

MEETING SUMMARY

July 8, 2025

Suffolk County EMS, Yaphank, NY 11980

NOTE: This summary is a draft summary until approved at the September 16, 2025, meeting.

Members Present: See attendance list, provided as *attachment 1*. Subcommittees did not meet.

Meeting opened at 1932hrs with Chairman Boyd presiding. Chairman Boyd did not lead the group in the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence, as that had taken place at the REMAC meeting, immediately prior to this one.

Chairman Boyd requested a roll call for attendance to establish quorum, which was conducted and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Executive Officer's Report – E. Boyd

- Chairman Boyd thanked Ocean Beach FD for hosting the joint REMSCO and REMAC meetings.
- Chairman Boyd asked Ms. Hand to announce the winners of the 2024 REMSCO awards. They are: EMS Leadership, Winner- Dennis Kelly Community Ambulance Co, Honorable Mention- Robert Scott Hampton Bays Ambulance; Educator of Excellence, Winner- Ryan O'Reilly East Moriches Community Ambulance, Honorable Mention- Chris Manfredi Southold Fire Department Rescue; BLS Provider, Winner- Gianna Minogue Community Ambulance, Honorable Mention- Andrej Ceckowski Flanders Northampton Ambulance; ALS Provider, Winner- John McAuley West Islip Fire Department, Honorable Mention- Rachel Sikora South Country Ambulance, Nurse of Excellence, Winner- Vanessa Vaughn South Country Ambulance, Honorable Mention- Dianne Wamsley Southold Department Rescue; Agency of the Year, Winner- Southold Fire Department Rescue, Honorable Mention- South Country Ambulance; Communications Specialist, Winner- George Burmester Suffolk County Fire Rescue; Youth Provider, Winner- Stephanie Cardona Hampton Bays Ambulance, Honorable Mention- Stephanie Claros Hampton Bays Ambulance. The dinner recognizing the winners will be at Southold on October 22, 2025. All are welcome, and invitations will be sent out.
- Chairman Boyd asked Mr. Manzi to announce the next CPR and Trauma Save awards, which will be on November 1, 2025, at South Country Ambulance. October 1, 2025, is the cutoff date for submissions for that ceremony.

Budget – T. Prendergast

- Deposits: \$0. Credits: Atm fees reversal .13 cents, .13 cents, \$4.43, \$4.50, Total \$9.19. Checks disbursed (Cleared) Check # 1204 \$61.50 (Language Line Services), Check # 1205 \$319.00 (Infrastructure Solutions), Check # 1206 \$770.74 (Michele Miller - Travel Expense), Check # 1207 \$375.00 (Flynn Stenography & Transcription - Court Reporter fee 5/13/25), Check # 1208 \$4,625.00 (Kings Park FD TOA refund balance), Check # 1209 \$319.00 (Infrastructure Solutions), Check # 1210 \$85.50 (Language Line), Check # 1211 \$319.00 (Infrastructure Solutions). Debit Transactions: \$144.00 (Cisco Webex), \$15.00 (Monthly Service Charge May '25), \$15.00 (Monthly Service Charge Jun '25), ATM Fees .13 cents, \$4.50, \$4.43, Total \$9.06. Checks disbursed not cleared: \$0. Total Disbursements: \$7,042.80, Closing Checking balance \$830.47. Note: \$15 monthly service charge due to balance being under \$2000.00.
- Chairman Boyd also mentioned that the REMSCO is working with an accountant to finalize paperwork associated with the REMSCO's tax exempt status. He expects this to be completed soon, and for the contract with NYS to go through shortly thereafter.

SEMSCO Representative Report- M. Miller-McEvoy:

- Ms. Miller-McEvoy had no report, as there was no State Council meeting.

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

- Dr. Marshall reported that the committee had their initial meeting, and they are working on guidance and recommendations concerning patient transport for all county agencies. The committee found that approximately 50% of patient transports occur with lights and sirens, and that is a bit higher than expected. The committee is looking for input from agencies if they would like to get involved. This will be available as a document when completed.

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Education and Training

- No report.

Resource Needs- E. Boyd

- No new applications, nothing to report.

Communications and Technology- G. Miniutti

- No report.

Nominations Committee – J. Atkinson

- No report.

Performance Improvement Bylaws– B. Talmage

- Mr. Talmage reported that progress has been made on the Bylaws, and he hopes to have them sent out soon to be voted on at the September meeting.

REMAC – Dr. Marshall

- Dr. Marshall had nothing to report, as the REMAC meeting had taken place immediately prior. Dr. Marshall made a motion that the REMSCO supports the use of blood for aeromedical operations within the county. The motion was seconded by Mr. Talmage and passed without opposition.

Legislative – R. Franz

- Mr. Franz reported that S1515 / A2177A -The bill which was advocated by South Country Ambulance Chief Greg Miglino has passed the Senate and the Assembly – the bill Removes EMS from the limit on real property tax levies by local governments. The bill takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor.
- S7501 /A8086A –The bill passed the Senate and the Assembly. 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. (This bill is a part of the EMS being considered as an essential service bill).
- S31/A34: The bill passed the Senate and the Assembly. The bill provides that the NYS thruway authority shall issue permits for ambulances and fire vehicles for toll exemptions when engaged in emergency operations. The bill takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor.
- S688 / A5619. The bill passed the Senate & Assembly. The bill amends the real property tax exemption for surviving spouses of volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers killed in the line of duty. The bill allows municipalities to extend the exemption to un-remarried spouses of members with service between two and five years, provided they were receiving the exemption prior to their death. The bill takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor.
- Bills that passed the Senate and Assembly will be delivered to the Governor during the summer or fall for signature or veto.
- Other bills that were on the May meeting legislative report are still in various Assembly or Senate committees or were only passed by one legislative body and not the other.
- The 2025 legislative session ended on June 17, 2025.

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Public Information- J. Manzi

- Mr. Manzi announced that if anyone has any upcoming events that they would like advertised in *Fire News*, please let him know.

Chairman Boyd asked that a motion be made to approve the MOU (memorandum of understanding) between Suffolk County Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services EMS and Suffolk County REMSCO and REMAC. This MOU is much like the previous one, the only changes were the names of the parties involved as Suffolk EMS was moved to FRES recently. This MOU will be retroactive from July 2024 to July 2029. The motion was made by Dr. Schiff, and seconded by Mr. Miniutti. The motion passed without opposition.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Mr. Marra reported that RAVE is being built out as a system of notification. Please register agencies and providers by emailing Mr. Marra or Mr. Januszkiewicz. Watch Ops is also available. A QR code is available at the meeting as well.
- Ms. Wayrich reminded all to nominate applicable candidates for CPR and Trauma Save Awards.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Franz, seconded by Mr. Slovensky, at 1954 hrs.

**Next meetings of the Suffolk Regional EMS Council will be on
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
7:00 PM
SCEMS, 360 Yaphank Ave, Suite 1B, Yaphank NY 11980.**

ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW

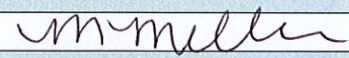
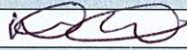


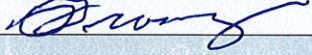
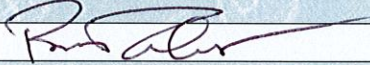


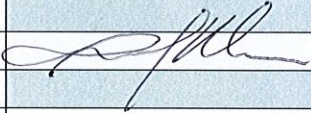
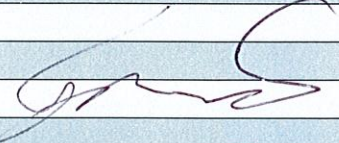
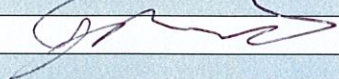

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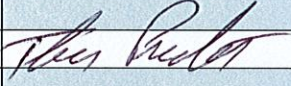
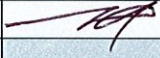
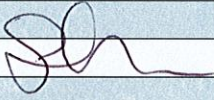

SUFFOLK REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

Date: July 8, 2025

Location: Ocean Beach FD

Constituency	Representative/ Alternate	Signature
UCP of Greater Suffolk	Robin Lane	Excused
	Patricia Caso	
Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council	Michele Miller-McEvoy	
	Frank Milza	
Commercial Transport Sector	Joseph Cutrone	
East End Ambulance Coalition	Katie Hand	
Fire Island Law Enforcement and Safety Coalition	Ian Levine	
	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	
	Martin Leiderman	
Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association	Bruce Talmage	
	Amanda Zinicki-Ceckowski	
Suffolk County Department of Health Services Commissioner	W. Michael Masterton	
	Dina Wayrich	
Suffolk County Community College	Matt Zukosky	
	Jena Canavan, RN	
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	Excused
	Steve Januszkewicz	
Suffolk County FRES Commission	Bryan Prosek	
	Frank Boneventre	
Suffolk County Legislature	Hon. Tom Donnelly	
	Bill Shilling	
Suffolk County Medical Control	Christopher Gallway	Excused
	Stephen Slovensky	
Suffolk County Police Department	Dr. James Vosswinkel	
	Peter DiPrima	
Islip Town Ambulance Chiefs Association	Jamie Atkinson	
	Scott Crosby	
Northwell Health / South Shore University Hospital	Cono Cimino	
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	
	Winston Lee	
Suffolk RTAC	Susan Henderson	
	Dr. Rich Scriven	
University Hospital EMS	Stephen Slovensky	
	Shawn Edouard	
GUEST NAME	AFFILIATION	SIGNATURE