



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board
July 13, 2022

Special Meeting called to order by Chair Mark Deavers at 1900 hours
Roll Call taken and duly recorded.

Members present: Doug Bohl, Storm Cilley, Mark Deavers, Aaron Johnson, Jay Moore, Carol Muench, Dave Sherman, Tammy Sykes, Donald Thompson, Chris Towler.

Members present via Zoom: James Barr, Dr. Coates.

Members absent: Eric Alan, James Blackburn, Chris Velez, Kevin Wells, Nicholas Wildey.

Members excused:

Ex Officio Members present: Jonathan Mitchell, Ann Smith, Jolene Munger.

Special meeting called to discuss the video regarding Columbia County's solution to dropped EMS calls and whether it might be applicable to the problem in St. Lawrence County. The link to the video which all members were encouraged to watch prior to the meeting is below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcskgWU_TQk

Jonathan Mitchell and Mark Deavers are tasked with making a presentation to the St. Lawrence County legislature prior to the end of the summer. Although comments and opinions have been sought, there has been very little feedback presented to them.

A discussion ensued during the meeting mostly centering around dropped calls, using Known Status, System Status Management, and altering the dispatch policies.

Jonathan Mitchell stated that dispatch does not have the capabilities to track known status with the current CAD system.

Storm Cilley stated his opinion that the monthly report of dropped calls should also include First Responder Agencies. The consensus of the EMSAB at this time is to focus only on the ambulance services at this time.

Mark Deavers stated that he felt that the focus should be on dispatch at this time. A change in dispatch policies to shorten mutual aid dispatch times may be a good place to start.

Jonathan Mitchell stated that a change to dispatch mutual aid earlier may actually increase the turnover rates initially.

Jay Moore pointed out that the problem is not the number of ambulances. The problem is the lack of manpower to staff them.

No votes were taken, but the general consensus was that, at this time, we should focus on changing the dispatch policies to shorten the dispatch time for mutual aid, make it the same for all agencies, and enforce those policies.

Further, the county should work toward a Known Status system, recognizing that there may be resistance from some agencies, and that smaller, low volume agencies may have difficulty keeping the status updated.

Work should continue on updating the mutual aid plan and contracts between individual agencies.

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours.

Next meeting is September 27, 2022.



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