

Southern Tier Regional EMS Council



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Robert C. Rajskey, Chairperson
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Southern Tier Regional EMS Council
Thursday, January 14, 2010; 7:00 PM
EMSTAR, Elmira, NY

Present: Bob Rajskey, chairperson; Steve Bennett, Patrick Bermingham, Frank Brzozowski, Jim Chrabaszcz, Rick Churches, Shirley Churches, Fred Crist, Linda Donley, Don Duvall, Patti Gressel, Bill Hawk, Dr. Huffner, Henry Jerzak, Bernadette Josbeno-Oakes, Rick Kimball, Jim Kintz, Daryl Tombs (for Al Lewis), Carol Lucas, Dr. Manganaro, Ann Repsher, Mike Smith, Maryann Sweely, Teri Symonds, Mary Ann Teeter. Staff: Judy Blair
Absent/Excused: C. Cuyle, B. Kennedy, D. Molyno, D. Patterson, M. Sprague
Guests: Ross Zastrow, Art Jones, Nocile O'Toole, Kiera Kuhn, M. Gary Guiste

Item	Description	Action
Call to Order	The meeting of the Southern Tier Regional EMS Council was called to order by Bob Rajskey, Chairperson. The roll was called; a quorum was present.	None
Correspondence and announcements	<p>Enforcement Notices were read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court Cousins from Syosset, NY, suspended for a year, civil penalty of \$1000 for violation of Part 800. • Samuel Stetter from Avoca, suspended 9/21/09 and I believe the suspension is actually over. <p><u>Announcements:</u> Welcome to new member Patrick Bermingham, Elmira Fire Department Chief.</p> <p>Ed Wronski has retired; the Deputy Director transferred to another department a year ago, so both positions are vacant. Lee burns is currently Acting Director; that position is appointed, the Deputy position is Civil Service.</p> <p>Judy Blair, of EMSTAR, has retired, but will continue to staff Council and STREMAC, and to keep the websites up to date.</p>	None.
Approval of meeting minutes	The minutes of the May meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Gressel, seconded by Ms. Sweely.	None

REPORTS

Training Committee

Ms Sweely reported that Training Committee had reviewed and discussed the course sponsorship application from EMSTAR. This would expand EMSTAR's sponsorship from specialty courses only to include CFR, EMT, EMT-I and EMT-CC original and refresher courses, and EMT-P refresher courses only. This sponsorship would cover all three counties. Training Committee recommends approval of the sponsorship. Motion to approve (Crist/Oakes). Vote taken by roll call; unanimous approval.

Staff to send letter of approval to DOH

Training committee requested suggestions for topics for the regional conference or for inservices.

SEMAC & SEMSCo

Mr. Duvall Reported:

None.

- As of the December SEMSCo meeting, the state was out of PCRs. There is a contract to print a million more. Agencies are urged to move to the e-PCR.
- Governor's Executive Order #29 has been extended for 20 days, and there is a training packet for paramedics to give vaccines.
- Vital Signs 2010 will be held August 26-29, in Manhattan. EMS Award nominations must be submitted, with Council approval, by June 1.
- EMS Week 2010 will be May 16-23.
- SEMAC and SEMSCo meeting have been cut to three meetings for 2010.
- PHTLS guidelines now recommend the use of tourniquets for hemorrhage control. This will be included in the next protocol and curriculum revisions.
- Two new policies: AED on all in service transporting ambulances, and requirement of both adult and pediatric epinephrine auto-injectors.
- Lee Burns and V.A. representatives working on transport of veterans to specialty centers, and reimbursement issues.
- Narrow band radio will be in use by 2013, make sure your radios comply.
- Issues regarding operating outside one's territory are being reviewed, with more specific definitions to come. Meanwhile, responders are urged to respond to where you are dispatched.

STREMAC

STREMAC has not met; next meeting is January 20.

None.

Public Relations	Ms Gressel reported: Public Relations has not met, but has been active. Suggestions were presented for a memorial wall, with the names of EMS personnel who should be honored. Also included will be things that affect local EMS.	None
Quality Improvement	Ms Josbeno-Oakes reported: QI met in November to review second quarter data. Availability of ALS in rural areas was a concern. QIPP awards for 2008 were distributed. A new form for members to report their volunteer hours has been developed and will be available on the website. All calls for a debriefer now go through the county 911 centers.	
CISM	A chart summarizing the debriefings, defusings and education events for 2009 was distributed. Currently there are about 30 members, and meetings are held at the Painted Post Fire Department.	None
Executive Committee	Mr Rajskey reported that the executive committee acted on two items, on behalf of the Council. Approval of course sponsorship renewal for the Fire Academy in Montour Falls. After review, several items were not founding the packet; renewal was recommended with the contingency that the academy administration be contacted [by DOH] and those missing items be appended to the application. Motion to approve (Duvall/Brzozowski) passed. e-PCR approval was requested by Jasper and Woodhull Ambulances. Motion to approve (Crist/Oakes) passed.	None.
Other Business	Steuben County Rural Health Network is sponsoring a 10,000 Links in the Chain of Survival program. Five new DOH policies available: 09-10, Providing Medical Direction 09-11, Storage of meds used by EMT-B 09-12, Storage of prehospital meds and IV fluids 09-13, Blood glucometry and nebulized albuterol for EMS 10-01, Defib and Epi requirements 10-02, distance learning 10-03, EMS Agency & vehicle surveillance & inspection Trauma Quality Improvement Program at AOMC: selected trauma cases in the region are reviewed, from the 911 call to discharge. EMS personnel involved in the cases are welcome to attend. Dr Huffner recommended that any	None.

service that wants to have a follow-up on a particular case that is interesting, or challenging, should submit a request to the EMS person at the hospitals; he will advocate and do what he can as Regional Medical Director to make sure the hospitals give the agencies the data, as much as they can considering HIPAA guidelines.

Mr Smith reported that a grant has been received to conduct a three-county exercise, in the spring. The premise will be a flood, in real time.

Mr Duvall reported that Systems Committee has set up a message list on Google for retrieving missing EMS equipment – backboards, straps, collars, that may travel with the patient to out-of-region hospitals. EMS agencies traveling out of the regional will look for missing items and retrieve them. Interested agencies can contact Council staff to sign up.

Adjournment; Next meeting Next meeting is scheduled for November 12. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM on a motion by Dr Huffner, seconded by Mr. Kimball.