

MEETING SUMMARY

November 18, 2025

Suffolk County EMS, Yaphank, NY 11980

NOTE: This summary is a draft summary until approved at the January 13, 2026, meeting.

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

Meeting opened at 1900hrs with Chairman Boyd presiding. Chairman Boyd lead the group in the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence. There was a presentation from Kurt Lempin from Zoll on the new monitor.

Chairman Boyd asked for a motion to approve the September 16, 2025, REMSCO meetings minutes as distributed. The motion was made by Mr. Prendergast and seconded by Dr. Winslow. The motion passed without opposition.

Executive Officer's Report – E. Boyd

- Chairman Boyd reported that REMSCO recently hosted two very successful events: the REMSCO Awards and the CPR/Trauma Save Awards. Thank you to Kaitlyn Hand for her hard work on those events. Over 300 CPR and Trauma Save Awards were given out at the last ceremony.
- There are ongoing issues related to the grant money from the state. Chairman Boyd will let the treasurer speak on it.

Vicechair's Report – M. Zender

- No report, other thanks to Mr. Prendergast and Ms. Hannigan for working on the grant contract.

Budget – T. Prendergast

- Opening balance \$87.47; Deposits: one check was received from a vendor for the conference of \$500. No other credits or disbursements were made. Note: \$15 monthly service charge due to balance being under \$2000.00, one each for the months of October and November. Closing balance \$557.47.
- The contract was signed at the Mariott for the April 2026 conference. A \$1,000 deposit was made personally by Mr. Prendergast to secure the conference location and date.

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

- Mr. Marra reported the following on operations:
 - The following updates to the NYS DOH Part 800 regulations are as follows:
 - 10 NYCRR Part 800, § 800.3 Definitions
 - Subdivision (m) of this section has been repealed and is replaced with an updated definition of an emergency ambulance service vehicle.
 - 10 NYCRR Part 800, § 800.23 General requirements related to equipment
 - This section will be repealed in full on April 22, 2026.
 - 10 NYCRR Part 800, § 800.24 Equipment requirements for certified ambulance services, basic life support first response vehicles and emergency ambulance service vehicles
 - These requirements will be effective April 22, 2026, six months from the date of enactment. Until April 21, 2026, the current equipment requirements are still in effect. The NYS State Department of Health, Division of EMS webpage displays the current regulations first and the new requirements below with the effective dates clearly noted. Breaks it down by Ambulance, BLSFR and ALSFR
 - 10 NYCRR Part 800, § 800.25 General Waiver Requirements- Pertains to specialty use vehicles and how to obtain a waiver.
 - 10 NYCRR Part 800, § 800.26 Equipment requirements for emergency ambulance services vehicles other than an ambulance
 - These requirements are effective October 22, 2026, twelve months from the date of enactment. The current equipment requirements remain in effect until October 22, 2026. The Division's webpage displays the current regulations first and the new requirements below with the effective dates clearly noted.
 - BLS Igel NYS Policy Statement 25-09, has been posted, agencies that are looking to implement the BLS Igel must become familiar with the requirements. There is a registration component for this program

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through the state portal. Agencies' policies and procedures need to be created, and they are all outlined in the Policy statement.

- Indemnity contracts are in the final stages and will be going out shortly
- SCPD has communicated that they would like support from the prehospital committees and the Suffolk REMSCO to have blood available on the helicopter. Mr. Marra made a motion that REMSCO send a letter of support to SCPD for the use of blood on the helicopters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leiderman. This is also supported by the REMAC. Dr. Vosswinkel stated that RTAC was in support as well but reiterates that providers should not be waiting for blood to transport. The motion passed without opposition.
- Mr. Januszkiewicz reported the following on education:
 - Fall Classes are all running smoothly and progressing
 - EMT Original Course at Exchange Ambulance beginning January 6th, handful of seats still available however the course is filling up fast
 - Evaluating course needs and locations for Spring 2026
 - Working on an additional EMT Original course for late January, location and dates TBD
 - Working on a Hybrid CFR course to begin 1st quarter 2026
 - Instructor Update Course (two sessions) to be held at SCEMS in January, either Sunday January 25th or Monday January 26th
 - Working on CME schedule for 2026
 - Second round of online BLS Core Content starting beta testing December 1st, expected to be fully up by December 15th, anyone expiring January 31st should contact the division for assistance and to get into the beta testing
 - EMS Officer and Leadership Course in conjunction with the SCFA being held at Mastic Ambulance Monday January 26th and Monday February 2nd, must attend both sessions to receive certificate, registration is through SCFA website and opens shortly
 - FRES is in the preliminary stages of developing a separate website for the department, website will have sections for all four divisions. Our plan is to use this as an additional resource in tandem with social media outlets and the REMSCO website to showcase the EMS Division and training opportunities
 - The Division is working with additional county departments and a couple of outside organizations to develop a first responder centric training in the recognition of human trafficking and the appropriate way to interact and treat possible victims
 - 2025 Vital Signs Conference was last week in Syracuse; it was well attended by EMS providers from across the state. We would like to acknowledge and congratulate the West Islip Fire Department on their receipt of the Recruitment & Retention Innovation Award.
- Dr. Winslow reported the following:
 - "The next meetings of the State Council are scheduled for December 9 and 10 in Troy, so there will be a report at the upcoming January REMSCO meeting on State Council.
 - The REMSCO Awards Dinner was held at Southold Fire District on October 22, and I want to give a special thanks to the membership for hosting the awards dinner and a great time was had by all. And congratulations to all the award recipients. And the steak dinner was top notch.
 - The most recent ceremony of the Suffolk County REMSCO CPR and Trauma Saves Awards was held at South Country Ambulance on November 1 and I want to thank the leadership and members of South Country for their hospitality and to congratulate all the award recipients. The event was a huge success and there were over 200 attendees including many local legislators and dignitaries.
 - The next meeting of the Suffolk County RTAC is tomorrow 11/19 at 2pm and the meeting is going to be held at the Emergency Operations Center of Fire Rescue. All the trauma centers are invited to attend as well as any interested REMSCO members.
 - I did want to give the REMSCO membership a summary of this summer's experience with drownings and near-drownings in Suffolk County. The total number of fatal drownings reported by the Medical Examiner's Office was 10 with zero children - 3 in residential pools, 3 from public beaches, 4 from boating accidents in open water. There were over 1000 persons saved from the 3 County beaches by the County Lifeguards this past summer. I want to take a moment to thank all the Lifeguards and their leadership for their skill in assisting bathers in distress. The Suffolk County area hospitals reported 75

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patients that EMS transported to their facilities after a submersion injury and there were 18 admissions with 6 total fatalities in the hospitals.

- On October 22, the American Heart Association published the 2025 guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiovascular care. I encourage all EMS leaders and medical directors, all EMS educators and all EMS providers to read through the new guidelines. I will not take the time here to discuss all the updates, but I did want to address two important issues with the new guidelines. First, there is a new recommendation to support ongoing resuscitation at the scene in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, as opposed to early transport, and a recommendation to train EMS providers on field termination and death notification to families accordingly. Second, the routine use of mechanical compression devices is not recommended but may be considered in certain circumstances such as during EMS transport. These AHA updates will be discussed next week at REMAC, and some educational materials will be developed. I do want to report that so far in 2025, Suffolk County Medical Control reports that there have been 58 patients in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest who have achieved ROSC in the field and who survived to hospital discharge and 34 of these patients had use of mechanical compression devices during the resuscitation. I want to state for the record that the use of mechanical compression devices by EMS during the resuscitation and during transport is good EMS medicine and the decision to use such a device is at the discretion of the EMS providers and their agency leadership and their medical director. I also want to take a moment to thank Chris Gallway, Steve Slovensky and the leadership of Stony Brook EMS for their service to the REMSCO and the County as Medical Control. They do a great job and thank you.
- Last, I want to ask all EMS providers to make a post-call notification to Suffolk County Medical Control for just 2 situations – use of an advanced airway including endotracheal intubation and supraglottic airways and for all cardiac arrest situations – defined as any time chest compressions were performed and/or a defibrillation was delivered to the patient. So please make the post-call notifications and log the cases. This is a large part of the regional quality improvement program and how we identify potential successful saves.”

SEMSCO Representative Report- M. Miller-McEvoy:

- Ms. Miller-McEvoy’s was not present and no report was given.

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

- Dr. Marshall reported that the committee looked at First Watch, which will soon be connected with ImmageTrend. This will allow the system to look at the lights and siren use in the county.
- The next meeting will be in 2026, and members will be looking for ways for agencies to minimize red light and siren usage. There are already position papers that have been published for those who are interested in reading on the subject.

Education and Training

- No report.

Resource Needs- E. Boyd

- No new applications, nothing to report.

Communications and Technology- G. Miniutti absent, report given by S. Januszkiewicz

- Mr. Januszkiewicz reported that Mr. Miniutti is looking into other ways to meet, and will report back.
- Mr. Miniutti is looking into all the PSAPs in the county to ensure they are following the REMSCO Response Protocol. There will be a survey coming out to evaluate.
- If anyone has any issues with frequency coordination or concerns they would like to discuss with social media or other resources, feel free to bring it to the committee for assistance.

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Nominations Committee – S. Slovinsky

- Mr. Slovinsky reported that there are thirty members of REMSCO who serve three-year terms. Ten of those representatives are up for renewal. Mr. Slovinsky received a renewal for the New York Society of PAs for Mark Zender, a renewal for NYSVARA for Robert Franz, a renewal for the Suffolk County Ambulance Chief's Association for Bruce Talmage, a change for the Suffolk County Department of Health to Dr. Pigott, a renewal for Suffolk County EMS for Paul Marra, a renewal for Suffolk County Fire District Association for John Manzi. Mr. Slovinsky recommends that REMSCO renew the Commercial Transport Sector for Joseph Cutrone to keep that seat on schedule. Mr. Slovinsky also received a renewal for Suffolk County Legislature for Tom Donnelly, from REMAC as the chair, Dr. Marshall, and Stony Brook Medicine for Steve Slovinsky. A motion was made by Mr. Slovinsky to accept these renewals and changes, seconded by Mr. Leiderman. The motion passed without opposition.
- Mr. Slovinsky reported that there is one attendance issue with one seat. Sun River Health has not attended a meeting this year. Technically, the seat is forfeited, however, a letter will be sent to them to see if they wish to continue to have a seat on REMSCO. If the seat is to be retained, they will need to attend the January meeting.
- Mr. Slovinsky made a motion to keep the officers of REMSCO as is for a second year. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vosswinkel and passed without opposition.

Performance Improvement - B. Talmage

- No report.

REMAC – Dr. Marshall

- Dr. Marshall reported that BLS Igel will be discussed at the upcoming meeting.
- The RSI Policy has been updated and is available on the website. More to come in the future, including guidelines and educational materials.
- NYS Protocol 2026 will be discussed at the upcoming SEMAC meeting, and we will know more in January. The updates will include new American Heart Association recommendations and guidelines.
- QA/QI work continues.
- Agencies, please provide yearly updated lists of information and providers. A template will be available, and agencies are asked to use it for ease of record keeping.
- There are two vacancies for physicians-at-large on REMAC. Nominations will be accepted until the next meeting and voted on in January. If interested in the vacancy, please send an email to Secretary Hannigan.
- Next Tuesday is the next REMAC meeting. All are invited to attend.

Legislative Report- R. Franz

- Mr. Franz reported the four NYS bills that were included in the September meeting legislative report have not been delivered to the Governor for her signature or veto.

Bylaws– B. Talmage

- Mr. Talmage reported that the revision on the bylaws continues, and the next session will be on December 2, 2025 at SCEMS at 6 PM. A zoom invite will be sent to all members as a virtual option to attend.

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Public Information- J. Manzi

- Mr. Manzi reported that REMSCO held the REMSCO Award and CPR and Trauma Save Award Ceremonies. They were a success, and he thanks all the members of REMSCO that assisted. He asked that thank-you letters to be sent to Southold and South Country for hosting those events.
- The next CPR and Trauma Save Awards will be on May 9, 2026, at a location to be determined. Please note that nominations are due one month prior to the ceremony. Mr. Boyd asks that everyone adheres to the deadlines. This includes any modifications to submitted applications as applicable.
- Frank Trotta offered to publish upcoming classes in the newspaper, Mr. Marra will work on getting together a list.
- Scholarship work continues, a zoom meeting is planned for December/January. Details will be sent out when available.
- Mr. Marra asked if there was a number restriction REMSCO wanted to place on an award ceremony, as the last one was such a large crowd. It was decided that there was some back-log in the awards given out, but REMSCO is caught up and it should not be an issue moving forward. Suffolk EMS will keep an eye on the numbers, just in case.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Mr. Boyd asks that REMSCO approve some motions for the upcoming year:
 - Mr. Talmage made a motion to retain Chase as REMSCO's financial institution, seconded by Mr. Franz. Passed without opposition.
 - Mr. Talmage made a motion to retain Newsday as REMSCO's news outlet, seconded by Mr. Franz. Passed without opposition.
 - Mr. Franz made a motion to retain Mr. Glynn as REMSCO's legal counsel seconded by Dr. Marshall. Dr. Winslow noted that Mr. Glynn may not want to continue to serve the REMSCO and should be contacted. The motion was tabled until Mr. Glynn could be contacted.
 - Mr. Boyd made a motion that next year's meetings should be the second Tuesday of each month, seconded by Mr. Leiderman. Passed without opposition, and the next meeting will be on January 13, 2026.
- Dr. Marshall reported that aviation will be going live with blood prior to the next REMSCO meeting.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Franz, seconded by Mr. Crosby, at 1953 hrs.

**Next meetings of the Suffolk Regional EMS Council will be on
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
7:00 PM
SCEMS, 360 Yaphank Ave, Suite 1B, Yaphank NY 11980.**

ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW


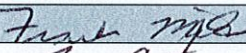
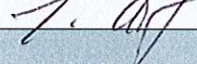
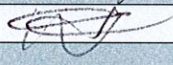
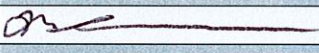
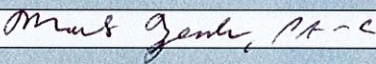
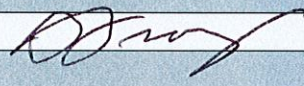
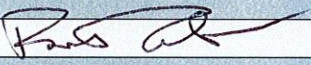

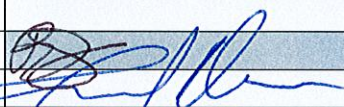
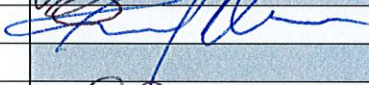
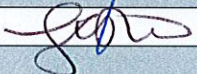
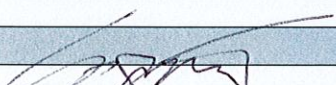
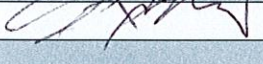
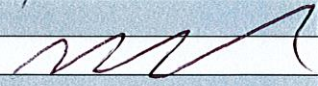
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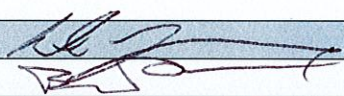
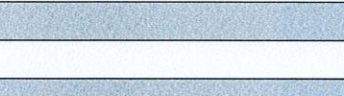
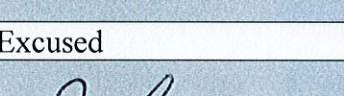
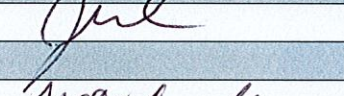
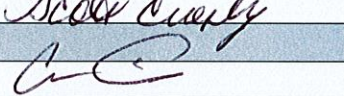
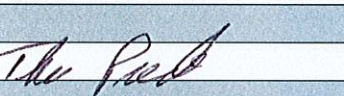
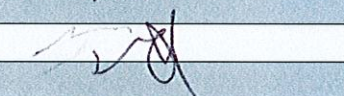
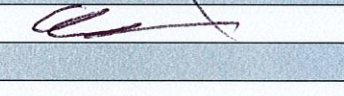
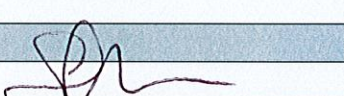
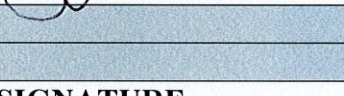
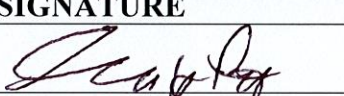
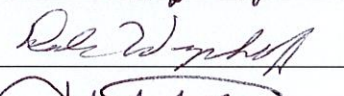
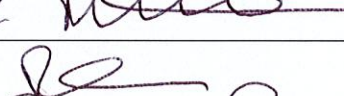
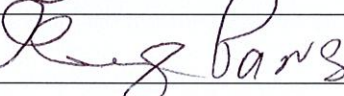
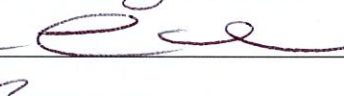

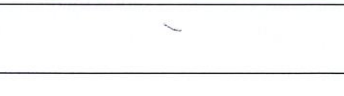


SUFFOLK REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

Date: November 18, 2025

Location: Suffolk County EMS, Yaphank

Constituency	Representative/ Alternate	Signature
UCP of Greater Suffolk	Robin Lane	
	Patricia Caso	
Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council	Michele Miller-McEvoy	Excused
	Frank Milza	
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	
	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	
	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	
	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	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	
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Gregson Pigott	SCDHS	
Dale Wyckoff	OBFD	
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Ron Sudman	FRES	
Ray [unclear]	EAS	
Cosy Towle	Sony [unclear] Postman	
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Rich [unclear]	MBAC	
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SUFFOLK REMSCO

OFFICERS:

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

Subcommittee: Communicators + Technology

Date: 11 / 18 / 2025

Location: SCEMS

Chair/Acting Chair: _____ Quorum reached? Y / N

Present at location:

Katie Hand _____

Dina Wayrich _____

Jer Hamayan _____

E. Boyd _____

Continue on back if necessary.

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
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