



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board Mtg.
March 28, 2023

Meeting called to order by Doug Bohl at 1807 hours.
Roll Call taken and duly recorded.

Members present: James Barr, Doug Bohl, Storm Cilley, Jay Moore, Donald Thompson, Chris Towler, Nicholas Wildey.

Members absent: Eric Alan, Dr. Coates, Dave Sherman, Tammy Sykes, Chris Velez, Kevin Wells.

Members excused: James Blackburn, Mark Deavers.

Ex Officio Members present: Rita Curran, Jessica Thompson representing Jonathan Cole

Ex Officio Members absent: Jonathan Mitchell, Jolene Munger.

Guests present: Matt Denner.

There was no correspondence.

The minutes of the December Special Meeting were not received in time for members to review and suggest revisions. Approval of those minutes was tabled.

Emergency Services - Matt Denner updated the EMSAB on several topics.

MAST will help out with interfacility transports. He presented a slide presentation of the IFT request process. It is a complicated process. They are trying to simplify this process.

The county Office of Emergency Services will not be involved in interfacility transports.

Both the dispatch center renovations and the communications system update are ongoing and on track.

There are ongoing discussions regarding St. Lawrence County providing either I Am Responding or Active 911 for all county departments. Matt Denner is working on it in discussion with county departments and the Board of Legislature. No decision has been made yet. If approved, it will be paid for by the county, and managed by the individual departments.

Matt gave a presentation on the Rapid SOS system. When a call is made to 911 from a cell phone and icon pops up on the map in dispatch showing the location of the caller. A demonstration was given showing how it works with a text message. I am responding is now integrated with Rapid SOS.

Matt gave a demonstration of how the CAD system works.
The county will be mapping the inside of all county schools and connected to the school's camera systems.
The new mobile command center should be arriving this week.

NCEMS - Jessica Thompson -

Ann Smith has left the agency and is now working for the state in emergency preparations in Onondaga County.

Spring Fling is at the end of April

There is a shortage of Versed, Ketamine, and Albuteral. Requests to use alternative drugs are being explored and considered. Some expiration dates have been extended. Check with the FDA.

Clarkson EMS Program - Courses are ongoing in Potsdam, Gouverneur, and Ogdensburg. A summer program will be offered. Progress is being made on the implementation of the Paramedic Program.

Air Medical - No Report. There will be a new Lifenet base in Rome. 714 is currently flying out of Watertown.

Committees - No Reports.

Old Business -

Sustainability - We were advised that the Board of Legislatures is interested in discussing the issue. There will be no move of EMS to the Health Department. The role of the EMSAB is to be advisors, not to develop a strategic plan.

There was a discussion of the DOH report on the changing faces of EMS.

The NYS pilot program involving a EMT through AEMT original class is underway in the North Country Region.

A discussion was held regarding the monthly scratch rate reports, and whether or not they are making a difference. The consensus is that at least the community leaders are aware of the performance of their ambulance services.

New Business -

New trauma care guidelines are coming out. SUNY Upstate is advocating for all trauma cases, especially pediatric trauma, to be transported to their facility. It may have something to do with keeping Level One Trauma Center certification and finances.

There was a discussion regarding the developing trend of flying stroke, and other medical patients, to specialty resource hospitals. At this time it is recommended that stroke patients be transported to one of the local hospitals. All local hospitals are

capable of treating strokes caused by blood clots. Strokes caused by bleeds will need to be transported out.

The meeting was adjourned at 1941 hours.

The next meeting will be May 23, 2023 at 1800 hours.

Note the location change - The meeting will be held at the Public Health Building 2nd Floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 1901 hours.

The next meeting is January 24, 2023