



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board
March 27, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 1904 by Vice Chair Mark Deavers, roll call taken and duly recorded.

Members present: Julianne Sciorra, Mark Deavers, Joyce Dalton, Tammy Sykes, Ann Smith, R. Storm Cilley, Don Thompson, James Barr, Kevin Wells, Dick McDougall, Phyllis McDougall

Members excused: Mallory Buckley, Carol Muench, Dr. Coates, Jay Moore

Members absent: Ron Hance, David Sherman, Tammy Mitchell

Guests: Michael LeCuyer, Aaron Johnson

Correspondence: Bio data sheets received from James Blackburn, Mark Dalton, and Aaron Johnson expressing interest in joining the EMS Advisory Board

Minutes from November 2017 and January 2018

Motion to approve the minutes for November 2017 and January 2018 with the following clarification in the January Minutes. The bylaw discussed in January minutes was not an approval of the bylaw. The approval will happen at this meeting as per our by-laws.

Motion to approve November 2017 and January 2018 minutes with clarification by Jim Barr, seconded by Joyce Dalton, all in favor, motion passed.

Office of Emergency Services – See attached report

- Mike LeCuyer and Ann Smith discussed meeting held with Degrasse, Clare, South Russell Fire Department and a couple of County Legislatures
 - They want to start up their Ambulance again, but only have 1 EMT
 - Discussed best option would be to start a BLSFR and/or to work with neighboring departments
 - Provided them with process and costs to obtain Certificate of Need (CON)Ann has received an email that they are going to move forward with completing BLSFR paperwork.
- Discussion on Mental Health Transports following an incident where dispatch was contacted to have an ambulance respond for a mental health transport due to the local PD not having the manpower
 - No medical problem, EMS should not be dispatched
 - Alternative would be to contact Sheriff or State Police for assistance
 - No 941 or pick up order in the EMS world so it puts EMS in a sticky situation.

NCEMS Program Agency and REMSCO/REMAC report together

- No news on who the new State EMS Director will be
- Provided flyer and encouraged participation at the NYS EMS Memorial on May 23rd
RB Lawrence providers will be placed on the wall
- REMAC/REMSCO Meeting February 5th, 2018, next REMAC/REMSCO Meeting is on April 2nd, 2018
- Discussion on the importance of submitting final PCR's to the hospital as it benefits the continuity of patient care. Memo will be coming out soon from region.
- BLS providers will need to get logged into the Regional CME website as the REMAC moves forward with requiring CME's for them.
- Advisory will be coming out on Fentanyl and Ketamine to help guide dosing.
- Next State EMS meetings will be in May
- ALS inspection completed at Ogdensburg Rescue and a partial one at Seaway Valley.
- The region supported Massena Fire Department BLSFR, last correspondence was that they were 98% complete with their paperwork
- 100% completion in the region of the EMS Children survey that was sent out previously
- Coverdell Stroke program has come back to life, this offers cost effective means for agencies to move to electronic documentation.

Air Medical – No report

• Upcoming Trainings

- Spring Fling early bird rate ends on April 1st, we have 144 providers registered now. Sunday will be a leadership session; please send any aspiring leaders you have.
- Flyer for Behavior Emergencies, responding to a suicide scene in Lewis County on 3/28/18 @ 7 pm
- April 19th FDRHPO will host Dr. Todd Benham, Managing behavioral health conditions in EMS Environments. We hope to video tape this for all to see

Executive Committee-

- By-law presented at last meeting was voted on
 - 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 Don Thompson to approve the change of the month when the nominations of candidates for the office of the board are submitted as written above, seconded by Jim Barr, all in favor, motion passed.

Communications Committee-

- No Report

Legislative Committee-

- No report

Personnel-

- Received letter of acceptance for Dr. Coates from legislature
- Received letter of dismissal for four members who had not met attendance requirements from Legislature
- Openings on the Board are 1 Consumer position, 2 at large, and 2 rescues
 - 3 biodata sheets were received for James Blackburn, Mark Dalton, and Aaron Johnson.

Ad-Hoc EMS Task Force Committee – working on setting up meeting

Old Business

- Leadership meeting in February was held and well attended. Presentation from HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Group) Discussed that they are looking at having first responders use an app to input opioid overdoses for real time reporting on overdoses. This will be presented to the Region on Monday and if they endorse it the HIDTA folks may contact the agency. Will be inviting the course sponsor to the meetings

New Business:

- Election of Officers
 - Slate had been previously emailed to membership, today Carol Muench asked to be removed from the running for vice Chair
 - Chair - Mark Deavers
 - Vice Chair- Storm Cilley, Kevin Wells, Carol Muench
 - Secretary- none
 - Chair- Nomination from the floor requested 3 times, no nominations from the floor
Motion by Joyce Dalton for the secretary to cast 1 ballot for Mark Deavers for chair, seconded by Tammy Sykes, all in favor, motion passed
 - Vice Chair nominations from the floor requested 3 times, no new nominations, vote completed via ballot
 - Kevin Wells - 6 votes**
 - Storm Cilley - 3 votes**
 - Secretary- Nomination from the floor requested 3 times, Phyllis McDougall nominated Ann Smith, seconded by Jim Barr, all in favor, motion passed.
Motion for the Chair to cast 1 vote for Ann Smith for secretary was made by Dick McDougall, seconded by Jim Barr, all in favor, motion passed.

**Congratulations to the new officers- Chair – Mark Deavers
Vice Chair- Kevin Wells
Secretary- Ann Smith**

- Requests for membership
 - Aaron Johnson

Motion to approve Aaron Johnson for membership made by Ann Smith, seconded by Joyce Dalton, all in favor, motion passed.

- Mark Dalton

Motion to approve Mark Dalton for membership by Jim Barr, seconded by Donald Thompson, all in favor with one abstention, motion passed

- James Blackburn

Motion to approve James Blackburn for membership by Jim Barr, seconded by Joyce Dalton, all in favor, motion passed.

- Discussion on the status of Russell Rescue and the bridge that is being removed. The Town of Russel and the Department have been asked to provide information on their plans to cover their CON area with the bridge that is down to 1 lane now and will be closing soon. Since they have not done this, Gouverneur and Canton will work with the dispatch center to determine closest available since they both hold CON's for the area
- Discussion that Emergency Managers had received notification that the state-wide EMS mobilization plan may need to be activated to assist Buffalo with the impending AMR strike.
- There was discussion about working jointly with the Fire Advisory board on general disaster drills, maybe an ad-hoc committee to work on this. Mike LeCuyer will reach out to the Fire Advisory Board and see if there is interest. County disaster plan is posted on the County website
- Don wanted to remind people that SUNY Canton will be doing BLS refreshers in the Spring only and the BLS original in the Fall.
- Joyce Dalton reported that St. Lawrence Spring Fest will be April 21st, this usually results in additional business for EMS and hospitals. Clarkson's Spring Fest will be March 31st, 2018

**Motion to adjourn made by Don Thompson, seconded by Julie Sciorra, all in favor, motion carried
Adjourned at 8:38 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Smith

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**FIRE
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**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**

TO: Ruth Doyle, County Administrator
 FROM: James Chestnut, Supervisor of Dispatch Operations
 DATE: March 1, 2018

The following is a report of CAD calls for February 2018:

	FEB 18	YEAR 2018
FIRE DEPTS DISPATCHED	282	703
EMS DISPATCHED	1,457	3,147
LOCAL PD CALL FOR SERVICE	298	544
NYSP DISPATCHED BY B-COMM**	1,100	2,099
NYSP DISPATCHED BY SLC ES***	262	592
INFORMATIONALS CALLS*	857	1,712
SHERIFF'S CALLS FOR SERVICE	<u>746</u>	<u>1,673</u>
 TOTAL CALLS DISPATCHED IN SLC	 5,002	 10,470

*Informational calls include pocket dials, hang up calls, and test calls
 **Dispatched by NYSP at B-Comm from Lewis
 ***St Lawrence County ES dispatched (911 calls)

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

Emergency Services Dispatchers handled:

911	2245
EMS	2938
TEXT_2_911	3
NYSP	128
SHERIFF	<u>2638</u>
TOTAL	7,949

TOTAL PHONE CALLS HANDLED FOR FEBRUARY: 7,949,
 YTD: 16,993

Michael LeCuyer, Director
James Chestnut, Supervisor of Dispatch Operations

EMS Memorial Dedication

Empire State Plaza

May 23, 2018 · 11:00 am

Please join us for
remembrance of our fallen
Emergency Medical
Services Providers

Mario Bastidas
FDNY EMS
April 1, 2017

Rose Scott
FDNY EMS
February 15, 2017

Yadira Arroyo
FDNY EMS
March 16, 2017

Mark Harris
FDNY EMS
May 13, 2017

Edith Torres
FDNY EMS
February 8, 2017

Cory E. Moore
R.B. Lawrence Ambulance
July 5, 2017

Gregg P. Williams
R.B. Lawrence Ambulance
July 5, 2017

Roderick C. Cota
R.B. Lawrence Ambulance
July 5, 2017

For further information, including group attendance or emergency vehicle registration, please contact Valerie Ozga at 518-402-1123.

A FIRST RESPONSE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Behavioral Emergencies: Responding to a Suicide Scene

March 28, 7 pm, Lowville Academy Auditorium

Welcome: Bob Bowman –
EMT Beaver Falls Ambulance

Opening Comments: Robert Gorman –
Executive Director – United Way of NNY

Introduction: Justin Astafan – Chief of
Operations – Lewis County Search & Rescue or

Statistical Analysis: Anna Platz, Public Health
Specialist/Co-Chair of Lewis County Suicide
Prevention Coalition

Review of Northern New York Statistics:
Analysis: Frequency; Demographics; Common
Contributing Factors

Guest Speaker: Roger Breisch, noted speaker
from Batavia, IL will speak from his more than
3,000 hours of experience with the National
Suicide Hotline.

Emergency Response Considerations – Justin
Astafan – Lewis County Search & Rescue

- Care for the potential suicide victim

The Initial Assessment; Scene Size Up; Identify
yourself

- Patient Assessment

Level of Responsiveness (to person, place &
time); Detailed Exam (as much as possible);
Gather a thorough Patient History

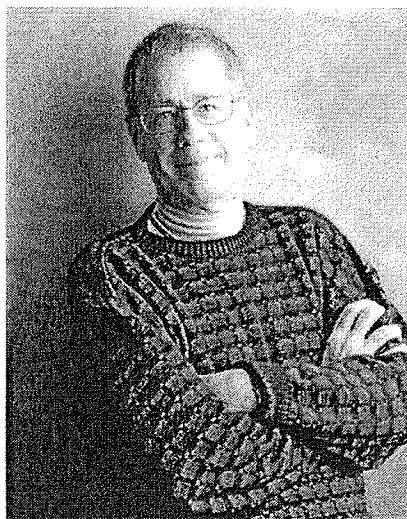
- Care for Surviving Friends & Family

Local Resources – Post Incident Assistance –
Crystal Collette, Lewis County Hospice
Bereavement Coordinator/Co-Chair of Lewis
County Suicide Prevention Coalition

What's Available to Emergency Responders?

- What's available for the Survivors?
(Family & Friends)

Wrap-Up and Open Comment Period



(Guest Speaker: Roger Breisch)

Total anticipated duration of session: 90 Minutes

*EMS Continuing Education Hours will be awarded for
participating in this event.*