



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

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board  
March 23, 2021

Meeting called to order by Ann Smith at 1915hours, roll call taken and duly recorded.

Members Present: Carol Muench, Storm Cilley, Doug Bohl, Chris Towler, James Barr, Chris Velez, Dr. Coates, Kevin Wells,

Ex Officio Members Present: Ann Smith, Jonathan Mitchell.

Members Excused: Mark Deavers, Jay Moore,

Members Absent: Nicholas Wildey, Aaron Johnson, Donald Thompson, Tammy Sykes, Chelsea Snyder Dennis, James Blackburn, Rita Curran (Ex-Officio)

All attending via zoom

January 26, 2021 Minutes were accepted as presented.

Office of Emergency Services Report: Jonathan Mitchell. February Report attached.

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

Report is attached.

NYS DOH Bureau of EMS has issued a policy statement regarding community paramedicine vaccination. There have been changes in the medicaid policies regarding billing for this.

There is a proposal to require BLS First Response Agencies to move to electronic PCR's to continue to participate in the CME recertification program.

Air Medical - No Report

COVID-19 - No Report. There was a discussion regarding the progress of vaccinations. Many openings not being filled at area clinics. Clinics are, otherwise, running smoothly. 34% of Adults in SLC have been vaccinated.

No new guidance from the BEMS regarding exposures when ambulance crews have been vaccinated. No change in requirements for N95 masks and eye protection.

Protected period is currently considered 2 weeks to 3 months post 2<sup>nd</sup> shot.

Hospitals - CPH - Closing down the respiratory unit and reopening cardiac rehab unit. Installing more negative pressure rooms in the ED. Jim Barr offered to make a report on the Trauma Unit at each EMSAB meeting.

No reports from MMH, GH, CHMC, or CFH

Training - EMT class at Clarkson moved from virtual to onsite.

A reminder that the NYSDOH Vital Signs Academy continues to be on line and free.  
Instructor update class at Jefferson County on April 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Check the NCEMS website often for updates.

Committee Reports - None

Old Business

The county mutual aid policy is progressing.

Priority dispatch is coming soon.

Discussion regarding agency scratch rates. Problem causes and possible solutions. No action.

Bylaws/Membership

Carol Muench presented a proposed realignment of the seat categories on the board. A copy is attached with changes made after discussion. A motion was made by Storm Cilley and seconded by Kevin Wells to accept the proposal with the changes made tonight. Motion was carried by voice vote.

New Business

It was pointed out that this was supposed to be the annual meeting with the election of officers. No slate of officers was presented. The consensus was to make Chairman Mark Deavers aware of this.

There was a discussion on what we can do to help the EMS System. Discussion included the time requirements, calls not being answered in a timely manner, scratch rates, ems classes, and virtual learning. No consensus was reached. No action was taken.

The next meeting is May 25, 2021

Motion to adjourn by Carol Muench, Second by Doug Bohl. Carried by voice vote.  
Meeting adjourned at 2044.

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**FIRE**  
**E.M.S.**

**EMERGENCY**  
**MANAGEMENT**

TO: Ruth Doyle, County Administrator  
FROM: Jonathan Mitchell, Deputy Director  
DATE: March 1, 2021

The following is a report of CAD calls for FEBRUARY 2021:

	FEB 21	YEAR 2021
FIRE DEPTS DISPATCHED	277	572
EMS DISPATCHED	1,533	3,180
LOCAL PD CALLS TO 911	256	487
NYSP DISPATCHED BY SLC ES	181	365
INFORMATIONALS CALLS*	875	1,775
SHERIFF'S CALLS FOR SERVICE	<u>943</u>	<u>2,099</u>
TOTAL CALLS DISPATCHED IN SLC	4,065	8,478

\*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	1,135	2,250
CANTON PD DISPATCHED	350	748
MASSENA PD DISPATCHED	489	899
POTSDAM PD DISPATCHED	598	1,057
OGDENSBURG PD DISPATCHED	<u>618</u>	<u>1,307</u>
TOTAL OUTSIDE LAW DISPATCHED CALL	3,190	6,261

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

Emergency Services Dispatchers handled:

911	2,296
EMS	2,778
TEXT_2_911	3
NYSP	79
SHERIFF	<u>2,351</u>
TOTAL	7,507

YTD: 15,855

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TO: Ruth Doyle, County Administrator

FROM: Jonathan Mitchell, Deputy Director

DATE: April 2, 2021

The following is a report of CAD calls for MARCH 2021:

	MAR 21	YEAR 2021
FIRE DEPTS DISPATCHED	469	1041
EMS DISPATCHED	1,696	4,876
LOCAL PD CALLS TO 911	269	756
NYSP DISPATCHED BY SLC ES	236	601
INFORMATIONALS CALLS*	985	2,760
SHERIFF'S CALLS FOR SERVICE	<u>1,264</u>	<u>3,363</u>
TOTAL CALLS DISPATCHED IN SLC	4,919	13,397

\*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	1,299	3,549
CANTON PD DISPATCHED	428	1,176
MASSENA PD DISPATCHED	765	1,664
POTSDAM PD DISPATCHED	654	1,711
OGDENSBURG PD DISPATCHED	<u>912</u>	<u>2,219</u>
TOTAL OUTSIDE LAW DISPATCHED CALL	3,190	10,319

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

Emergency Services Dispatchers handled:

911	2,661
EMS	3,377
TEXT_2_911	4
NYSP	81
SHERIFF	<u>3,343</u>
TOTAL	9,466

YTD: 25,321

**Matt Denner, Director  
Jonathan Mitchell, Deputy Director**

- NYS BEMS education department accepted the application for Clarkson to become a course sponsor, they have requested clinical affiliation agreements with EMS agencies. The REMSCO must review for endorsement and then the state will provide a decision. 13 agencies sent letters of support
- Jefferson County EMS to host instructor Update April 20<sup>th</sup>  
The class will be held Tuesday, April 20, 2021, from 6 PM- 9 PM. The Instructor presentation will be from 6 PM-8:30 with Bureau Staff doing the State Education Update at around 8:30. Participants may attend in person or virtually.
- EMS Board of Directors Podcast  
Facebook live March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6 pm  
<https://fdrhpo.org/2021/ems-board-of-directors-podcast/>
- REMSCO/REMAC April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – REMAC openings
  - Applications due by March 29<sup>th</sup>
  - St. Lawrence County – BLS provider and ALS Provider or NYS CIC
- NYS Council Awards should be submitted to the Region, they are presented at Vital Signs which will be November 11-14, 2021 in Saratoga Springs, NY  
  
<https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/emsawards.htm>
- University of Rochester Medical Center Division of Prehospital Medicine LVAD / VAD EMS Education  
<https://fdrhpo.org/2021/university-of-rochester-medical-center-division-of-prehospital-medicine-lvad-vad-ems-education/>
- EMS Memorial September 30<sup>th</sup> in Albany
- Trauma REACH Virtual Seminar – April 14 & April 15, 2021 (8:30am – 12:00pm)
  - <https://fdrhpo.org/category/ems/page/3/>
- FAST ED Stroke education- Still time to submit to receive \$\$\$\$
  - <https://fdrhpo.org/2021/enhancing-regional-stroke-care/>
- State Auditing Charts and sending messages to agencies, I have included a sample of their current message they are sending out.
- Leadership conference being planned for June in partnership with multiple Area Health Education Centers

- Virtual- sessions will be offered over a few weeknights and a Saturday Morning
- 6/1 – 7:00-8:30PM – Mike McEvoy (Post Pandemic Predictions)
- 6/3 – 7:00 – 8:30PM – Drew Anderson (Understanding and Acknowledging Grief)
- 6/5 – 8:30 – 10:00AM – Doug Sauer (Strategic Planning)  
10:30 – 12:00 – Dan Batiste – Cohesiveness of Agencies
- 6/8 – 7:00 – 8:30PM -
- 6/10 - 7:00 – 8:30PM -

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State audit message-

In preparation for an upcoming documentation standard update, NYS has completed a review of the usage of the field *Response Primary Role of Unit (eResponse.07)*. During the course of this review, we noticed many inconsistencies in how agencies classify their apparatus. We have included below a definitions list defining these values. Usage of the correct value is very important and will allow for the correct documentation standard rules to apply based on agency type (BLS FR, ALS FR, or Transporting).

This standard becomes mandatory for service dates on and after Midnight on June 1, 2021. We are working to bring all agencies on the same page prior to this date to prevent any submission issues and apply the correct documentation standard.

**eResponse.07 – Primary Role of the Unit**

Definition – The primary role of the EMS unit which responded to this specific EMS event

Values:

- Ground Transport
- Non-Transport Administrative (e.g., Supervisor)
- Non-Transport Assistance
- Non-Transport Rescue
- Air Transport-Helicopter
- Air Transport-Fixed Wing

## **NYS Definitions**

### **GROUND TRANSPORT:**

This value shall only be used for apparatus capable of transporting a patient.

### **NON-TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATIVE (E.G., SUPERVISOR):**

This value shall only be used by ALS First Response and Transporting Agencies.

### **NON-TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE:**

This value must only be used by BLS First Response agencies and should be applied to all the agency's apparatus.

### **NON-TRANSPORT RESCUE:**

This value must only be used by ALS First Response and Transporting Agencies for EASVs that responded to an incident and did not transport any patient.

### **AIR TRANSPORT-HELICOPTER:**

This unit's intended role in this incident at the time of response was to provide rotor-wing transportation of a patient, even if no transport resulted.

### **AIR TRANSPORT-FIXED WING:**

This unit's intended role in this incident at the time of response was to provide fixed-wing transportation of a patient even if no transport resulted.

During our review, we found instances where your agency is not currently classifying apparatus by these definitions. Please review these definitions and then review the usage of these values within your agency to ensure usage of the proper values for your apparatus. Please advise when this has been completed and corrected.

Draft

Feb 8, 2021

Currently based on 21 members  
with current members inserted  
and with new breakdown for diversity add

Ems (10)

Garrett Johnson	James Blackburn	Chris Towler
Don Thompson	Mark Powers	Chris Valez
James Barr	Storm Caley	Nicolas Wiley
	Don Balle	

Administrators (5)

CPH - Tammy Sykes  
 MPH -  
 Ogerding -  
 Geo - Jay Moore  
 Storkate - Chalesea Snyder-Perkins

Nurse - (1)

Carol Munch

Physician - (1)

Ryan Coats

Law - (1)

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Consumers (1 Non Ems)

At large / Diversity (2)

- Kevin Wells

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Ex officio

Sithaw County Board

Rita Roman

County Coordinator

Jonathan Mitchell

Regional Director

Ann Smith