

SEMAC

The NY State BLS Protocol document revision was not brought up for a vote. The BLS Protocol TAG has completed its Final Draft and it will be released for general review and comment by the NY State Bureau of EMS. They will be sending the NY State BLS Protocol Draft out through "Survey Monkey" looking for feedback and added input from the EMS Community. It is anticipated that comments will be collected, final considerations made, and the protocols will be on the January SEMSCO/SEMAC agenda for further discussion and vote.

NY City's proposed NYPD ESU Tactical Paramedics Protocol was approved with modification (Endotracheal requires continuous ETCO2 monitoring, Ketamine primary agent for intubation and the removal of Hetastarch from protocol). This protocol is designed to establish protocols defining the scope of the New York City Police Department Emergency Service Unit's Advanced Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic (AEMT-P), identified as "ESU Tactical Paramedics," operating in the pre-hospital 911 system during a law enforcement tactical event as a single medic.

NY City's ALS Protocol Change proposed Dosage Change and clarification of dosage administration was also approved. The change is limited to the removing of maximum dose for epinephrine.

SEMAC approved the Transmucosal route of administration of Fentanyl on case by case basis with local REMAC approval.

All three protocols, with seconded motions, were approved by the SEMCO at the September 26, 2019 meeting.

A resolution was passed, as written, the Ambulance Transfusion Service (ATS) Regulation impede clinically appropriate emergency medical care. We implore the Commissioner that there should be a moratorium on any personnel, hospital or EMS agency enforcement pending the establishment of a committee made up of the Department, Blood and Tissue Committee members, SEMAC members and hospital representatives, to review the implementation of the ATS regulations. During this time existing ATS should continue to function and other patients may be transported with appropriate personnel. A letter will be sent to the State Health Commissioner from the SEMAC and SEMSCO.

The Bureau of EMS Staff Report by Director Ryan Greenberg.

NYS Bureau of EMS announced the long-awaited on-line bridge from Critical Care to Paramedic would start accepting applications in January of 2019. The program sponsor, Northwell Health, announced the program tuition is expected to be \$1,500; the one-year program will be broken down into 6 modules that are intended to cover "gap material only" between the critical care and paramedic programs. All participants will use national standard fisdap module exams and at the completion, will complete the NYS Paramedic Practical Skills and Written Examinations. Skills (5 additional skills) and Practical Examinations will be available at participating and approved NYS Course Sponsors. Look for more information to be posted on the NYS BEMSTS website.

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By: William Michael Masterton

The Bureau announced that the CME update is nearly complete and they should have information going out to instructors sometime later this year and a rollout hopefully in early 2019.

The 2014/2015 NYS Trauma Report is in its final review and should be coming out sometime in October 2018. Data is collected from the NYS Trauma Centers reporting statewide into the Trauma registry. Also the NYS Opioid Report should be coming out sometime later this year. It shows the Opioid Crisis from around the state and some interesting data reported from the Bureau was that in 2016 EMS administered 10,000 doses of narcan and in 2017 the number was 15,000.

Director Greenberg announced that the Bureau had some updates on their use of technology; BEMS will be facilitation WebEx Committee meetings for the SEMAC/SEMSCO/EMSC/STAC. These WebEx meetings will be held 3 times a year in addition to the 3 yearly State Council meetings. This will allow Committees to meet 6 times a year for committee work. They also announced that the Bureau Field Representatives were issued new computers to add in going from paper to paperless. Many of the new forms have been updated to fillable PDF files so many of the reports like ambulance inspections will be done electronically and you will receive an email copy rather than the “Yellow” copy.

Starting a couple of weeks after the January SEMAC and SEMSCO meetings the Bureau will be putting out a newsletter with information from the meetings, any Bureau updates, any educational updates and any changes that they have to share.

The Bureau is currently working several grants; one is to supply education material to help EMS Providers with Substance Abuse and Mental Health patients. It will help with patient care populations as well as helping providers themselves with Substance Abuse and Mental Health. Another grant they are working on is a Leadership Grant which will allow the Bureau funding to create and put out materials to agencies and providers to assist them with leadership.

The New York State Bureau of EMS and Trauma Systems (BEMSTS) was pleased to announce in partnership with Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc. to collaborate on the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) grant that NYS has received for the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) Learning Collaborative Demonstration Project. The project aims to better account for infants, children and adolescents in emergency protocols as well as to establish 60 PECCs for EMS agencies and/or regions across New York State.

The recently revised instructor renewal process is underway, with a small contingent of instructors statewide completing the process. Several issues have been identified and additional guidance forthcoming. Updated instructor policies should be posted on the BEMSTS website soon.

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SEMSCO Education & Training

Congratulations go out to Ron Hasson for his appointment as Chair of the SEMSCO's Education & Training.

The EMS Children Advisory Committee has some vacancies and they are looking for an EM Physician, Critical Care RN, and EMS Physicians. No representative from North Country, Westchester, Binghamton, Buffalo, Capital Region, Hudson Valley, and Southwestern. Next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2018. Please share with your colleagues and encourage participation.

SEMSCO Finance Sub-Committee recommended, and SEMSCO approved, 2 Motions that read:

- The SEMSCO recommends the Bureau of EMS budget of \$6 million for State Operations in SFY 2019-2020 and recommends that the cash ceiling be set at \$6 million to allow the full amount to be spent by the Bureau of EMS during the fiscal year.; and
- The SEMSCO recommends the Bureau of EMS budget of \$14.5 million for aid to Localities in SNY 2019-2020. Similar to last year, the SEMSCO recommends that the cash ceiling be set at the budget appropriation amount to allow the full amount of the aid to localities EMS budget to be spent during the fiscal year.

The Legislative Committee recommended, and SEMSCO approved, a motion to support 10372/S-08180 Permits Essex County to establish a special district for emergency medical services and general ambulance services, either individually or jointly with any city, town and/or village located within such county.

The Legislative Committee recommended, and SEMSCO approved, a motion to oppose 7094/S-5856 introduced by M. of A. HOOPER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to emergency medical service in Nassau County. Section 1. Section 3017 of the public health law, as added by chapter 572 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

- S 3017. Emergency Medical Service, NASSAU AND Suffolk [county] COUNTIES.

The EMS Systems Committee recommended, and SEMSCO approved, a motion to uphold the decision of the Wyoming-Erie REMSCO to deny the Orchard Park Fire District EMS to expand its operating territory.

Safety Committee had no motions at this time. The committee reported that it is continuing work on revisions to 800.22 and will also be looking into needed revisions to 800.23 and 800.24. The committee will be working with the Bureau and a process is being developed to send out a survey monkey on "Driver Fatigue and Fitness for Duty." Policy 00-13 still being reviewed.

The next SEMAC/SEMSCO meeting dates are January 15-16, 2019 at the Hilton Garden Inn.