

## MEETING SUMMARY

May 19, 2026

Suffolk County EMS, Yaphank, NY 11980

***NOTE: This summary is a draft summary until approved at the July 21, 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 roll call vote to determine quorum and quorum was determined. Mr. Boyd also asked for a motion to approve the March 10, 2026, REMSCO meetings minutes as distributed. The motion was made by Mr. Franz and seconded by Dr. Winslow. The motion passed without opposition.

### **Executive Officer's Report – E. Boyd**

- Chairman Boyd thanked all that were involved with the last CPR and Trauma Save Awards. He also reminded all that the next REMSCO meeting will be a joint meeting with REMAC at Ocean Beach FD on July 21, 2026. He also announced that there is a CME class on Trauma from Northwell Health at Ocean Beach that same day at 1 PM for all who wish to attend. Chairman Boyd was asked for a start time for the meeting, and he advised that it will be sent out via email, as the summer ferry schedule is not yet published. The start time is expected to be around 6 PM.

### **Vicechair's Report – M. Zender (Excused)**

- No report.

### **Budget – T. Prendergast**

- Opening Balance \$11,408.02
  - Deposits
    - 3/17/26 \$4286.05(State Allotment)
    - 3/30/26 \$500.00 (Donation G.E. Pickering Inc.)
    - 3/30/26 \$500.00 (Northwell)
    - 3/31/26 \$10,165.57 (State Allotment)
    - 4/6/26 \$1000.00 (Vendor Wire transfer Alive Cor)
    - 4/6/26 \$500.00 (Vendor Wire transfer American 3B)
    - 4/20/26 \$500.00 (JB Learning)
    - 5/8/26 \$9,832.94 (State Allotment)
    - Total Deposits/Receipts \$27,284.56
  - Credits/Interest (none)
  - Checks disbursed (Cleared)
    - 4/7/26 Check # 1224 Philadelphia Insurance \$2783.00
    - 4/2/26 check # 1218 CFM (CPA Firm) \$1330.00 - IRS Documents Processing)
    - 4/2/26 check # 1219 CFM (CPA Firm \$200.00 - 2025 Tax Prep)
    - 4/3/26 check # 1223 Infrastructure Solutions \$319.00
    - 4/10/26 check # 1225 Infrastructure Solutions \$1,595.00 (Five Invoices back payments)
    - 4/18/26 check # 1226 T. Prendergast \$1000.00 (Re-imbursement deposit EMS Conference)
    - 4/2/26 check # 1222 Caine & Weber \$503.63 (Collection agency Language Line)
    - 4/2/26 check # 1221 Duffy & Posillico \$250.00 (Insurance Bond)
    - 4/3/26 check # 1220 Marriott Ronkonkoma \$6,541.20 (final payment EMS Conference)
    - 4/3/26 check # 1217 Michele Miller \$762.38 (Travel Re-imbursement)
    - 5/12/26 Check # 1227 Language Line Services \$491.25 (six Invoices)
    - Total Disbursements \$15,284.21
  - Debit Transactions:
    - 3/18/26 \$7500. Marriott Ronkonkoma (EMS Conference)
    - 3/30/26 \$1325.00 (EMS Pins - Conference)
    - 3/30/26 \$358.88 (Plaques - EMS Conference)

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- Total Debt Withdrawals \$9,183.88
- ATM Fees \$0
- Checks disbursed not cleared.
  - 5/12/26 Check # 1228 Infrastructure Solutions \$638.00 (two Invoices)
  - Total Disbursements: \$25,597.34
- Closing Checking balance \$13,095.24
- Accounts Payable \$0
- A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Franz and seconded by Mr. Leiderman and passed without opposition.

**Suffolk County EMS Division Staff Reports – Dr. Winslow/D. Wayrich**

- Mr. Boyd recognized Commissioner Sunderman to speak. Mr. Sunderman reminded all that it is EMS week, and thanked all EMS providers. He also thanked REMSCO and all who were involved with the last CPR and Trauma Save Award ceremony. In 2025 over 185,000 EMS calls were handled by FRES, and 495 CPR Save Awards were given out to providers. A new FRES website is close to completion, and REMSCO will be able to run their website on that platform without having to pay once it gets operational.
- Ms. Wayrich reported the following on Program Agency:
  - SUNY Reconnect is ages 25-55 <https://www.suny.edu/communitycollege/free-cc/>
    - State Council May 2026
      - REMSCO and PA contracts have begun vouchering
      - CME 45-day regulation
      - Part 800 changes going well
      - No changes yet with the DEA situation
      - REMSCO discussion - should there be two seats on every council – one less than 5-year EMT and one less than 5-year paramedic – to bring that perspective to the council. Should there be term limits?
      - Discussion on policy 00-10 Functional Job Description
      - Collab protocols passed, will go into effect 9.1.26
  - May REMSCO Education Report
    - 5 basic originals scheduled
      - Centereach 5/20
      - Cutchogue 5/27
      - Hybrid 6/2
      - Daytime original SCEMS 6/15
      - Sayville 9/8
    - 1 rapid basic refresher scheduled at SCEMS daytime starting 5/27
    - 1 AEMT original scheduled starting August 24th
    - 1 AEMT refresher scheduled starting August 31st
    - The final of 3 Human Trafficking presentations is still open for Thursday, May 21st at Mastic Fire Department.
    - The new test questions are out, we have noticed an increase in the failure rates based on the new line of questioning. We are working with the state and the other course sponsors to compare the overall averages.
    - Dr. Winslow clarified for the group that students may opt to take the National Registry Exam as an alternate pathway to certification, and that course sponsors will be able to voucher for those students once they obtain their NYS provider cards.
- Mr. Marra was excused, Dr. Winslow reported the following:
  - The Comprehensive County Emergency Plan will take effect June 19, 2026. Plans will be due by December 19, 2026. Please be advised that the REMSCO will need to have input into the document. The document doesn't need to be submitted as a final document, but a fluid document that can be built upon based on the region's needs. More will be shared once additional guidance is supplied by the state.

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- There are many large-scale events that will be taking place in Suffolk County this year based on the 250th Anniversary. In addition to the normal volume of large-scale events the County has supported in years past. If we reach out to the agencies, we ask if they can give timely response. We understand everyone is very busy this year and we are trying to cover the best we can.
- Agencies that have County Caches of Duo Dotes and Cyano-kits will be contacted as the orders are received. Deputy Chief Keegan is aware of those that are expiring and will be in contact to make the exchanges. Grant funding has been limited and quantities may be affected.
- As a reminder, Agencies will continue to use their current controlled substance plans as NY State works with the DEA to see how they will proceed. You will not be able to register on the DEA site, so there is no need to attempt registration.
- Included in the 800 changes with reference to the length-based resuscitation tape, BLS units will be required to have this available. Computer based or app-based programs do not meet the state requirement.
- Dr. Winslow reported the following:
  - “The meetings of the State Council took place on May 11 12 and 13 in Saratoga Springs. The regional Program Agencies reported that they have begun vouchering and receiving reimbursement from New York State for program agency activities. The State reported that they have requested an increase in the current budget for both Program Agency and REMSCO funding – the increase would be effective next year and the request was for an additional 15% under the Aid to Localities Section of the New York State budget. The State informed the councils that there are several regulatory packets that are going out for public comment in the upcoming months – including Ambulance Build Standards, Blood Administration programs, and community paramedicine programs. Also, there is current legislation that is under discussion that pertains to allowing Paramedics to administer Buprenorphine which is currently not allowed under state law. The State commented that the new legislation that requires County comprehensive EMS plans to be drafted by the regional EMS Coordinators working collaboratively with the regional REMSCOs – that these new plans would not be due until December 19 of 2026 to allow plenty of time for their completion. The County EMS Coordinators have been meeting with the State about these plans and a template framework for the new plans which should be ready by the end of June to give the regions 6 months to meet and discuss and complete the plans. The State announced that there will be a prehospital care research forum offered free of charge from June 23 to June 25 at the Borough of Manhattan Community College.
  - Med Standards Committee met and discussed regional RSI programs and noted that the regional REMACs in each region determine how to use and how to credential their Paramedics to use the protocol and that there is no minimum standard across the State. There is a specialty care transport group that has been meeting to discuss having one set of collaborative protocols for inter-facility and air medical transport to cover the protocols for critical patients. It was stated at the meeting that the use of pelvic binders should be considered with caution as it has been observed that unless there is an open-book pelvic fracture that the use of a binder could cause pain and complications and that the binders are often misapplied. It was also stated that the routine use of cervical collars should not be considered best practice and there will be an adjustment to the spinal motion restriction protocol in the upcoming 2026 updates. There will be more discussion about this at STAC which is scheduled for May 27.
  - As for the upcoming Collaborative Protocol update – the implementation date will be September 1 to give agencies and providers plenty of time to be prepared. The major changes include: the ability of the Basic EMT to give Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen for fever and for relief of pain, the Advanced EMT may administer IV Acetaminophen for relief of pain and PO or IV Ondansetron for vomiting, the creation of 3 new Obstetric Protocols including the administration of Oxytocin for postpartum hemorrhage, the dose of Rocuronium under the RSI protocol was increased to 1.5mg/kg ideal body weight maximum of 150mg, adding push dose Epinephrine to the RSI protocol consistent with the ROSC protocol to manage post-procedure hypotension, and moved Onlanszapine to standing orders for Paramedics under the behavioral protocol. As a reminder to the REMSCO, the EMS Division staff will be sending out an ALS Medication Formulary letter to all EMS agencies defining which medications are required and which medications are EMS agency options – the letter will be going out in mid-June. Once again - the implementation date for the new protocols will be September 1.

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- Representing both Suffolk and Nassau County REMACs, I presented the new pilot project for the administration of Keppra by Paramedics for patients with refractory seizures. There was great support from around New York State and several other regions expressed interest in participating, including Buffalo and Albany. The physicians on Med Standards felt that a dose of 3 grams would be preferable to a weight-based dose. They also wanted to stress the importance of getting follow up outcome data from the hospitals on these patients. The pilot project will be presented to the New York State Commissioner of Health by the EMS Division staff and if approved would be returning to SEMAC in September for final approval and implementation. I want to take a moment to compliment Paramedic Cole Darienzo from Commack who is the primary author of this project. Congratulations Cole as there is great support for your project from around the State and from the State Council.
- Regarding the SEMAC meeting. First, I wanted to let the Suffolk County REMSCO know that Dr. Jerry Rubano from South Shore University Hospital has been appointed to the SEMAC. As he also sits on the State Trauma Advisory Committee, as a trauma surgeon his appointment to the SEMAC will be a great means of connecting the SEMAC and the STAC on EMS issues related to trauma. Congratulations to Dr. Rubano on his appointment to SEMAC. The SEMAC discussed the development across New York State of more Crisis Stabilization Centers. Currently Suffolk County has the DASH center – the Diagnostic Assessment Stabilization Hub – located at 90 Adams Ave in Hauppauge that is a 24/7/365 facility available to all persons in crisis regardless of insurance, for all ages. They offer counseling services and crisis intervention for children, adults, and families. They have physicians, nurses, and mental health counselors for persons dealing with mental health and substance use disorders. The SEMAC psychiatry representative noted that the State has increased funding to build more facilities and develop these programs. The SEMAC discussed and approved the updated Collaborative Protocols as previously discussed at Med Standards. The SEMAC noted that there is a new position titled “State EMS Medical Advisor” that was open for applications from March 26 to April 26 and is now closed. The State reported that they are looking at several qualified candidates at this time. The SEMAC discussed the Keppra pilot project and asked for a letter of support to be written by the SEMAC and sent to the NYS Commissioner of Health to approve of the pilot project.
- Director Greenberg made a statement to clarify the issue regarding controlled substances procurement by EMS agencies in regards to a recent federal DEA ruling – specifically whether or not EMS agencies should have their own DEA registration or be using the hospitals or be using their agency medical directors DEA license when the purchase and procure controlled substances. The Director stated that all current controlled substance plans for EMS agencies throughout the State have been approved by the NYS Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement and no changes need to be made at this time. Currently, the NYS Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, the NYS Division of EMS, and representatives of the DEA are having discussions to clarify and address this issue. The Division of EMS stated that they are developing a policy statement that should be available soon and at this time all EMS agencies should follow their current controlled substance plans. It was stated by the Director that hospitals may not refuse to supply controlled substances to EMS agencies that currently use the hospital pharmacies. It was also stated that EMS agencies in New York State are not currently authorized to have their own separate DEA registration for the procurement of controlled substances as New York is one of 7 States in the US that have their own Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement.
- The next meetings of the State Council are scheduled for September 14, 15, and 16 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. Then the last meetings of the year are scheduled for December 7, 8 and 9 at the Saratoga Holiday Inn in Saratoga.”

**SEMSCO Representative Report- M. Miller-McEvoy (Excused):**

- Ms. Miller-McEvoy was excused, a report of the highlights is attached here as *attachment 3*.

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

- Dr. Marshall reported that the committee is still waiting for the state’s report on the subject.

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**REMAC – Dr. Marshall**

- Dr. Marshall reported that Lasix is being added back into the formulary, but it's for community paramedicine, not for 911 use, so agencies shouldn't buy it. There was a long discussion at the last REMAC meeting about ultrasound and it's use in the placement of IVs, which led to a discussion of tools and aids used by providers. It was noted that approved devices for procedures are up to the discretion of the agency and the medical director.
- Dr. Winslow offered that he would work on a protocol update presentation to coincide with the new collaborative protocols, due to go into effect on September 1, 2026.
- Dr. Marshall mentioned that FRES asked that the section on crew confirmation and dispatch that was removed from Suffolk County REMAC EMS System BLS and ALS Policy Manual be added back in. All agreed to placing the policy back in the manual.

**Education and Training**

- No report.

**Resource Needs- E. Boyd**

- No report, no applications

**Communications and Technology- G. Miniutti (Excused)**

- No report

**Nominations Committee – S. Slovensky**

- Mr. Slovensky had no report to give, but stated he will speak on memberships expiring in January in July.

**Performance Improvement – B. Talmage**

- No report.

**Legislative Report- R. Franz**

- Mr. Franz reported:
  - The NYS legislature session is scheduled to end on June 4, 2026. The 2026/2027 Budget has not been approved as of this evening.
  - Treatment in Place - NYS has officially implemented the 2024 Medicaid Treat-In-Place law, NYS EMS agencies can now receive Medicaid payment for providing on-site assessment and treatment without requiring transport to a hospital emergency department. Also includes transport of a patient to an alternative health care setting.
  - The federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved New York's State Plan Amendment, unlocking federal funding on February 6, 2026.
  - Legislative advocacy continues to secure similar coverage for Medicare beneficiaries.
  - NYS Assembly Bill A 6790-A -The bill was advanced out of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee on May 12th and passed by the Assembly on May 14th. The bill would increase the NYS refundable income tax credit to \$800 from \$200 and allow volunteers who are receiving a real property tax exemption to receive the income tax credit also. The Senate version of the bill #S6233A is in the Senate budget and revenue committee (see *attachment 4*). This would greatly enhance recruitment of new members and retention of current members.

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- Previously reported at the March meeting -Update
  - 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.
- Senate bill S8806 was delivered to the Governor 3/20/26 Signed by the Governor on 3/27/26 - Chap 93.

**Bylaws– B. Talmage (Excused)**

- Mr. Talmage is excused, bylaws will be covered at the next meeting.

**Public Information- J. Manzi**

- Mr. Manzi also thanked everyone involved in the last CPR and Trauma Save Awards. The next ceremony will be on November 21, 2026.
- April 17, 2027 is the date of the next Lateulere Conference, again at the Marriot in Ronkonkoma.

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- A seconded motion from the REMSCO subcommittee meeting was brought forward. The motion was to request that Suffolk County Community College and Stony Brook University each select one candidate by June 15, 2026, for a Program Agency Scholarship up to \$10,000 based on the graduate with the highest academic standing with the stipulation that they have no other scholarships or outside funding sources. Mr. Zukoski from Suffolk and Mr. Edouard from Stony Brook Paramedic Programs agree with the motion. The motion passed without opposition.
- An award for a sponsor of the Lateulere Conference – Stony Brook Children's – was given with thanks for their support.
- Mr. Manzi mentioned that \$15,000 left for recruitment and retention, and he asks that the group allow Dr. Winslow and Ms. Hand move forward with plans on how to invest that money into a seminar aiding in recruitment and retention. All present agreed with the plan.

There being no further business coming before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Slovensky, seconded by Mr. Leiderman, at 1950 hrs.

**Next meetings of the Suffolk Regional EMS Council will be on**

**Tuesday, July 21, 2026**

**6:00 PM (or so)**

**Ocean Beach Fire Department, 596 Bayberry Walk, Ocean Beach, NY 11770.**

**ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW**

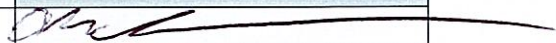
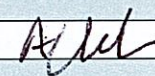
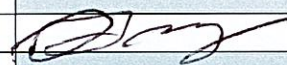
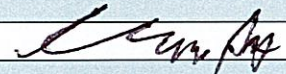
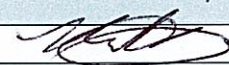
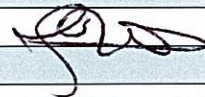
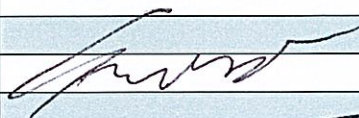
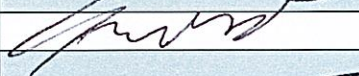
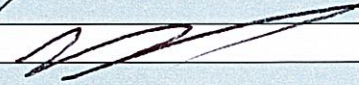
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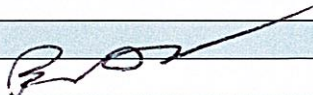
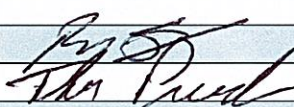
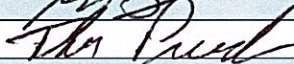
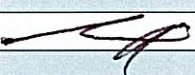
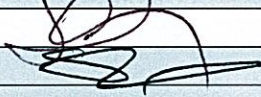
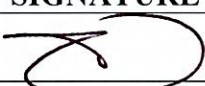
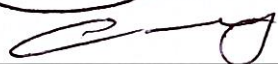
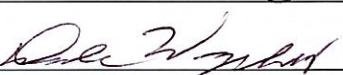
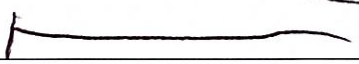
# SUFFOLK REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

## MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

**Date: May 19, 2026**

**Location: Suffolk County EMS, Yaphank**

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

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| 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          |                                                                                       |
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| Dina Wayach                                        | Program Agency         |  |
| Anthony Guerne                                     | Northport F.D.         |  |
| Dale Wyakoff                                       | Ocean Beach            |  |
| Cathy Rowe                                         | STONY BROOK RESIDENT   |  |
| Angelina                                           | SUN River Health       |  |
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## SEMSCO Meeting Highlights

### State Reports

- New equipment standards went into effect on April 27.
- The EMS-C Pediatric Readiness Assessment remains open until the end of the month. All hospitals are encouraged to complete it if they have not already done so.
  - Suffolk County is doing well, with only three hospitals remaining. Outreach has already been made to each of them.
- The Vital Signs Conference will be held in November in Niagara Falls.
  - A new pre-conference session for new EMS agency leaders will be offered.
- The State Mobilization Survey is requesting that all agencies complete the survey regarding potential activations for July 2–9 in New York City.
  - Agencies are asked to respond even if they are unable to assist.

### Education and Training

- PSI exam results sent via email will not count for vouchering at this time.
  - The state is considering regulatory updates that may allow their use in the future.
- The committee acknowledged that state exams have recently changed.
  - It is working with the Division of EMS to review statistics from the past year and ensure the exams are properly validated.
- Reminder: candidates may take either the State exam or the National Registry exam for certification.
  - Either pathway is eligible for state funding.

### Safety

- The Stretcher Technical Advisory Group is continuing its work.

The group is collaborating with manufacturers to trial several push/pull bar systems.

### Quality Metrics

- The committee expects to have recommendations ready by the next meeting.

### EMS Innovations and Research

- A research training is scheduled for June 23–25.
- A motion was approved to send to the Commissioner of Health a proposal to move the Intensive Crisis Stabilization Center guidance document into protocol.

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## IN SENATE

March 7, 2025

Introduced by Sens. MARTINEZ, BORRELLO, GALLIVAN, HARCKHAM, HINCHEY, JACKSON, MATTERA, MURRAY, OBERACKER, RHOADS, ROLISON, C. RYAN, WEBB, WEBER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Budget and Revenue -- recommitted to the Committee on Budget and Revenue in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the tax law and the real property tax law, in relation to tax credits for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subsection (e-1) of section 606 of the tax law, as added by section 1 of part U of chapter 62 of the laws of 2006, paragraph 2 as amended by chapter 532 of the laws of 2007, paragraph 3 as added and paragraph 4 as renumbered by section 4 of part N of chapter 61 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

(e-1) Volunteer firefighters' and ambulance workers' credit. (1) For taxable years beginning on and after January first, two thousand seven and before January first, two thousand twenty-six, a resident taxpayer who serves as an active volunteer firefighter as defined in subdivision one of section two hundred fifteen of the general municipal law or as a volunteer ambulance worker as defined in subdivision fourteen of section two hundred nineteen-k of the general municipal law shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this article equal to two hundred dollars. For taxable years beginning on and after January first, two thousand twenty-six, a resident taxpayer who serves as an active volunteer firefighter as defined in subdivision one of section two hundred fifteen of the general municipal law or as a volunteer ambulance worker as defined in subdivision fourteen of section two hundred nineteen-k of the general municipal law shall be allowed a credit against the tax

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 imposed by this article equal to eight hundred dollars. In order to  
2 receive this credit a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance work-  
3 er must have been active for the entire taxable year for which the cred-  
4 it is sought.

5 (2) [If] For taxable years beginning before January first, two thou-  
6 sand twenty-six, if a taxpayer receives a real property tax exemption  
7 relating to such service under title two of article four of the real  
8 property tax law, such taxpayer shall not be eligible for this credit;  
9 provided, however (A) if the taxpayer receives such real property tax  
10 exemption in the two thousand seven taxable year as a result of making  
11 application therefor in a prior year or (B) if the taxpayer notifies  
12 [his or her] such taxpayer's assessor in writing by December thirty-  
13 first, two thousand seven of the taxpayer's intent to discontinue such  
14 real property tax exemption by not re-applying for such real property  
15 tax exemption by the next taxable status date, such taxpayer shall be  
16 eligible for this credit for the two thousand seven taxable year. For  
17 taxable years beginning on or after January first, two thousand twenty-  
18 six, a taxpayer is eligible for this credit even if they receive a real  
19 property tax exemption relating to such service under title two of arti-  
20 cle four of the real property tax law.

21 (3) In the case of [a husband and wife] spouses who file a joint  
22 return and who both individually qualify for the credit under this  
23 subsection for taxable years beginning on and after January first, two  
24 thousand seven and before January first, two thousand twenty-six, the  
25 amount of the credit allowed shall be four hundred dollars. For taxable  
26 years beginning on and after January first, two thousand twenty-six, the  
27 amount of the credit shall be sixteen hundred dollars.

28 (4) If the amount of the credit allowed under this subsection for any  
29 taxable year shall exceed the taxpayer's tax for such year, the excess  
30 shall be treated as an overpayment of tax to be credited or refunded in  
31 accordance with the provisions of section six hundred eighty-six of this  
32 article, provided, however, that no interest shall be paid thereon.

33 § 2. The opening paragraph and paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of  
34 section 466-a of the real property tax law, as amended by chapter 592 of  
35 the laws of 2025, are amended to read as follows:

36 Such exemption shall not be granted to an enrolled member of an incor-  
37 porated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volun-  
38 tary ambulance service residing in such city, village, town, school  
39 district, special district, fire district or county unless:

40 (a) the applicant resides in the city, town [or], village, school  
41 district, special district, fire district or county which is served by  
42 such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorpo-  
43 rated voluntary ambulance service;

44 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding  
45 the date on which it shall have become a law.