

MEETING SUMMARY
September 4, 2018
Suffolk County EMS Office, Yaphank, New York 11980

NOTE: This summary is a draft summary until approved at the November 13, 2018 meeting.

Members Present: See attendance list, provided as [attachment 1](#).

Meeting opened at 7:02 PM, with webcasting in progress. Chairman Cammann presiding, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for those departed from the military and public safety sector, and especially former REMSCO member Tom Cronogue, long tenured representative of the Suffolk County EMS Instructor's Association; and Marie Dunleavy, founding member of the Suffolk County EMS CISM Team.

CPR Life Saving Award presented to members of the Deer Park FD.

Motion approved to accept the July 10, 2018 Meeting Summary as posted.

It was noted that after the start of the meeting, staff reported that the webcasting process was interrupted, with an error message appearing on the screen.

Executive Committee – P. Cammann

- No Executive action to report.

Budget –

- Mr. Zender reported all in order, payment of all expenses up to date.

Correspondence – Distributed

Incoming – date; from whom; subject

7/5/18; Centereach Fire District; advising that Rudolph Sunderman is no longer affiliated with the district.

7/11/18; R. Delagi; copy of letter to NYSDOH; transmitting his resignation from SEMSCO and SEMAC as the REMSCO's Delegate.

7/13/18; NYSAG (Ware); email requesting materials regarding North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.'s. Recent EOA proceedings.

7/23/18; The Cooley Group; email confirming order of 500 CPR Lapel Pins. .

7/24/18; R. Stoessel; email raising his concerns about Suffolk County EMS Courses.

7/24/18; R. Stoessel; follow-up to previous day's email raising his concerns about Suffolk County EMS Courses.

7/26/18; NYSDOH (Contract Reporting); acknowledging receipt of First Quarter (April-June) Report & Voucher.

7/31/18; All American Awards & Uniforms; Invoice 49229; Regional EMS Awards.

8/3/18; Infrastructure Solutions; Invoice 18082; for services rendered.

8/5/18; Language Line; Invoice 4370987; July Services rendered (no payment due).

8/8/18; SCPD Course Sponsor; Course Announcement for EMT-B refresher 9/17/18-10/18/18.

8/9/18; The Cooley Group; CPR Award Lapel Pins.

8/21/18; NYSDOH (Briggs); Notice of Enforcement Action against Stanford Smith (from the Suffolk County EMS System.

8/21/18; Centereach Fire District; advising that Amanda Kingdon, EMT-P is no longer an authorized ALS Provider with the CFD.

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Correspondence –continued.

Incoming – date; from whom; subject

8/21/18; Centereach Fire District; advising that Donna Hurtle, EMT-P has been authorized as an ALS Provider with the CFD.
8/23/18; NYSDOH; Check 6004; Registration for attendance at Tom Lateulere Conference.
9/1/18; PAD Info; Hampton Hills, Riverhead, NY.
9/1/18; The Cooley group; Invoice 610216; for 500 CPR Lapel Pins.
9/3/18; E. Komosinski, voucher for reimbursement; BJs' September Mtg. expenses.
9/4/18; Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.; Invoice 18117 for services rendered.

Outgoing – date; from whom; subject

7/17/18; The Cooley Group; requesting pricing for CPR Lapel Pins, to duplicate a previous order.
7/20/18; The Cooley Group; email order of 500 CPR Lapel Pins. .
7/24/18; NYSAG (Ware); multiple emails transmitting requested materials regarding North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
7/25/18; NYSDOH (Contract Reporting); First Quarter (April-June) Report & Voucher.
7/30/18; R. Stoessel; Chairman's reply to emails received.
7/31/18; NYSDOH (Ozga); Letter recommending appointment of Mike Masterton to SEMSCO as REMSCO's Delegate and Dina Wayrich as Alternate Delegate.
8/15/18; Chairman Cammann; email notice to all members; September meeting reminder.

End of September, 2018 Correspondence

Resource Needs – E. Boyd – Mr. Boyd reported that there are no issues pending on the committee's agenda.

Education & Training – Dr. Pigott / M. Masterton

- Mr. Masterton reported that the following courses were underway in the region, inclusive of all Course Sponsor offerings: twelve (12) EMT-B Originals; four (4) EMT-B refreshers; two (2) CFR originals; and one (1) EMT-CC Refresher. There has also been a demonstrable uptick in CME-based refreshers at all levels, with three hundred fifty (350) providers recertified this year thus far. This year-to-date total is higher than the last several years. He also stated that CME enrollments are increasing , currently there are three thousand three hundred thirty one (3,331) providers enrolled.
- Mr. Masterton announced that the EMS Division launched the inaugural version of the on-line ALS Credentialing Course, with the initial twenty five (25) providers enrolled. This on-line course replaces the previously required classroom session, for ALS providers seeking regional approval. Once the provider completes the on-line course, they sit for a proctored credentialing exam. This process significantly reduces the time frame in which providers can become credentialed in a more relaxed atmosphere.
- Dr. Pigott reported that the EMS Division is slowly moving forward with Nassau County and NY City to explore the possibility of either developing “downstate collaborative ALS protocols” or joining the current upstate collaborative, consisting of multiple regions across the state. A side-by-side comparison demonstrates that the current ALS protocols used in each region are remarkably close to one another, and from both provider satisfaction and patient safety perspectives, this approach makes sense.

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Education & Training – continued.

- Mr. Masterton stated that he attended a recent ePCR Training Session put on for users of a particular program, citing the importance of learning how to maximize data collection and extraction. He suggested that the PI Committee may want to consider hosting a series of similar product-specific training sessions, to which Mr. Pellicone agreed to work together with the Division to set up.
- Ms. Kraft advised the council of an educational opportunity through the Stony Brook Regional Training Center, Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS), to be held on October 25th, registrations through the Suffolk REMSCO website.

Communications & Technology –

- In Mr. Levine's absence, there was no report.

Nominations Committee – H. Rosenblum

- Ms. Rosenblum reported that there was no business before the Nominations Committee.

State Council Delegate's Report – R. Delagi

- Mr. Delagi stated that there were no meetings since the last REMSCO meeting, and following NY State procedure, he officially resigned from the NY State EMS Council as the REMSCO's delegate, and that the letter nominating Mr. Masterton was sent, currently awaiting the vetting process, Mr. Masterton will be attending the September meetings.
- Mr. Delagi advised the council that the TAG convened to revise the NY State BLS Protocols, of which he was a contributor, has completed its work and the final draft will be presented to the SEMSCO/SEMAC at the September meeting. Considerable work remains once the protocols are approved for the NY State DOH to modify written and PSE exams and create a mechanism for in-servicing the state's BLS provider population.
- Mr. Pellicone asked for an explanation as to why two (2) names were submitted. Mr. Delagi stated that per long standing NY State rules, in accordance with Governor's requirements that policy making body make up represent the diversity of the community it serves, therefore, the NY State Health Commissioner requires that two (2) candidate names be forwarded to the Commissioner for appointment.

Performance Improvement – A. Pellicone / B. Talmage

- Mr. Pellicone stated that the current agenda item consists of working with ePCR vendors to create KPIs and dashboards for data analysis.
- Mr. Masterton stated that he and Dr. Pigott have seen an uptick in Medical Director involvement with agency level QI, which he attributed to the dedication of the physicians and the maturing of the EMS System.

REMAC – Dr. Minnerop

- Dr. Minnerop reported that the Chair of the Nassau REMAC (Dr. David Kugler, also a Suffolk County EMS Physician) attended the last REMAC meeting and discussed Nassau's approach to the collaborative ALS protocols, mentioned earlier by Dr. Pigott, and that the Suffolk REMAC was interested in pursuing opportunities such as this to ensure good medicine and patient safety.

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REMAC – continued.

- Dr. Minnerop stated that the REMAC has been spending considerable time on reviewing the approach to stroke/CVA patients, with the emergence of Comprehensive Stroke Centers enhancing the care offered by Primary Stroke Centers, with new mechanical thrombectomy technology. With many differing opinions on this topic, including the AHA's recent revisions to their 2015 recommendations on stroke care, the REMAC will continue its work.
- Dr. Minnerop informed the council that due to conflicts with the September SEMAC meetings and Jewish Holiday's the September REMAC meeting has been cancelled, with the next meeting scheduled for November 27th.

Legislative – R. Franz

- Mr. Franz reported that the 5 year CME program has been extended to 2023, through Executive Order signed recently.

PIO –

- In Mrs. Komosinski's absence, Mrs. McCormack reported that the Regional Awards Dinner and ceremony will be co-hosted by this year's Agency of the Year – Greenlawn FD – and held on October 25 commencing at 6:30 PM. She urged all REMSCO members to attend this event, a rare opportunity to showcase and share EMS excellence. The Committee was working with Mrs. Komosinski to send invites to award winners, elected officials, and other interested parties.
- Mrs. McCormack continued with discussion on the 1st Annual Tom Lateulere Educational Conference, with much progress made, and on schedule for September 29th at Community Ambulance Company of Sayville. She reported that to date, thirty nine (39) registrations were received thus far, leading to discussion on how best to promote beyond what has already been blast emailed and posted on the REMSCO website and Facebook page. Community Ambulance will use their Eventbrite blast email listing, Mr. Miniutti agreed to send via blast fax to all FDs and VACs in the system.
- Mr. Cammann referred to a blast email sent by the EMS Division regarding a U.S. Postal Service stamp honoring Fire and EMS professions, reminding all in attendance of the honor, and passing along the unveiling ceremony that will be held on Tuesday 9/18 at 10: AM at Brookhaven Town Hall.

EMS DIVISION STAFF REPORT – R. Delagi, Dr. Pigott, Mike Masterton

- Mr. Delagi announced that the Division welcomed three (3) new staff members: James MacDonell, Patty Manfredonia as Deputy Chief's assigned to the Bureau of Education & Training and Joanne Polascek, a Part Time Clerk. He continued by stating that applications were being received for his position, and the position of Deputy Chief/Deputy County EMS Coordinator Karl Klug, with the county hiring process in place.

Old Business

- There was no old business to come before the council.

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New Business

- Mr. Pellicone initiated discussion about the idea of REMSCO members having their own email addresses identifying them, in their official correspondence as REMSCO members. Using something like Name@suffolkremSCO.com will immediately draw attention to the email as a piece of REMSCO business, instead of business that would be interpreted as business stemming from the members usual workplace email address. During discussion, favorable to the idea, many believed this would eliminate the confusion associated with the receipt of an email from an individual in their role representing REMSCO. Mr. Masterton stated that he is currently working with the vendor on a similar issue and will follow-up on this possibility. A suggestion was made by Ms. Kraft, that in the interim, members use the term “REMSCO Business” in the subject line.
- Mr. Dembek asked about the process for changing alternate his alternate, due to the impending retirement of Mr. Bruce Litwack from CHSLI/Good Samaritan Hospital. Mr. Delagi stated that all it takes is an email to him, as staff to the REMSCO, to change the roster and reach out to the new alternate with meeting information.

There being no further business to come before the council, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM

Next meeting of the Suffolk Regional EMS Council will be on
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
7:00 PM
Suffolk County EMS Offices
360 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, NY 11980

ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW

Prepared for the Suffolk Regional EMS Council by Robert Delagi, Program Agency Director

SUFFOLK REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

Date: Sept 4 2018

Location: EMS office Y N York

Constituency	Representative / Alternate	Signature
UCP of Greater Suffolk	Robin Lane	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Patricia Caso	<i>[Signature]</i>
Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council	Linda Wenzel, PhD.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Wendy Darwell	<i>[Signature]</i>
Commercial Transport Sector	Joe Micheels	ABSENT
East End Ambulance Coalition	Phillip Cammann	<i>[Signature]</i>
Fire Island Law Enforcement and Safety Coalition	Ian Levine	ABSENT
North Fork Volunteer Rescue Association	Helen Rosenblum, Esq	<i>[Signature]</i>
NYS Society of Physician Assistants	Mark Zender, PA-C	<i>[Signature]</i>
NYSVARA, District 7	Robert Franz	<i>[Signature]</i>
Hudson River Healthcare	Carlos Ortiz	ABSENT
	Angelo Viera	<i>[Signature]</i>
Southampton Town EMS Advisory Committee	Bruce Hoffman	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Danton Kerz	<i>[Signature]</i>
Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association	Bruce Talmage	ABSENT
	Bobbi DeBono	<i>[Signature]</i>
Suffolk County Department of Health Services Commissioner	Mike Masterton	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Dina Wayrich	<i>[Signature]</i>
Suffolk County Community College	Matt Zukosky	ABSENT
	Jenna Canavan, RN	<i>[Signature]</i>
Suffolk County EMS Coordinator	Bob Delagi	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Karl Klug	<i>[Signature]</i>
Suffolk County EMS Medical Director	Gregson Pigott, MD	<i>[Signature]</i>
Suffolk County Emergency Nurses Association	Connie Kraft, RN	<i>[Signature]</i>
Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council	Edward Boyd, Esq	<i>[Signature]</i>
Suffolk County Fire District Association	John Manzi	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Raymond Reilly	<i>[Signature]</i>
Suffolk County FRES	Gregory Miniutti	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Steve Januszkewicz	<i>[Signature]</i>
Suffolk County FRES Commission	Bryan Prosek	ABSENT
	Frank Boneventre	<i>[Signature]</i>
Suffolk County Legislature	Hon. Robert Calarco	ABSENT
	Bill Shilling	<i>[Signature]</i>
Suffolk County Medical Control	Kevin Pesce	ABSENT
	Steve Slovensky	<i>[Signature]</i>
Suffolk County Police Department	Scott Coyne, MD	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Angela Ferrara	<i>[Signature]</i>

