

MEETING SUMMARY

July 9, 2024

Suffolk County EMS, Yaphank, NY 11980

NOTE: This summary is a draft summary until approved at the additional September 10, 2024, meeting.

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

Meeting opened at 1900hrs with Chairman Manzi presiding. Chairman Manzi led the group in the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Members introduced themselves and Secretary Hannigan verified that a quorum was present, and official business could be conducted.

A motion was made by Dr. Acosta, seconded by Mr. Franz, to accept the May 14, 2024, Meeting Summary, as posted. The motion carried.

Executive Officer's Report – J. Manzi

- Chairman Manzi announced that the 2023 REMSCO Awards will be on September 6, 2024, at 7 PM at West Babylon Fire Department.
- The CPR Save Awards are slated for October 19, 2024, at 9 AM; more information to come.
- There will be a form made and regional Trauma Awards offered for providers within the region. REMAC and RTAC will also be collaborating on this award.
- Pool safety whistles were cost prohibitive, and there was no way to be able to distribute them throughout the county. FRES put out a PSA on water safety, and in the future REMSCO will be included in these projects.
- Mr. Manzi asked for REMSCO support to send a letter of support to New York State Civil Service to make the Suffolk County EMT Civil Service List non-competitive for Suffolk County. Mr. Atkinson made his request a motion, seconded by Mr. Cammann, and passed without opposition.
- Thank you to Suffolk County Fire Districts for supplying the refreshments for the meeting.

Vice Chairman's Report – E. Boyd

- Vice Chairman Boyd had nothing to report.

Budget – M. Zender

- The balance in the account is \$18,293.22, including a reimbursement check from the state that came in today. All bills are up to date, and accounts are in good standing.
- Mr. Zender announced that approximately \$22,000 of the \$25,000 budget was spent this year. REMSCO would be able to do more with a larger budget, should the budget increase.

Correspondence – Distributed

Correspondence for July 9, 2024, Suffolk REMSCO Meeting

Incoming – date; from whom; subject

6/6/2024; Belvedere Property Management (H. Aiduck) to D. Wayrich; no longer has a non-patient specific AED on site and wishes to be removed from the PAD program.
6/6/2024 to 6/27/2024; Montauk Point Lighthouse (J. Walter), Smithtown Kickers (T. Gulotta), Greenlawn Water District (F. DeMayo), Cleaves Point Club & Marina (S. Andrejack), Gold Medal Gymnastics (R. Angelo), Hampton Country Day Camp (D. Skolnik), Southampton Racquet Club & Camp (T. Coffey), Booster Club of Smithtown (D. Miller), Girls Athletic League of Smithtown (C. Nuccio), Incorporated Village of Belle Terre (R. Sandak); Notice of Intent to Provide Public Access Defibrillation and Collaborative Agreement
5/16/2024 A. Capone to J. Hannigan; Reimbursement for lunch for conference forms submitted, check pending.
5/22/2024 CustomPins.com to J. Hannigan; order of CPR Save pins were delivered.
5/22/2024, G. Pansy to J. Hannigan; letter reaffirming Commercial Transport Sectors' REMSCO membership and chosen representatives.
5/31/2024; J. Manzi to J. Hannigan; please send a blurb about the REMSCO Conference to Fire News for publication.
6/5/2024; M. McNulty to J. Hannigan; quote for items to be purchased for CISM Team.
6/6/2024; M. Guarino to J. Hannigan; link to purchase Owls for meetings. Confirmed order # 84914
6/7/2024; T. Allen to J. Winslow; REMSCO contracts will be renewed, information pending.
6/12/2024; Owls delivered to Suffolk EMS.
6/13/2024; E. Boyd and J. Manzi to J. Hannigan; permission to purchase WebEx account, cable and case for Owls.
6/19/2024; Amazon to J. Hannigan; case and cable for Owls delivered.

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6/18/2024; P. Cammann to J. Hannigan; 2023 REMSCO award winners.

Outgoing – date; to whom; subject

5/15/2024 J. Hannigan to M. Zender; 2nd Quarter reimbursement check is in and ready to be deposited.

5/15/2024 J. Hannigan to Presenta Plaque; Order #4540, certificate frames for REMSCO CPR Save and other awards ordered.

5/16/2024; J. Hannigan to A. Mandelos; submitting forms for reimbursement from Northwell Health for the REMSCO Conference lunch.

6/6/2024; D. Wayrich to Belvedere Property Management (H. Aiduck) to D. Wayrich; the facility has been removed from the PAD program.

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5/1/2024; J. Hannigan to Custom Pins, request for mock-up and quote for CPR Save Award pins.

5/1/2024; J. Hannigan to 1800flowers.com; order flowers for Cammann Family Celebration of Life Ceremony on 5/11/2024.

5/7/2024; J. Hannigan to Custom Pins; ordered new CPR Save Awards that can be worn on Class A uniforms.

5/20/2024; J. Hannigan to M. Zukosky; please send a letter reaffirming SCCC's REMSCO membership and chosen representatives.

5/20/2024 J. Hannigan to G. Pansy, please send a letter reaffirming Commercial Transport Sectors' REMSCO membership and chosen representatives.

5/31/2024; J. Hannigan to T. Edwards; Blurb on REMSCO Conference sent to Fire News for publication.

5/31/2024; J. Hannigan to M. Guarino; requesting information on OWLs, as requested by Mr. Manzi (phone call).

5/31/2024; J. Hannigan to J. Manzi, E. Boyd, and M. Zender; information on purchasing Owls for REMSCO and REMAC meetings to help fix the AV issues.

6/3/2024; J. Hannigan to M. Guarino; REMSCO has decided to purchase Owls for meetings; submission of tax-exempt paperwork.

6/6/2024; J. Winslow to T. Allen; requesting information on renewal of REMSCO contracts.

6/13/2024; J. Hannigan to J. Manzi, E. Boyd, and M. Zender; to purchase a WebEx account for REMSCO to be used with the new Owls as well as cable and case for Owls.

End of July 9, 2024, Correspondence

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

- Dr Winslow reported the following:
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- Mr. Marra reported the following on Operations:
 - Chief Marra commends those that responded to the Deer Park Incident on Friday June 28, 2024.
 - Thanks to the agencies that assisted in the recent Mass Gather events for their support at Lt. Michael Murphy Run and Palm Tree Festival.
 - The division continues to monitor ambulance accidents in the county. Here are the latest statistics: ten total to date, four while transporting to the hospital, five while responding to an alarm, and one unknown. There have also been four accidents involving a chief's car or a fire apparatus.
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 - We need to review the currently policy and procedure for patients requesting to go the VA Hospital, currently we require contact with Medical Control.
 - The CISM Team has been active over the past few weeks with agency call-outs. I would like to thank the team for their response and support.
 - We recently trained an additional six members in the ICISF training and have received the uniforms for the team. Thank you to the REMSCO for their support.
 - Reminder to agencies, Semi-Annual Controlled Substance reports are due by July 31st. Please send a copy to the EMS Division attention Deputy Chief Keegan.
- Mr. Marra reported the following on Education:
 - We have five Original EMT Classes and two refreshers starting, please see the REMSCO Webpage for current class listings
 - Agencies looking to host a EMT class or juniors' class should contact Chief Masterton.
 - SCEMS Course Sponsor and Specialty Course renewals have been submitted and we are awaiting state notification.
 - ABC courses will resume in the fall.
 - CME submission recommended timeline is ninety days prior to expiration. You will not be authorized to schedule an appointment under sixty days without a forty-five-day letter.
 - ALS CME is currently close to the final stages; we incurred a few audio problems that need to be addressed. No timeline at this point.
 - Please review the current changes that have been included in Chief Masterton's detailed report, provided as part of *attachment 2*.
 - Suffolk EMS is working with HR to onboard two staff members, these individuals are expected to be put into place before the next meeting.
 - Mr. Boyd asked about the beginning of the four-year recertification cycle, and Mr. Marra reported that we are awaiting policy statements from NYS on the subject. It is also unknown if there will be a change in requirements accompanying the change in the recertification timeframe.
- Ms. Wayrich reported the following on Program Agency:
 - Please note updates to the Suffolk REMSCO website, including a streamlined Suffolk REMAC [Credentialing](#) page, updated NYS [Protocols](#) tab with both the NYS BLS and NYS ALS & BLS Collaborative protocols that went in to effect 7.1.24, the current REMAC [BLS and ALS Policy Manual](#). Scroll down for optional protocol training.

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- Link under *Headlines* with [protocol change logs](#), a [.ppt on IV Acetaminophen](#), a [MOLST video](#), and the [REMAC protocol change log](#). Here you will also find a [survey](#) for all ALS Providers and AEMT's that we ask you bring back to your providers.

NEMSIS 3.5 update:

- NYS went live with the [transition](#) 7.1.24. ePCR administrators are keeping watch over the local transition and are in frequent communication with the NYS BEMSATS data and informatics unit. Non-direct entry users must contact their vendors to assist in rectifying any problems. Direct entry users, please email epcr@suffolkcountyny.gov with any issues, questions, comments, or concerns.
- Deputy Chief Wayrich and Chief Marra will be attending a Data and Informatics Training Session with Peter Brodie and his team later this week.
- Reporting requirements continue for: all (Controlled Substances, Cardiac Arrest, Advanced Airways, RSI, BLS 12 lead, BLS CPAP, AED usage, etc). All ePCRs and associated required documentation should be sent to gaqi@suffolkcountyny.gov.
- *Honorable But Broken: EMS In Crisis*, the EMS documentary that will be shown July 11, 2024, at 6 PM at Theatre Three in Port Jefferson Village.

State EMS Council- P. Marra

- Nothing additional to report.

Resource Needs- E. Boyd

- No applications, nothing to report.

Communications and Technology- G. Miniutti (Excused)

- Nothing to report.

Nominations Committee – S. Slovensky

- Mr. Slovensky reported that nine members are up for election in 2024. He will be sending out notifications.
- There will be an election for the SEMSCO representative from this body. There are two nominations, Ms. Michele Miller and Mr. Paul Marra. The vote will be via ballot, as requested.
- Mr. Cammann referenced from the March minutes that Mr. Masterton is no longer the state representative, but, according to REMSCO bylaws, the representative serves a two-year term and holds that position until a new representative is elected.
- Mr. Cammann made a motion to have Mr. Masterton remain the representative to SEMSCO, and name Ms. Miller as the alternative, and, from then on, the representative had to be a non-Suffolk County employee. This was seconded by Mr. Zender for discussion, and discussion ensued. An amendment was made to the motion, to name Ms. Miller as the representative to SEMSCO, but until she is vetted, Mr. Masterton will continue to attend and vote. There was further discussion, and the motion was later withdrawn.
- Mr. Manzi stated that he will contact NYS for a copy of the last letter that was sent from REMSCO naming Mr. Masterton as the representative to SEMSCO. He will also reach out to Suffolk County's Commissioner of Health to ascertain if Mr. Masterton is permitted to attend the state SEMSCO meetings as Suffolk County's representative.
- Mr. Cammann made a motion that Chairman Manzi write a letter to Suffolk County's Health Commissioner requesting that he affirm in writing that Mr. Masterton is covered and permitted to travel to SEMSCO as the Suffolk REMSCO representative and may attend and vote until our newly elected representative, is vetted appropriately. This was seconded by Mr. Atkinson and passed with one person in opposition.
- Mr. Cammann made a motion to name Ms. Miller as the new representative to SEMSCO, seconded by Dr. Acosta, and passed without opposition.

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- It was clarified that Mr. Masterton (pending Suffolk County Commissioner's approval) will continue to attend meetings and vote for the region.
- A motion was made by Dr. Acosta to remove Mr. Masterton as the SEMSCO representative, seconded by Mr. Slovinsky. There was discussion, and the motion was withdrawn.
- Clarification was asked for which motions and amendments were voted in: The Chairman is going to write a letter to our health commissioner and see if Mr. Masterton is still allowed to attend REMSCO and SEMSCO meetings and serve until a representative is vetted appropriately. Also, that Ms. Miller is being sent forward as the new representative to SEMSCO from this REMAC.

Performance Improvement – B. Talmage

- Mr. Talmage reported that he has nothing to report

REMAC – Dr. Acosta

- Dr. Acosta reported that Dr. Winslow did cover some of the REMAC report in his report.
- REMAC has been discussing AEMTs and the possibility of their future role in the region.
- The BLS Igel Pilot continues, and Suffolk County has a couple of successful uses reported.
- Work on the Suffolk County Policy Manual continues at the local level, and work on the Collaborative Protocols continue at the state level. Feedback is appreciated and should be sent to REMAC.
- Dr. Winslow reminded the region that Suffolk County does not use suboxone; additionally, nalmefine has been removed from the state formulary.

Legislative – R. Franz

- Mr. Franz thanked everyone who answered the NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVARA) email request to write letters or correspond with various NYS legislators in support of the legislative package of bills titled "Rescue EMS". Since these bills were not included in the approved 2024/2025 state budget, they required letters of support from the EMS community. Legislative committees from various organizations had worked very hard and tirelessly to move these bills out of committee to the floor of the Assembly and Senate for a vote before the NYS Legislature adjourned on June 7th for the year.
- A June 12th NYSVARA legislative update available this evening summarizes the three EMS bills below that passed the legislature which will be delivered to the Governor Hochul for her signature and the status of various bills that did not pass the legislature.
- Bill S8486 / A9102 authorizes Medicaid reimbursement to EMS agencies for providing Treatment in Place (TIP) to a Medicaid patient at the point of response; as well as Transportation to an Alternate Provider (TAP) other than a hospital. Currently agencies are not paid and must absorb the cost.
- Bill S6226 / A5789 - Allows prehospital blood transfusion in ground ambulances by trained paramedics under the direction of physician medical control.
- Bill S2862 / A2121 – Authorizes municipalities to offer real property tax exemption to certain volunteers who live in such municipality but who serve in a neighboring municipality.
- The EMS Bills that were not passed by the legislature will have to be reintroduced in the new legislative session in January 2025 including bill S5000/ A4077A which would amend the GML to remove EMS from the limit on real property tax levies by local government.
- The coming months is a good time to speak to your legislators regarding EMS and advocate for the various bills that we would like to have passed including bills that will assist with the recruitment and retention of volunteer members.

Public Information- P. Cammann

- The 2023 REMSCO Awards will be held on September 6, 2024, at 7 PM at West Babylon Fire Department. Award letters were sent out, and the information can be found on the website.

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Old Business

- Ms. Miller asked about the water watcher whistles. The cost and turnaround time on them made it prohibitive to provide them for this season. Mr. Manzi is looking to form a committee to address pool and water safety either this year, or for next year. Any members interested in helping with that committee should email Mr. Manzi.

New Business

- Mr. Marra announced that Suffolk EMS will be offering Active Shooter Training in conjunction with SCPD and asked the chairman to form a subcommittee for a Rescue Task Force for help with countywide rollout and collaboration between PD and EMS agencies and Fire Department. Mr. Manzi agreed and asked interested members of REMSCO to email him to join the task force.
- Mr. Cutrone from AMR spoke on Nurse Navigator. Mr. Atkinson asked for a separate meeting via Zoom for more information. It was agreed that an informative presentation will be offered for all members prior to the next subcommittee meetings. The date will be August 13, 2024, and a link will be sent out to the membership.
- The next Bylaw Subcommittee meeting will be on August 13, 2024, at 4 PM, a Zoom Link and will be sent out by Mr. Atkinson. Anyone not on the subcommittee that wishes to attend should send Mr. Atkinson an email for the link.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Acosta, seconded by Mr. Slovinsky, at 2034 hrs.

Next meeting of the Suffolk Regional EMS Council will be on
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
7:00 PM
Suffolk County EMS, 360 Yaphank Ave., Yaphank, NY 11980

ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW

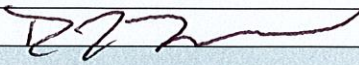
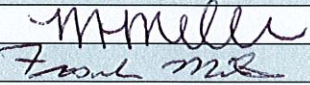
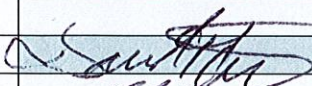
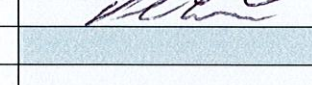
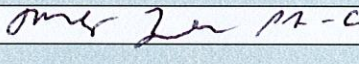
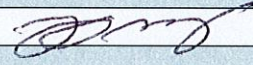
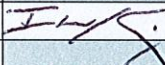
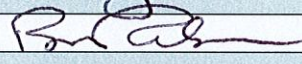
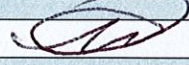
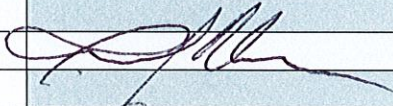
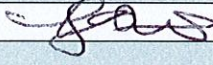
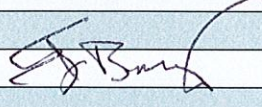
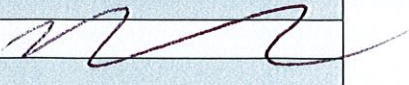
Prepared for the Suffolk Regional EMS Council by Jennifer Hannigan, Executive Secretary.

SUFFOLK REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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Constituency	Representative/ Alternate	Signature
UCP of Greater Suffolk	Robin Lane	
	Patricia Caso	
Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council	Michele Miller	
	Frank Milza	
Commercial Transport Sector	George Pansy	
	David Hrist	
East End Ambulance Coalition	Philip Cammann	
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	
Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association	Bruce Talmage	
	Amanda Zinicki-Ceckowski	
Suffolk County Department of Health Services Commissioner	Dina Wayrich	
	Patty Manfredonia	
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	
Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council	Edward Boyd, Esq.	
Suffolk County Fire District Association	John Manzi	
	Raymond Reilly	

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Chief of Operations- Paul Marra

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- CME Submission recommended time line 90 days prior to expiration, you will not be authorized to schedule an appointment under 60 days without a 45 day letter.
- ALS CME is currently close to the final stages, we incurred a few audio problems that need to be addressed. No timeline at this point.
- Again, please review the current changes that have been included in Chief Masterton's detailed report.

Chief, Training, Education Report – William Michael Masterton

Staff – We currently have two (2) open EMS Officer Positions and we are working with the Health Department on filling them. Chief Masterton has returned to the SCEMS Offices and can be reached by phone or email. Office: 631-852-4836 email: William-Michael.Masterton@suffolkcountyny.gov

Education – EMS Courses – Currently the Suffolk County EMS Division has one Rapid “Hybrid” EMTB Original Courses running which will end in August 2024. We currently have posted an EMTB Refresher Course at the Nesconset F.D. on Tuesdays/Thursdays evenings that starts next week and will finish up in October. We will have another EMTB Refresher Course that will be held at the “new” Exchange Ambulance of the Islip's Building starting in September and ending in December 2024. The SCEMS Division will have several EMTB Original Courses starting this fall (West Babylon, Brentwood, Ronkonkoma, Riverhead, and Southampton Town Ambulance.) All courses will be posted on the REMSCO website soon. We will also have an EMTB “junior” Original Course being held at the Sayville Community Ambulance. For information and to register your Junior Members in this course please contact the SCEMS Division. We also have several courses in the pipeline, a possible Daytime “Rapid EMTB Refresher” for the fall and a Remote “Hybrid” for our Folks on Fishers Island F.D. We hope to finalize these courses shortly. Please note that all of the EMS Courses being offered in Suffolk County are posted

on the Suffolk REMSCO website under the “Training Courses” tab.

<https://www.suffolkremSCO.com/main/training-education/>

EMS/Fire Agencies that are looking to put together an Regular EMTB Class or a Junior Members EMTB class or other EMS Courses please feel free to contact me at 631-852-4836 or William-Michael.Masterton@suffolkcountyny.gov

Course Sponsor Renewal

The SCEMS Division in early June submitted our Regular Course Sponsor and our Specialty Course Sponsor renewals. This year was a short form renewal for both Course Sponsors and it was due by June 30th 2024. We submitted it through a NYS BEMS portal in early June and We are awaiting renewal notification. Two Course Sponsors in our region were also required to submit renewals this year, SCCC “short” and Port Jefferson EMS “long” renewal.

ABC Courses – The SCEMS Division monthly Hybrid ACLS and Bi-monthly Hybrid PALS classes have been canceled for the spring and summer and will resume sometime in the fall 2024. Please check the Training Courses tab “AHA Courses” page for registration information. For information on future CPR Instructor Courses please contact Deputy Chief, Patty Manfredonia patty.manfredonia@suffolkcountyny.gov

CME – Just a reminder that Providers in the Suffolk County EMS Division CME Program are required to meet with their Agency CME Coordinator to review the paperwork and then make an appointment with the EMS Division to submit their packet CME Packet. We suggest a timeline at least ninety (90) days prior their certification expiration. Forty-Five Day Late Form, you will not be allowed to schedule an appointment with the Suffolk County EMS Division under sixty (60) days of certification expiration without a 45 day form signed by the Authorized EMS Agency Officer. Question on CME should first be directed to your Agency CME Coordinator. The online ALS CME is in final stages and we hope to announce a Beta Test of the EMT-CC & EMT-P courses later this summer. We will be reaching out to the Agency CME Coordinators for ALS Providers who expire in the fall to participate in the Beta test.

Update on Bridge Program –The SCEMS Division currently has no students registered for Cohort # 11 that tests out December/January. We currently do have seven (7) students registered in Cohort #12 that finish in May/June 2025. Cohort #13 starts in October of 2024 and it will run through January of 2026. Registration will open up on July 8th 2024 with applications due by October 4th 2024. Please check the bottom of the “Training Courses” page for a link to the Northwell EMT-CC to Medic Bridge Course. The final EMT-CC to Paramedic Bridge shall commence in April of 2026. We continue to advise our current EMT-CCs to strongly pursue the Bridge Program while it exists. Also funding is available to EMS Agencies to offset the cost to the provider. Information on the Bridge Course can be found on the Suffolk REMSCO website on the bottom of the "Training Courses" page.

https://www.learnemt.org/cc_to_Medic_bridge.php

New 2024 Bureau of EMS Policy Statements Education:

24-03 - EMS Course Requirements for Hazmat Response Education- To provide guidance to course sponsor and educators on the Bureau’s educational requirements that all students meeting minimum awareness competencies as First Responders in Hazardous Materials Incidents, including acts of terrorism where Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) may have been used, Incident Command System (ICS), and the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

All students enrolled in original and refresher programs must achieve minimum competencies in their courses by meeting the following objectives:

- Meets standards set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910.120 (q) (6) (i) (a-f) "First Responder Awareness Level"
- Meets the standards set by the National Highway and Traffic Safety Association in the current National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards.
- Completion of IS-100.a • Completion of IS-700.a
- Completion of IS-200.a (Recommended for BLS & Required for Paramedic students)

The SCEMS Division worked with the NYS BEMS and the Suffolk County Fire Academy to have their "Free" online "2024 Hazmat Refresher" course on their E-Learning website approved by BEMS for the Hazmat Awareness requirement. Thank you to Executive Director, Chief, Scott Davonski for working with us over the spring on getting their course pre-approved for the new NYS EMS Hazmat Awareness Education requirements. Thank you! Just a reminder: Students must contact the Course Sponsor for their EMS course for a list of their approved HazMat Awareness Courses.

24-04 - EMS Instructor Certification Requirements and Process- The purpose of this policy is to define the New York State (NYS) Department of Health (DOH) Bureau of EMS Certified Laboratory Instructor (CLI) and Certified Instructor Coordinator (CIC):

- prerequisite requirements,
- examination and certification requirements,
- processing, • re-certification requirements,
- advanced standing for educational methodology courses and,
- instructor reciprocity

24-04 highlights: CLI & CIC Prerequisites, It is highly recommended that the CLI/CIC candidate seek out a certified NYS Course Sponsor to agree to support their internship prior to taking the NAEMSE Instructor Level One course. There is no obligation from the State or a NYS Course Sponsor to provide an internship. It will require a letter from the Course Sponsor Administrator to endorse and acceptance of the candidates' internship.

Advanced Standing for Instructors Candidate Eligibility: Candidates who are currently certified in the following may be eligible to have the NAEMSE Instructor Level One waived based on the candidate's education meeting or exceeding the curriculum of NAEMSE Level One. Examples of candidate education that meets or exceeds National standards include, but not limited to:

1. New York State Public School Teaching Certification or equivalent higher education
2. Formal Higher Education courses in Education
3. New York State Fire Service Instructor
4. Board Certified EMS Physician

CIC/CLI Recertification Requirements:

Must complete and submit the Application for Instructor Recertification (DOH-3508) at <https://apps.health.ny.gov/pubpal/builder/EMSForms> All applications for renewal must be submitted at least forty-five (45) days prior to expiration and no more than three (3) months before.

The additional five (5) hours must be educational CE Acceptable courses:

1. AHA Instructor Updates (BLS, PALS, ACLS) a. May only be used for a maximum of one (1) hour.
2. PHTLS Instructor Updates a. May only be used for a maximum of one (1) hour.
3. PEPP Instructor Updates a. May only be used for a maximum of one (1) hour.

4. NYS Fire Instructor I and II with verification certificates
5. Conferences – Educator Track
6. Vital Signs Academy Educator classes
7. Higher education or specific adult educational methodology courses.

24-04 BLS Protocol Change V.24.0

The SCEMS Division sent out notification in May to all of our contracted CIC' and CLI' Instructor with an annotated summary of the NYS Basic Life Support (BLS) Protocols and the changes that instructors will need to make in all EMT Courses starting after July 2024. Instructors were advised that they should review these protocol changes and update their course material as needed.

Students registering in EMS Courses and Instructors should contact their Course Sponsor Administrator for more information on any of the changes made in their EMT courses from the recent postings of the BEMS&T 24-01, 24-02, 24-03 & 24-04 Policies.

Regional Certified ALS and BLS Credentialing –

(#) Compared to numbers 1 year ago)

CFR – 35 (+2)
BLS – 5,363 (+536)
CC – 140 (-9)
P – 973 (+135)

Total = 6,511

ALS Total = 1,113

Congratulations to All of the new Paramedics that recently graduated from our two Suffolk County Paramedic Programs (Stony Brook and SCCC.) Several have already been credentialed as Paramedics in the 911 system and have joined the ALS Community in their Agency's throughout the County.

Program Agency Report- Deputy Chief Dina Wayrich

REMSCO July 9, 2024

- Please note updates to the Suffolk REMSCO website
- a streamlined Suffolk REMAC [Credentialing](#) page
- updated NYS [Protocols](#) tab with both the NYS BLS and NYS ALS & BLS Collaborative protocols that went in to effect 7.1.24
- the current REMAC [BLS and ALS Policy Manual](#) is there, over the summer the REMAC subcommittee will be updating this document.
- Scroll down for optional protocol training
- Link under Headlines with [protocol change logs](#), a [.ppt on IV Acetaminophen](#), a [MOLST video](#), and the [REMAC protocol change log](#). Here you will also find a [survey](#) for all ALS Providers and AEMT's that we ask you bring back to your providers.

NEMSIS 3.5 update

- NYS went live with the [transition](#) 7.1.24. Paul, myself, and the regional ePCR admins are keeping watch over the local transition and are in frequent communication with the NYS BEMSATS data and informatics unit. Non-Direct entry users must contact their vendors to assist in rectifying any problems. Our direct entry users, please email epcr@suffolkcountyny.gov with any issues, questions, comments, or concerns. We had a Webex this morning with our admins, direct entry users and ImageTrend that was very helpful.
- Paul and myself will be attending a Data and Informatics Training Session with Peter Brodie et al later this week.
- Reporting requirements
- All (Controlled Substances, Cardiac Arrest, Advanced Airways, RSI, BLS 12 lead, BLS CPAP, AED usage, etc) all ePCR's and associated required documentation should be sent to gagi@suffolkcountyny.gov. One email address for everything.