

MEETING SUMMARY

March 10, 2026

Suffolk County EMS, Yaphank, NY 11980

NOTE: This summary is a draft summary until approved at the May 19, 2026, meeting.

Members Present: See attendance list, provided as *attachment 1*. Subcommittees, see *attachment 2*.

Meeting opened at 1901 hrs with Chairman Boyd presiding. Chairman Boyd lead the group in the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Chairman Boyd asked for a motion to approve the January 13, 2026, REMSCO meetings minutes as distributed. The motion was made by Mr. Franz and seconded by Mr. Zender. The motion passed without opposition.

Executive Officer's Report – E. Boyd

- Chairman Boyd reported that he has some items that he will speak about later, but he thanks the membership for attending the special meeting in February for the TOA.

Vicechair's Report – M. Zender

- No report.

Budget – T. Prendergast

- Opening balance \$6,527.47; Deposits: \$1500.00 (Wired deposit - donation NYU Langone 4/18/26 Conference), 2/20/26 \$5000.00 (CHSLI - Donation 4/18/26 Conference), 2/25/26 \$1500.00 (Wired deposit - donation Stony Brook University Hospital 4/18/26 Conference), 3/9/26 \$1880.47 (Partial NYS expense reimbursement), interest: \$0.08. Expenditures: court reporter from TOA was \$375, and the remainder of the retainer check from CHS for their TOA was refunded, \$4,625. No other credits or disbursements were made. Closing balance \$11,408.02. Outstanding accounts payable: Philadelphia Insurance \$2783.00, Language Line Solutions \$485.25, CFM (CPA Firm) \$1330.00 (There maybe a 2nd invoice for 2025 Tax Return), Infrastructure Solutions \$319.00, T. Prendergast (from the conference deposit) \$1000.00 for a total of \$5,917.25- subject to change. The total cost of the upcoming conference is \$15,041.20 and it will be paid entirely by two weeks before the conference.
- Mr. Miniutti made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, as given. It was seconded by Mr. Franz and passed without opposition.
- Mr. Boyd then asked Secretary Hannigan where REMSCO is regarding reimbursement from the state. Secretary Hannigan reported that the \$1800 from Mr. Prendergast's report was for the first quarter reimbursement. The second quarter's reimbursement was approximately \$4000, and the check is expected soon, as all items were approved by the state. The third quarter is approximately \$8000, but it just got sent back to us for some minor adjustments but is expected to be approved shortly. As soon as the third quarter is approved, the fourth can be submitted and it will be approximately \$9000. Ms. Hannigan hopes that she will have all the reimbursements in hand at the next meeting. The current contract is good for five years, and the work going forward will be easier.

Suffolk County EMS Division Staff Reports – Dr. Winslow/D. Wayrich/S. Januszkiewicz/P. Marra

- Mr. Marra was excused, Mr. Januszkiewicz reported the following:
 - Clarification regarding surgical airways and training has gone out. Please be advised that Paramedics that are not RSI are not required to have the surgical airway training, REMAC has recommended this procedure for agencies with Medical Director authorization and training.
 - Part 800.24 Regulations will take effect 4/22/2026. All information regarding the updates is available on the NYS EMS Website: Section 800.24 - Equipment requirements for certified ambulance service New York Codes, Rules and Regulations. These new regulations will apply in October for all new ambulance purchases.
 - In reference to the DEA ruling: Registering Emergency Medical Services Agencies under the Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017. Most agencies are following the regulations, we have been in contact with the NYS Department of Health, Division of EMS representatives and are awaiting guidance. Please continue to operate in accordance with your current controlled substance plan.

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- The recent legislation (S7501A/ A8086A) reference the County Emergency Medical Services Response Plan is in the amendment process, therefore the 6-month timeline has been pushed back. Once a draft outline has been received, we will begin to start breaking it apart. More to come as it becomes available.
- Mr. Januszkiewicz reported the following on education:
 - Our 2nd AEMT Course is winding down. We will have a commencement ceremony for the 11 students graduating this coming Monday evening at 6:30pm. Any members of REMSCO that would like to attend are invited.
 - We are jumping right back into the next AEMT Course beginning on March 18th. This is a rapid course and incorporates a refresher component of those in need. Registration is still open for this class.
 - Our Fall EMT classes are also winding down and we have several practicals coming up over the next 6-8 weeks.
 - Registration is still open for the upcoming EMT Refreshers including the early Summer rapid course which will take place here.
 - We are just about a month out from the Hybrid CFR Course start date. Interested students should register sooner than later
 - Late Spring/Early Summer Paramedic Refresher is open for registration. Course will be held here beginning May 2nd This course also includes Core CME content for those in need.
 - We are also hosting an alternate Paramedic CME based Refresher Course beginning late April. This course will provide all medic level Core CME content and students will also receive certifications in ACLS, PALS, BCLS, and AMLS. Registration is open. For any questions, please contact the division.
 - We are working on a full length EMT Original Course to be held in northern Brookhaven Town beginning in June. Once the location is confirmed this course will be submitted and registrations will begin.
 - We are finalizing a Summer Rapid Original EMT Course schedule. Location TBD.
 - We have already reached out to our instructors to start thinking about Fall classes. Our goal is to have courses open 120 days out to assist students with planning.
 - We have added a special link at the top of the CME pages for ALS and BLS that will take providers directly to the Microsoft Bookings page to see available offerings and allow for quick and easy registration for sessions.
 - We have seen a recent increase in providers waiting until the very last minute to submit their CME for recertification. The Training staff will always assist as much as possible, however we ask that providers and CME Coordinators remain cognizant of certification expiration dates as well as the state required timelines for submission.
- Ms. Wayrich reported the following on Program Agency:
 - 15 out of 17 program agency contracts have been executed, the Suffolk County PA contract is executed, and we have begun vouchering and have received payment for our first voucher already
 - 11 out of 18 REMSCO contracts have been executed including the Suffolk County contract and vouchering has begun
 - The next meeting of the STAC is scheduled for 5/27, 2027
 - The next meeting of the State Council SEMAC and SEMSCO is scheduled for 5/12 and 5/13, 2026
 - The NYS State EMS Awards for the State are due by July 1 from the regional REMSCOs, our regional deadline is May 1st so committee can choose winners to send on to the state.
 - ePCRs
 - Monthly stats are emailed to you, please share with your constituents.
 - Issue found while researching REMSCO CPR Save award that eArrest.09 (Type of CPR Provided) was turned off at Agency level which caused chart to fail schema and never make it to state therefore never made it back down to Region.
 - Please check for failed charts in your Agency regularly and contact your vendor for assistance with correcting errors and/or if your internal count of alarms differs from the list REMSCO sends you that we receive from the state.
 - The NYS Reconnect scholarship program is available for all Paramedic students at Suffolk and Nassau County Community Colleges (and several from NYC as well) for students ages 25 to 55 who have not earned a degree previously.

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- Paramedic Scholarship program application and selection process
 - Used proposal base from?
 - Make application online?
 - Letters of recommendation sent to (email)?
 - Ms. Wayrich asked the group for ideas for recruitment and retention, mentioned a possible TAG or subcommittee meeting. There was some discussion on recruitment and retention and the scholarship, but more discussion is needed to determine a path forward on both items. Dr. Winslow offered to lead the TAG on the scholarship, interested members should email him.
- Dr. Winslow reported the following:
 - “The meetings of the State Council that were scheduled for last month were canceled due to the blizzard and the next meetings will take place on May 12 and 13 in Saratoga. Therefore, there is no report to provide on State Council currently.
 - Dr Marshall has time off this week, so he asked that I give a brief REMAC report on his behalf. The REMAC is currently updating its Bylaws – some of the main updates include adding language that the REMAC membership shall be approved by the REMSCO, adding language on how the REMAC Secretary is appointed by the Chair from the staff of the Program Agency, adding language on how the Representative to the SEMAC is to be selected by the REMAC and recommended to the REMSCO for nomination to the State.
 - Also from REMAC, there is a new process for EMS agencies to apply for participation in the BLS Igel project in cardiac arrest. Currently, there are over 30 EMS agencies already approved and another 6 in the process of approval. If a new EMS agency wants to apply, they may contact the REMAC Secretary for information – there is an approved implementation policy template and a REMAC approval letter that needs to be submitted to the State in addition to updating the medical director verification form.
 - Also, a reminder that the REMAC no longer requires or authorizes regional credentialing which is now an agency medical director responsibility. Therefore, there are no longer REMAC cards and EMS Agencies and Fire Districts should be mindful of this with their employment of new EMS providers.
 - REMAC has requested that all EMS Agencies and Fire Districts provide to the REMAC an updated listing of the EMS Providers of all levels that they have credentialed at their agency. There is a fillable form posted as the first line under the REMAC heading for agencies to fill out and they can email them to the QAQI@suffolkcounty.ny.gov address please.
 - RSI update – all RSI Paramedics are credentialed at the agency level and any new RSI agencies are required to notify the REMAC that they are a new RSI Agency and are participating in the regional quality improvement process. Any questions related to RSI can be directed to Dr Chris Guszack as the RSI Chair.
 - The next REMAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 24 at 7pm here in Yaphank.”

SEMSCO Representative Report- M. Miller-McEvoy:

- The previous State Council meetings were cancelled for a blizzard, no report to give.

Joint Commission on the Use of Lights and Sirens- Dr. Marshall

- Dr. Marshall was excused, Mr. Boyd reported that work continues.

Education and Training

- No report.

Resource Needs- E. Boyd

- Mr. Boyd reported there are no pending TOAs or CONs.

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- Mr. Boyd asked the group to consider the fee schedule for TOA and CON actions by the REMSCO. He made a motion to increase the fees to a non-refundable flat fee of \$1750 for TOAs. Mr. Slovensky seconded the motion. There was discussion. The motion was amended to collect \$5,000 (TOA) or \$10,000 (CON) and refund all, minus a flat fee of \$1750 to the REMSCO and any expenses incurred. A roll call vote was conducted and can be seen here as *attachment 3*. The motion passed without opposition.

Communications and Technology- G. Miniutti

- Mr. Miniutti continues to investigate all the PSAPs in the county and checking compliance to the REMSCO Response Protocol, in particular the crew and mutual aid portions. He will have data to review in April.
- The committee found that the ability to integrate and supplement radio technology with broadband is not feasible; the county will be unable to comply with requests.

Nominations Committee – S. Slovensky

- Mr. Slovensky had no report to give.

Performance Improvement – B. Talmage

- No report.

REMAC – Dr. Marshall

- Dr. Marshall was excused, no report given.

Legislative Report- R. Franz

- Mr. Franz reported:
 - Previously reported
 - S7501A /A8086A – The bill directs Counties, in coordination with their regional emergency services councils, to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans that provide for coordinated emergency medical systems within such counties. The planning process shall include cities, towns and villages within their jurisdiction. The plan shall be completed within six months. The bill takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor. Passed the Senate and Assembly in early June 2025 (Senator May / Assemblyman Otis). Delivered to the Governor 12/8/25. Signed by the Governor on 12/19/25 - Chap 703.
 - S8806 / A9440 – Amends public health law, general municipal law and the Chapter of the laws of 2025 and directs the department of health (department) to make available a model comprehensive county emergency medical system plan (in consultation with SEMSCO, REMSCO) to provide guidance to counties in developing their plans and to review such county plans within a certain period of time; and directs counties, in coordination with their REMSCOs, to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans that provide for coordinated emergency medical systems within such counties. The model plan is to be made available on the department website. Department has 60 days to review each submitted plan and provide written feedback and recommendations (each plan is also submitted to REMSCO and SEMSCO for review and comment. The bill takes effect six months after it shall become law. (Senator May / Assemblyman Otis).
 - The bill passed the Senate and Assembly but has not been delivered to Governor for signature or veto.
 - A copy of the Senate bill S8806 is attached here as *attachment 4*.
 - Medicaid Ambulance Payments
 - The NYS Executive Budget does not include any increase in Medicaid ambulance rates.

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- The budget does contain a proposal that would greatly reduce Medicaid ambulance revenue by eliminating Medicaid crossover payments which is strongly opposed by statewide EMS stakeholder organizations. It is my understanding that this has been or will be deleted from the budget.

Bylaws– B. Talmage

- Mr. Talmage reported that there was a Bylaw Subcommittee meeting directly after the special meeting in February. Discussions on forming a Public Relations Subcommittee (with the Public Information Officer as the Chair) with tasks including social media content, award ceremonies and similar items. There was also discussion on making the Executive Board smaller, as it currently has 13 members. It was proposed that the board consist of the chair, vice chair, treasurer, and SEMSCO representative, as they are all elected positions. The chair of the Nominations Subcommittee was also added to make the membership an odd number, as that individual is also elected.
- There was discussion on the proposed changes, as well as suggestions from the membership. The bylaws were sent back to the Bylaw Subcommittee for further revision and more discussion in May.

Public Information- J. Manzi

- Mr. Manzi reported the next CPR and Trauma Save Awards will be on May 9, 2026, at Coram FD. Ms. Wayrich reminded the group to remind their constituents to post-call Medical Control in the event of a cardiac arrest patient so EMS can verify the save.
- Chairman Boyd reminded the group that there is a hard deadline for application of the CPR and Trauma Save Awards, and the REMSCO will be sticking to it. This includes if the patient has not been discharged by the deadline. The deadline is April 1, 2026.
- Mr. Boyd reported that REMSCO is short on CPR Save Pins. Ms. Miller-McEvoy made a motion to purchase 1,000 pins for up to \$2,400. Mr. Miniutti seconded the motion, and it passed without opposition.

Old Business

- Mr. Franz made a motion to appoint Tim Glynn as REMSCO's legal counsel, it was seconded by Mr. Hoffman. There was some discussion, but the motion passed without opposition.

New Business

- Mr. Januszkiewicz reported that Mr. Marra received an MOU between the North Amityville FD and Catholic Health to aid in answering 911 calls. A motion to approve the MOU pending signatures was made by Dr. Winslow and seconded by Dr. Zito. It passed without opposition.
- Mr. Januszkiewicz asked the group if they wish to put together initiative or campaign for water emergencies for the summer. There was some discussion, and it was decided that membership should think about what they would like to do, but keep in mind that funds are still tight.
- Dr. Galvin from Huntington Hospital asked for REMSCO to send a letter of support to NYS EMS for Huntington Hospital to elevate from a Level 3 Trauma Center to a Level 2. There was some discussion, and clarification from Dr. Vosswinkel that it is a new state requirement. Dr. Vosswinkel also stated that the most recent RTAC meeting was cancelled due to weather, and he intends to send emails on the subject to RTAC membership. He further states that he does not believe that there is any opposition to the elevation of Huntington Hospital, and he is very confident that Huntington Hospital has the full support of the RTAC. A motion to write the letter was made by Dr. Pigott and seconded by Dr. Winslow. It passed without opposition.
- Dr. Winslow reported that there is an upcoming Recruitment and Retention Symposium in East Medow on April 20, 2026. It will be 8 AM to 5 PM, it is free and open to all EMS providers.
- Mr. Boyd reported that there will be a CME session in Ocean Beach just prior to the July joint meeting. Information is available on the REMSCO website.

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- Mr. Hoffman reported that there is a Stroke Symposium on May 21, 2026. CME is being offered, and details are on the REMSCO website. He also reported that MSU 3 is going in service and will be in Islandia.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Leiderman, seconded by Mr. Minuitti, at 2002 hrs.

**Next meetings of the Suffolk Regional EMS Council will be on
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
7:00 PM
SCEMS, 360 Yaphank Ave, Suite 1B, Yaphank NY 11980.**

ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW


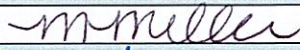
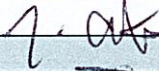



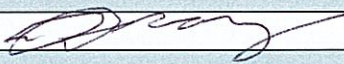

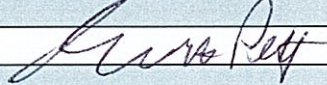

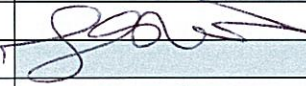
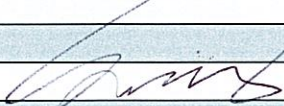

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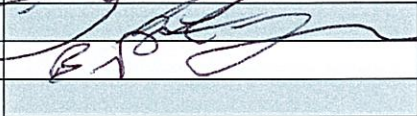
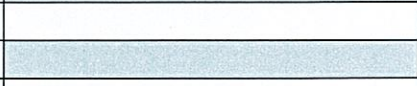
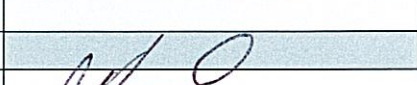

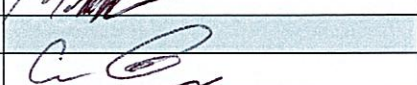
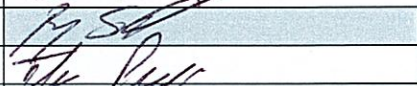

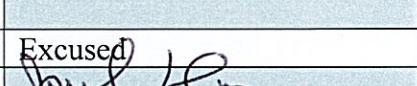
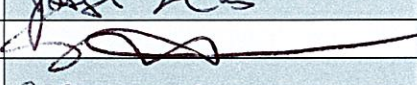
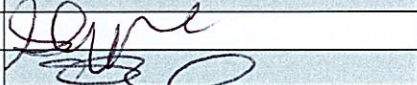
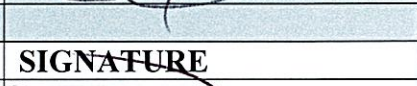



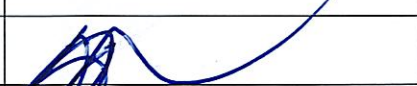
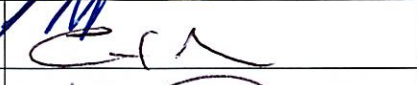


SUFFOLK REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

Date: March 10, 2026

Location: Suffolk County EMS, Yaphank

Constituency	Representative/ Alternate	Signature
UCP of Greater Suffolk	Robin Lane	
	Patricia Caso	
Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council	Michele Miller-McEvoy	
	Frank Milza	Excused
Commercial Transport Sector	Joseph Cutrone	
East End Ambulance Coalition	Katie Hand	
Fire Island Law Enforcement and Safety Coalition	Martin Leiderman	
North Fork Volunteer Rescue Association	Jerry Diffley	
	Peggy Killian	
NYS Society of Physician Assistants	Mark Zender, PA-C	
NYSVARA, District 7	Robert Franz	
	Edward Merchant	
Sun River Health	Angelo Viera	
	Carlos Ortiz	
Southampton Town EMS Advisory Committee	Ian King	
Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association	Bruce Talmage	
	Tracy Ommundsen	
Suffolk County Department of Health Services Commissioner	Dr. Gregson Pigott	
Suffolk County Community College	Matt Zukosky	
	Brianna Gladding	
Suffolk County EMS Coordinator	Paul Marra	
Suffolk County EMS Medical Director	Dr. Jason Winslow	
Suffolk County Emergency Nurses Association	Connie Kraft, RN	
	Donna Rivera, RN	
Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council	Edward Boyd, Esq.	
Suffolk County Fire District Association	John Manzi	
	Raymond Reilly	

Suffolk County FRES	Gregory Miniutti	
	Steve Januszkewicz	
Suffolk County FRES Commission	Bryan Prosek	
	Frank Boneventre	
Suffolk County Legislature	Hon. Tom Donnelly	
	Hon. Dominick Thorne	
Suffolk County Medical Control	Christopher Gallway	
	Stephen Slovensky	
Suffolk County Police Department	Dr. James Vosswinkel	
	Peter DiPrima	
Islip Town Ambulance Chiefs Association	Jason Hoffman	
	Scott Crosby	
Northwell Health / South Shore University Hospital	Cono Cimino	
	Raymond Smith	
Suffolk County Volunteer Fireman's Association	Thomas Prendergast	
Suffolk REMAC	Dr. R. Trevor Marshall	
	Dr. Jack Geffken	
Catholic Health Services of Long Island	Dr. Eric Decena	Excused 
	Dr. Joseph Zito	
Suffolk RTAC	Susan Henderson	
	Dr. Rich Scriven	
University Hospital EMS	Stephen Slovensky	
	Shawn Edouard	
GUEST NAME	AFFILIATION	SIGNATURE
Dina Waynch	Program Agency	
Jim Jackson	Northwell EMS	
Dave Shepherd	Northwell	
JASAB		
DANIEL GARDIN	Northwell	
Colin Rowe	SBC Post Trauma	
Mike Prosek	PJEMS	
RH TR		MSAL

SUFFOLK* REMSCO

OFFICERS:

Edward Boyd, Esq.
Chairperson
Mark Zender
Vice-Chairperson
Tom Prendergast
Treasurer/Secretary

Member Organizations:

UCP of Greater Suffolk
Nassau-Suffolk Hospital
Council
Commercial Transport
Sector
East End Ambulance
Coalition
Fire Island Law
Enforcement and Safety
Coalition
North Fork Volunteer
Rescue Association
NYS Society of
Physician Assistants
NYSVARA, District 7
Sun River Health
Southampton Town
EMS Advisory
Committee
Suffolk County
Ambulance Chiefs
Association
Suffolk County
Department of Health
Services Commissioner
Suffolk County
Community College
Suffolk County EMS
Coordinator
Suffolk County EMS
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Emergency Nurses
Association
Suffolk County Fire
Chiefs Council
Suffolk County Fire
District Association
Suffolk County FRES
Suffolk County FRES
Commission
Suffolk County
Legislature
Suffolk County
Medical Control
Suffolk County Police
Department
Islip Town Ambulance
Chiefs Association
Northwell Health /
South Shore University
Hospital
Suffolk County
Volunteer Fireman's
Association
Suffolk REMAC
Catholic Health
Services of Long Island
Suffolk RTAC
University Hospital

Subcommittee: Bylaws

Date: 2/10/20

Location: SLEMS

Chair/Acting Chair: B. Talmage Quorum reached? Y / N

Present at location:

<u>B. Talmage</u>	_____
<u>T. Prendergast</u>	_____
<u>E. Boyd</u>	_____
<u>J. Hannigan</u>	_____
<u>R. Franz</u>	_____
<u>D. Weyrich</u>	_____
<u>P. A. S. Jurszkiewicz</u>	_____
<u>K. Hand</u>	_____
<u>Dr. Winston</u>	_____
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Continue on back if necessary.

Suffolk Regional Emergency Medical Services Council

Roll Call Vote to: collect \$5,000 (TOA) or \$10,000 (CON) and refund all, minus a flat fee of \$1750 to the REMSCO and any expenses incurred.

Date: 3/10/2026
 Location: Suffolk County EMS, Yaphank

Name	Affiliation	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Dr. R. Trevor Marshall	Suffolk County REMAC				X	
Jason Hoffman	Islip Ambulance Chiefs Association	X				
Edward Boyd, Esq.	Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council	X				
Katie Hand	East End Ambulance Coalition	X				
Dr. Eric Decena	Catholic Health Services of Long Island				X	
Jerry Diffley	North Fork Volunteer Rescue Association				X	
Hon. Tom Donnelly	Suffolk County Legislature				X	
Robert Franz	7th District NYSVA & RA	X				
Susan Henderson	Regional Trauma Advisory Committee	X				
Ian King	S.H. Town Medical Advisory Comm				X	
Connie Kraft, RN	Suffolk County ENA				X	
Robin Lane	UCP of Suffolk County	X				
Martin Leiderman	Fire Island Safety and Law Enforcement	X				
John Manzi	Suffolk County Fire District Officer's Assn.	X				
Paul Marra	Suffolk County EMS Coordinator				X	
Dr. Gregson Pigott	Suffolk County Health Services	X				
Michele Miller-McEvoy	Nassau/Suffolk Hosp. Council	X				
Gregory Miniutti	Suffolk County FRES	X				
Joseph Cutrone	Commercial Transportation Sector	X				
Cono Cimino	Northwell/South Shore University Hospital	X				
Thomas Prendergast	Suffolk County Volunteer Fireman's Assn.	X				
Christopher Gallway	Suffolk County Medical Control				X	
Bryan Prosek	Suffolk County FRES Commission	X				
Steve Slovensky	University Hospital EMS	X				
Bruce Talmage	Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs	X				
Angelo Viera	Hudson River Healthcare				X	
Dr. James Vosswinkel	Suffolk County Police Department	X				
Dr. Jason Winslow	Suffolk County EMS Medical Director	X				
Mark Zender, PA-C	New York State Society of PAs	X				
Matt Zukosky	Suffolk County Community College				X	

2025-S8806 (ACTIVE) - Bill Text download pdf

STATE OF NEW YORK

8806

IN SENATE

January 8, 2026

Introduced by Sen. MAYER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the general municipal law, in relation to directing counties to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to directing counties to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7501-A and A. 8086-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3019 to read as follows:

§ 3019. DEPARTMENT REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM PLANS. 1. THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL, THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCILS, OR ANY OTHER GROUP THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS NECESSARY; MAY MAKE AVAILABLE A MODEL COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM PLAN FORMAT TO HELP PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO COUNTIES TO CONSIDER WHEN DEVELOPING THEIR COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM PLAN REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO-B OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW. SUCH MODEL PLAN SHALL BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AND OUTLINE THE COMPONENTS OF THE PLAN THAT THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS MOST EFFECTIVE TO FACILITATE THEIR TIMELY REVIEW AND MEANINGFUL FEEDBACK ON EACH COUNTY'S PLAN.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF A COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM PLAN SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO-B OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW SUCH PLAN AND PROVIDE WRITTEN FEEDBACK AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS, WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF SUCH PLAN'S SUBMISSION, FOR REVIEW BY THE COUNTY.

§ 2. Subdivision 6 of section 122-b of the general municipal law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to directing counties to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7501-A and A. 8086-A, is amended to read as follows:

6. (a) Each county, in coordination with their regional emergency medical services council, shall convene meetings and a planning process

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets

with cities, towns, and villages within their jurisdiction for the purpose of developing and maintaining a comprehensive county emergency medical system plan that shall describe how coordinated and reliable emergency medical services within the county would be provided for all residents within the county. SUCH PROCESS SHALL BE CONVENED BY THE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM COORDINATOR, DESIGNEE OF THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, OR OTHER DESIGNEE SELECTED BY THE COUNTY. The planning process, AND RESULTING COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM PLAN, shall include assessment of the existing level of emergency medical services in each area of the county, a plan to increase or provide service where additional service is needed, a determination as to what organizational structure will be utilized to provide service in each area of the county, and cost estimates to provide service in areas requiring service levels greater than currently available. The goal of this process is to provide a framework to assist state and local decision makers in achieving the objective of ensuring that reliable emergency medical services and ambulance services are made available to every person in the state.

(b) In developing the comprehensive county emergency medical system plan, each county, city, town, and village shall work together to specify which entity or entities, and which organizational structure will be utilized for providing emergency medical services and how costs for providing such services will be assigned. Such plan may utilize municipal, intermunicipal, not-for-profit or for-profit contract coverage, special district, or regional agreements for providing service in each area of the county. THE PLAN SHALL ALSO IDENTIFY THE CURRENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER OR PROVIDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITHIN EACH PART OF THE COUNTY, OR NOTE ANY GIVEN AREA THAT DOES NOT HAVE AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER RESPONSIBLE FOR REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

(c) [Comprehensive] EACH PLAN SHALL DETAIL ANY SPECIFIC LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTIONS, SUCH AS ANY INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS OR SPECIAL DISTRICT CREATIONS, THAT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PLAN.

(D) EACH COUNTY SHALL COMPLETE THEIR COMPREHENSIVE county emergency medical system [plans shall be completed within six months of the effective date of this section and submitted] PLAN AND SUBMIT IT ELECTRONICALLY to the department of health, THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL, and the state emergency medical services council for review, and comment WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

§ 3. Section 2 of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to directing counties to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7501-A and A. 8086-A, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. This act shall take effect [immediately] SIX MONTHS AFTER IT SHALL HAVE BECOME A LAW.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that sections one and two of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to directing counties to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7501-A and A. 8086-A, takes effect.