS SUNY Canton EMS 34 Cornell Drive Canton, NY 13617 | |
| West Potsdam Fire Department AEMT 801 County Rd 34 Potsdam, NY 13676 | |
| West Stockholm Fire Department EMT-Basic 143 County Road 57 West Stockholm, NY 13696 | |

Area Hospitals

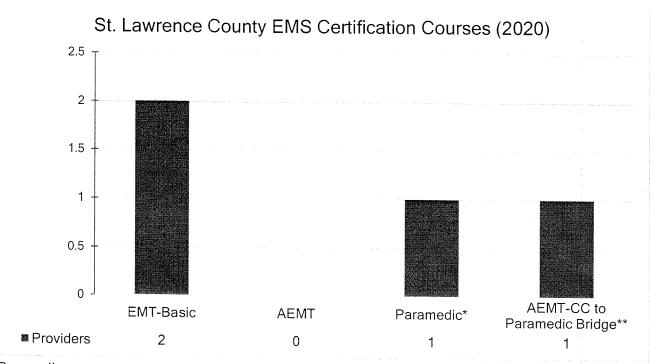
| Hospital | County | Designation | Disposition Code |
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| Adirondack Medical Center, Saranac Lake 2233 NY-86 Saranac Lake, NY 12983 | Franklin | Level 1 Perinatal Center | 162 |
| Alice Hyde Medical Center 133 Park Street Malone, NY 12953 | Franklin | Level 1 Perinatal Center | 161 |
| Canton-Potsdam Hospital 50 Leroy Street Potsdam, NY 13676 | St. Lawrence | Level 1 Perinatal Center Level 3 Adult Trauma Center SAFE Designated Hospital | 446 |
| Carthage Area Hospital Inc. 1001 West Street Carthage, NY 13619 | Jefferson | Level 1 Perinatal Center | 221 |
| Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital 75 Beekman Street Plattsburgh, NY 12901 | Clinton | Level 1 Perinatal Center Level 3 Adult Trauma Center Psychiatric Facility Catheterization Laboratory | 091 |
| Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center 214 King Street Ogdensburg, NY 13669 | St. Lawrence | Level 1 Perinatal Center | 441 |
| Clifton-Fine Hospital 1014 Oswegatchie Trail Road Star Lake, NY 13690 | St. Lawrence | None | 442 |

| Gouverneur Hospital 77 West Barney Street Gouverneur, NY 13642 | St. Lawrence | None | 448 |
|---|-----------------|--|-----|
| Lewis County General Hospital 7785 North State Street Lowville, NY 13367 | Lewis | Level 1 Perinatal Center | 241 |
| Little Falls Hospital 140 Burwell Street Little Falls, NY 13365 | Herkimer | None | 212 |
| Massena Memorial Hospital 1 Hospital Drive Massena, NY 13662 | St. Lawrence | Level 1 Perinatal Center SAFE Designated Hospital Dialysis Center | 442 |
| River Hospital, Inc. 4 Fuller Street Alexandria Bay, NY 13607 | Jefferson | None | 227 |
| Samaritan Medical Center 830 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601 | St. Lawrence | Level 2 Perinatal Center Psychiatric Facility Primary Stroke Center Dialysis Center | 223 |

St. Lawrence County EMS Providers



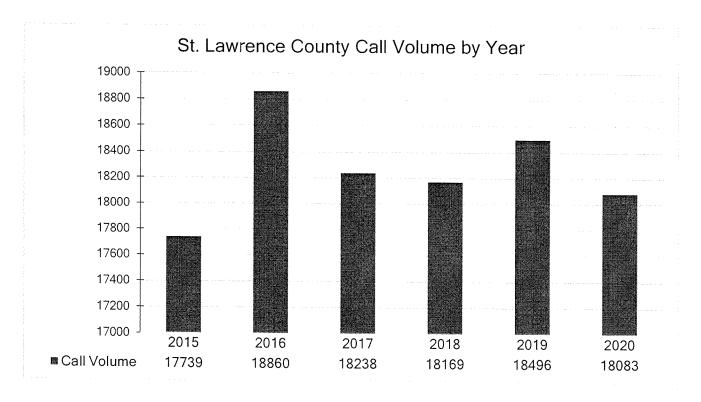
^{*}This data reflects providers currently registered in North Country EMS Program Agency's CME database

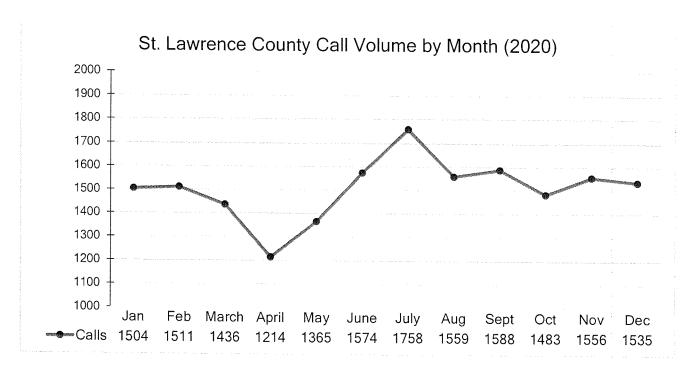


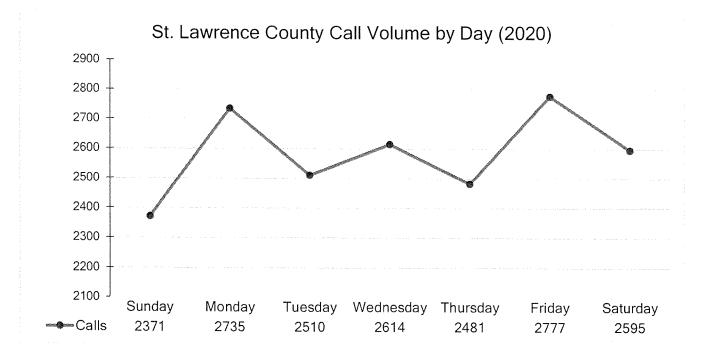
^{*}Paramedic course was taught out of Elizabethtown, with a satellite learning location at Potsdam Rescue Squad

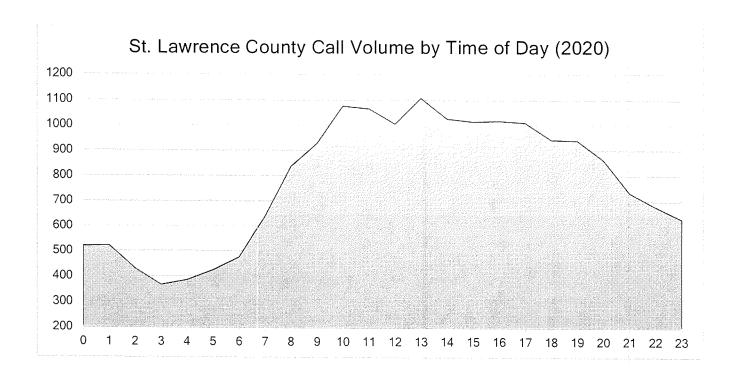
**AEMT-CC to Paramedic Bridge taught virtually via online learning

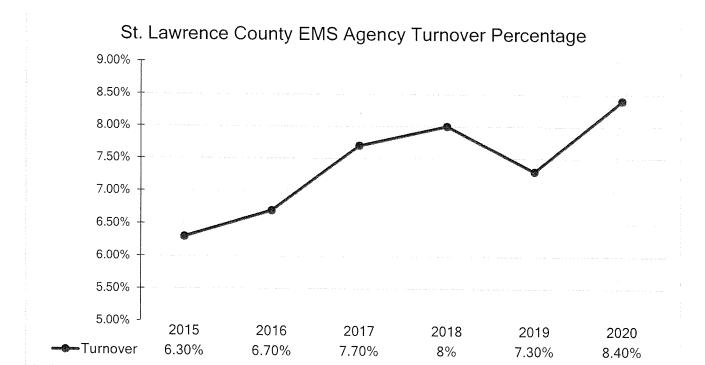
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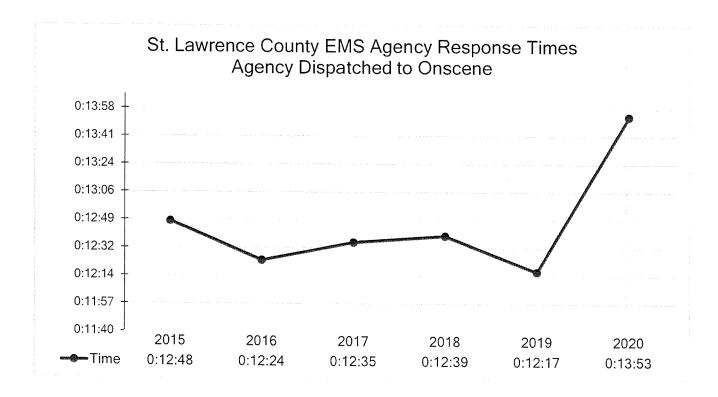




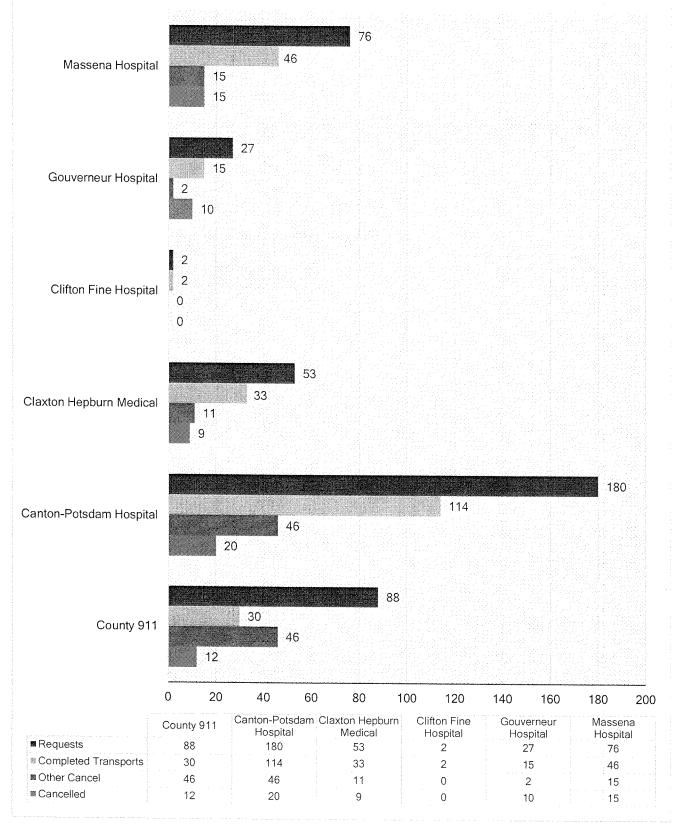




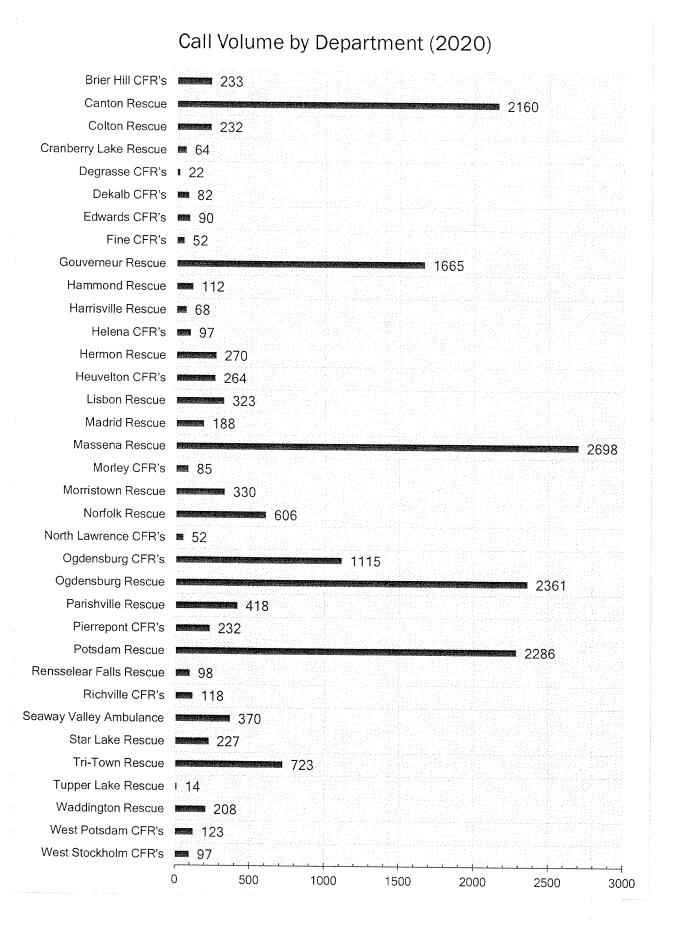




LifeNet Transports By Requesting Entity (2020)



^{*}Report provided by LifeNet of New York



Call Volume by Nature (2020) Abdominal Pain 645 Accident (MVA) Alarm-Lifeline Allergies 124 Animal Bite 1 26 Back Pain 325 Breathing Difficulty 1694 Burns | 8 Carbon Monoxide 1 23 Cardiac Problem 1363 Childbirth **™** 65 Choking ■ 52 Convulsions 572 Diabetic Problem 337 Drowning | 12 Electrocution Emergency (Unknown) 307 Eye Problems 8 2130 Fire m Headache 74 Heat/Cold Emerg. 1 22 Hemorrhage 432 Interfacility Transport Intoxicated Person 66 Overdose 273 Psychiatric 192 Sick Person 3374 Stroke 376 Trauma 1 461 Unattended Unconscious 879 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500

Medical Standards

- Approve revision to the mediation formulary alternative medication list.
 Add the Tylenol dose formulation to the alternative medication list
 Regions may make urgent or emergency changes to medication formulary dosing as long as there is no impact to patient care, and so long as the bureau is made aware so other regions can be aware of the issue.
- Approve the request from Susquehanna to use 4 doses of Acetaminophen 160 mg/5ml (total 640 mg)
- Approve Revisions to the collaborative Trauma Hemorrhagic Shock-Adult protocol as presented- Needs approval from Commissioner- BEMS will provide the education after approval
 - O The changes include addition of Tranexamic Acid infusion and blood transfusion of 1-unit type O-negative per protocol. Both options would be available if approved by medical director and available by trained provides. Also, will allow the use of Tranexamic Acid in specific non-trauma hemorrhage related to post-partum hemorrhage. Blood is expected to have some waddsworth regs.
 - Approve Changes to the collaborative nausea protocol to include patient selfadministration of isopropyl alcohol inhalation in the treatment of nausea
 - Approve the changes to the collaborative excited delirium protocol adding the use of waveform capnography to all patients receiving sedation when safe and feasible
 - o Approve the new collaborative epistaxis protocol as presented
 - Approve changes to the collaborative airway management and oxygen administration to maintain O2 sat at or above 92% and require viral filter for all patients with supraglottic airway or ETT
 - Approved NYC Vaccination protocol as presented with changes to allow flexibility in needle size and length

I-gel supraglottic airway pilot as presented was discussed, referred to training and ed (see below).

Specialty care protocols were presented to the committee for informational purposes, stated they do not need SEMAC approval

Training and Education

Staff Report – Jean Taylor

Testing is getting better, smoother process, changes-

- students who tested after policy 8/24 now 3 attempts all together
- Score reports are being provided to bureau and they are posting daily (business days)

Issues with students email addresses. If the students email is incorrect, or not legible will not receive testing approval.

Sponsor Renewals that were due June are extended to May

CME program online portal is not online in full yet

Instructor certifications/recertifications being worked on

For sponsor, save the spreadsheet as a new document, label as course #, and name end of course – This will enable changes to email be made

CIC Bridge Update- Seeing decrease in number of enrollees- They are looking to see if all CC's who want to take have had the opportunity.

Up and coming in 2021 all original (not refresher) paramedics will take national registry exam in 2021, BLS can take either. Paramedic PSEs need to be set up so retesting can be done same day if possible, as they require a NREMT rep. Quickly moving to out of hospital scenarios for testing.

Review of Supraglottic airway Demo for BLS – Motion approved

- Needs to be in cardiac arrest situation only
- Should be required to be documenting electronically
- Need to use waveform capnography
- Important to have another provider (intercept) or physician at hospital verify placement
- Not within the new scope of practice model nationally, do we want to be a follower and conform, or be a leader and move forward despite the goal of NYS to align with national standards
- Hudson Valley Regional office would work as central hub for this process. It is open to entire state.
- Will host zoom meeting for QA case
- Each case must have an ALS request- if no ALS available then physician to verify placement.
- Will need to go to commissioner's office for approval and have a set time.

Letter from North Country on stay of change in AEMT removal of intubation- recommend to SEMAC/SEMSCO that it be stayed until bureau can address changes and edits can be made. Recommendation is that we delay until updates are made to protocols and education. **Approved**

Delay implementation of move to National AEMT educational standards until such time as the Bureau can make the necessary changes to protocols, exams, and curricula. Approved

EMSC

Next meeting March 9th

National level survey went out last Wednesday- everyone should have the survey

Bureau Staff Report

More and more forms and processes are being moved online

CON paperwork should be submitted in a timely manner, agencies will receive their CON electronically and they should print and post

Data and informatics department has grown- 3 new staff

- Finalizing new documentation standard
 - ET3 fields and validation rules
 - Program agencies have helped immensely with these projects
 - Paper PCR portal will go live around 2/2/1 and will change the way paper PCR's are submitted.
 - There will be free ePCR platform, please understand that this will limit the use of hospital hub and other programs that are beneficial and will not work offline.
 - o Is free, but add-ons do cost money.
 - emsdata@health.ny.gov for more information

EMS please let bureau know when hospital transfer wait times become routinely excessive so they can help with surge planning

Kathy Burns, Trauma Program Manager will be retiring in February. Dan Clayton will be moving over to chief of trauma

Vital signs educational platform continues

Weekly operational calls being done again

Bi-weekly course sponsor calls will be starting again

New Certification cards will be coming out in 2021, Claim they can survive washing machine. Currently agencies should be verifying (and using if needed) off HCS.

They are also working on possible electronic version.

Vaccinator training online- if provider wants to assist in giving vaccinations

Program agency contracts and REMSCO contracts are in different stages of approval- Lynn and team continue to work on them. No answer on timeline

Increase in COVID exposure among crews. The new DOH guidance from 12/26 states that anyone who is exposed to either known or suspected will be quarantined for 10 days, if no symptoms can return to work (note change). This does not include providers who had proper PPE. State is requesting that if crews become quarantined, they should contact BEMS if going to impact operations. Expressed concerns about crews not in PPE when not on calls. Still receiving complaints about improper PPE.

Old Business

Discussed Viral Triage protocol and it has been recommended that medical control should be contacted before leaving patients at home. This was tabled and would like to look at this data.

Finance Committee

Cost of training – New survey spread sheet for course sponsors (to complete) to determine the cost of education.

Safety

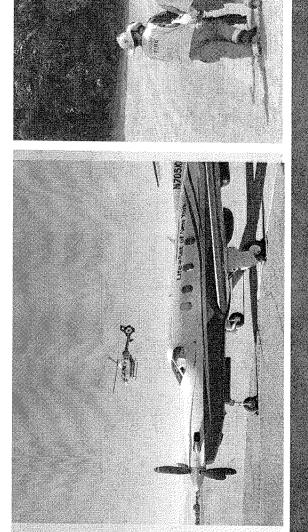
- Equipment list changes discussed
- New "800" list will move to the division of legal affairs, out to public comment, back to SEMSCO for ratification and then will be made a standard in a policy statement that can be updated in a timelier manner versus being in part 800
- Part of the change to move "part 800" under the commissioner instead of legislative.

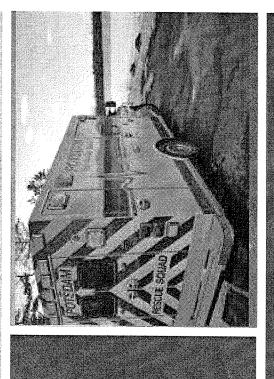
Legislative

• Direct pay bill- Worried that sponsor of bill will not be back in new legislative session

Changes in the way medicine is done may change the landscape all together as many agencies may not be transporting as much do to medical needs being met in house or by telemedicine

Enact to amend WCL due to COVID- has not been reintroduced





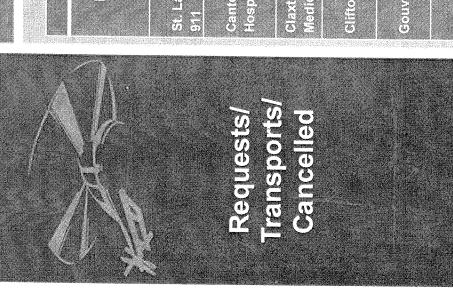
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DEFENDERS OF TOMORROW





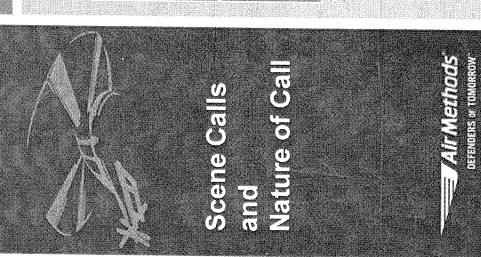


Requests/Transports/Cancelled

| | | | | (TD Totals For 2020 | 935 T | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Requesting Agency | 2019 Requests | 2020 Request | 2019 Completed Transports | *2020 Completed Transports | 2019 Weather Cancelled | *2020 Weather Cancel | 2019 Cancelled Other | *2020 Cancel/ Other |
| St. Lawrence County 911 | 26 | 88 | 10 | ® | 6 | 2 | 58 | 46 |
| Canton Potsdam Hospital | 188 | 180 | 115 | , | 34 | 20 | 38 | 46 |
| Claxton Hepburn Medical | 20 | 23 | 41 | | <u></u> | 6 | 13 | 7 |
| Clifton Fine Hospital | r | 7 | R | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gouverneur Hospital | 24 | 27 | 18 | 15 | 9 | 10 | | 2 |
| Massena Hospital | 12 | 92 | 25 | 94 | Ō | 15 | 13 | 15 |
| TOTALS | 409 | 426 | 251 | 240 | 9 | 99 | 94 | 120 |







Scene Calls and Nature of Call

| Adult Trauma | 8 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Peds | o |
| Adult Neuro surgical | 2 |
| Adult | 50 |
| Adult | 2 |
| 2020 Scene Requests | |
| Requesting | St. Lawrence County 911 |







Breakdown of 2020 Scene Call Requests

| *Cancelled | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *Aborted Pt Cond | 6 |
| *Declined Weather Other | 2 |
| *2020 Completed Scene Call | 00 |
| 2020 Requests | |
| Requesting | St. Lawrence County/ 911 |







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