

Monroe Livingston Regional EMS Meeting  
January 21, 2013  
Meeting Minutes

Call to order – Mark Tornstrom

Chair Report – Mark Tornstrom

- Moment of silence to recognize the two WWFD FF who passed away on Christmas Eve
- Minutes from the December meeting are available – comments, changes, suggestions?
- Motion to accept – Lee Coller; Seconded by Gwen. All in favor? Ayes. Opposed?

Correspondence:

- Correspondence is being passed around – reports that were submitted in writing in terms of the annual meeting
- Welcome to all new MLREMS Members
- As Dr. Shah has mentioned before, REMAC is very effective at getting work done at the committee level
- MLREMS would like to be as effective – it is a requirement of all members to participate on at least one committee
- Committee membership does not require a seated position on the Council
- The office will be sending out an email in the near future with descriptions of each committee to solicit membership
- Chairmanship of several committees will need to change
- A few officers are chairing committees at the moment – need to break those two apart
- Most committees require one meeting a month and most are done via Go To Meeting
- Traditionally we have given the awards for our regional Council at the STEP Conference, but continue to have issues with STEP leadership
- Collectively agreed to issue the awards during EMS Week – best venue for this event
- This would not be a banquet dinner, but an appetizers type grazing event in conjunction with EMS Teaching Day
- An email was sent from STEP in regards to the Award winners and a polite response was sent to them letting them know that the Council would not use the banquet as the platform for this event
- Response was sent stating that we declined to provide support to STEP
- No letters of participation for support have been received, so not sure where things stand, but we certainly do support STEP
- Will engage in discussion with their leadership re: education, as it's important for everyone

Vice Chair Report – Tim Frost

- No Report

Secretary Report – Mark Philippy

- Would like to ensure that we have the proper contact information for all members
- Will be sending an email out to everyone soon re: contact information

Treasurer's Report – Reg Allen

- Financial reports went out
- Sorting out the deposits that have hit – not sure if some of the extra funds is interest or not
- Will need to work on assigning where the money should be spent etc.

Medical Director Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- No report

#### Strategic Planning – Mark Tornstrom

- Strategic Plan Action Items: education is the main focus
- Need to ensure we are providing the best for our region
- Will look at where our finances are being spent; need to be smart about how we do business
- EMS Week will continue to be a focus

#### Program Agency Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Quarterly report is nearly ready to be sent out
- Council and REMAC will get a copy of that report
- No State Actions

#### NEG Report – Reg Allen

- Working on a policy to address background checks
- For less than \$20, you can for a felony record and sex offender record, but misdemeanors are not visible
- Misdemeanors are associated with county court, which charges \$60-100 for a background check
- We would have to make a collective decision re: how much we would need to check
- Reusing the results of an agency background check could be an option if agency leaders were to agree
- Council has four open positions – more information re: this to be posted to the website

#### PIER Committee – Mark Tornstrom (for Dick Tripp)

- Some may have noticed that Dick Trip has been absent for some time now
- He has been diagnosed with a fairly significant illness
- Nicoletta, Karen, and I went to visit him in the hospital last week
- Took him a care package/gift basket – he sends his thanks to everyone
- He is doing well and is at home recovering
- At this time, he felt that his continued participation was not appropriate
- Has resigned his position as Livingston County rep for MLREMS
- Ben will send out an email to solicit nominations for regional awards
- No reason why every agency should not be submitting nominations
- Karen has offered to assist this committee – we welcome new members to join
- Want to step up EMS Week

#### REMAC – Manish Shah, MD

- No report

#### Systems Operations Committee – Tim Frost

- Received a few emails re: the Point Pleasant transfer and the status
- Several emails have been sent to State officials

#### Training & Education Committee – Paul Bishop

- We met this afternoon
- Spearheaded a discussion about attendance
- Agencies should encourage their Training Officers to get involved
- Keeping tabs on a number of classes – several new EMT classes starting up soon
- MCC, Livingston County, and Perinton Ambulance all have classes
- Work being done on a paramedic program template

#### Livingston County Report – Karen Dewar

- Emergency Responder Support Services Team (equivalent to CISMT Team) sent peer reps to assist with the WWFD incident

#### Monroe County Report – Tim Czapranski

- No report

#### State EMS Council – Tim Czapranski

- Next meeting will be at the end of the month
- Jason Bortle and Mark Philippy are interested in being our State reps
- Their names and information will be sent to the DOH
- The regional EMS rep for SEMSCo is validated by the Commissioner of Health
- Tim remains our representative as of now, even though his term has expired
- Our LAPC reps are Tom Coyle and Mark Tornstrom as an alternate

#### Mutual Aid TAG – Tim Czapranski (Chair)

- Major issue for our region in the coming year
- The way the policy is written implies that our region's current system of run cards is not compliant with the State regulations
- The new system will entail statutory responsibility for mutual aid rests with regional council in coordination with county EMS offices and the 911 center
- Overall, Mutual Aid is occasional
- Expectation is that our Mutual Aid TAG will come up with we all agree to be an appropriate process so we're all on the same page
- Next TAG meeting will be on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 – this is a two hour meeting at PSTF
- This would apply to Livingston County as well

#### Other News

- A public forum process was invoked by a group of people hosted at RGH in regards to the tragedy that occurred in West Webster
- The forum was about identifying and responding to stress that may involve members of your agency
- We support the efforts and primary responsibilities for dealing with the needs of our providers
- Concern was expressed at the forum that our region had not done enough – we don't think that's true
- If you think there are issues that need to be addressed, suggest you go to your agency leadership first and then through the County offices in terms of resources
- Need to ensure our providers feel as though they have resources available to them
- Agency leaders should contact their EMS Coordinator for their county should they need resources
  
- Next MLREMS Meeting will be March 11<sup>th</sup>
- Motion to adjourn – Lee Coller and Dr. Murray