



**Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 9, 2026, 4:00 pm (Rescheduled from 1-26-26)**  
**Livingston County EMS**  
**5582 Lake Road, Avon, NY**

Welcome by [Sam Tinelli](#) 1601hrs

- Pledge of Allegiance

Calling of the Roll; Roll called and 17 members present. No Guests Present

**Officer / Committee Reports:**

- Chairperson Report: Sam Tinelli
  - SEMSCO Representative Report  
No report meeting in 2 weeks
- Vice Chair: Jon Smith
  - Systems Operations Committee Report

Within the last few weeks, the system operations committee has been reviewing an application from Mercy related to the transfer of operating territory for Finger Lakes Ambulance EMS Inc., which is part of an intended sale or transfer of assets. During our review within the committee, the application that we initially received was incomplete.

From the council's perspective on these matters, the application was incomplete and additional signatures were needed for completion. Working with Ben in the program office, we were able to very quickly rectify. The application was forwarded to the state for competency which has been returned & deemed to be fit & competent in relation to this benefit.

We reviewed the application and noticed that the Operating Territory was ambiguous: 20-mile radius from the Village of Clifton Springs.

The committee understands the ambiguity of the territory and the council will need to support Monroe County if the transfer is completed and there is a request to expand into the area that is currently served by other providers.

There is a map that's gives us a very circumscribed circle. Ontario County & 20 miles surrounding the village of Clifton Springs. Historic interpretation from everyone and all the maps filed with recertification, were a circle with a center point FingerLakes headquarters which is in the center of the village. Surrounding & Radius are two very different definitions which got us to

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this point. We recognize the risk and ambiguity that would fall back to whomever is the EMS administrator from the county.

The seconded motion from our Systems vote related to Mercy EMS / Finger Lakes EMS today: To approve the transfer of operating authority from Finger Lakes Ambulance EMS Inc. to Mercy Flight (d/b/a Mercy Flight EMS and Mercy EMS), in recognition of the Division of EMS fitness and competency determination, and contingent upon completion of the sale and transfer all or substantially all of the assets of the corporation as defined under Article 30, Section 10, Paragraph D. Roll call vote: see attached voting record.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>					
<b>Category</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABST AIN</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Monroe County At Large - Seat 1	Arnold, William	Y			
Livingston County At Large - Seat 2	Cook, Alex	Y			
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 4	Corujo, Xavier				E
Monroe County CON - Seat 1	Coyle Thomas				E
Regional Medical Director	Cushman, Jeremy	Y			
Monroe County EMS Coordinator	Tschiderer, Steve	Y			
Livingston County EMS Coordinator	Dewar, Karen	Y			
REMAC Representative	Farney, Aaron	Y			
Monroe County At Large - Seat 3	Fendt, Evan				A
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 3	Frost, Timothy				A
Livingston County - BLSFR	Klueber, Geordie	Y			
Livingston County At Large - Seat 1	Lindskoog, Jonathan				A
EMS Training / Education	Martin, Amanda	Y			
Monroe County At Large - Seat 4	Merdak, Jessee	Y			
Healthcare Representative - Seat 3	Nugent, Brandon				A
Monroe County CON - Seat 2	Perez, Andrew	Y			
Healthcare Representative - Seat 1	Pierson, Lauren				A
Law Enforcement	Rathfelder, Eric	Y			
Livingston County At Large - Seat 3	Rose, Meghann	Y			

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Monroe County At Large - Seat 2	Singhal, Sahil	Y			
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 2`	Smith, Jonathan	Y			
Livingston County CON -	Tinelli, Samuel	Y			
Healthcare Representative - Seat 2	Vacant				V
Community Representative	Vacant				V
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 1	Witkowski, Michael	Y			
Monroe County - BLSFR	Young, Andrew	Y			
PASSED		17	0	0	9
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- NEG Committee Report: Due to the email issues, we are circulating the applications for the open seats and renewals of the expiring seats for everyone's review. Once circulated, we will vote on those seats.
- Treasurer / Finance Committee Alex Cook: -
  - Review and motion for approval of the Financial Report  
Due to email issues deferred the approval of the Finances
 Our REMSCO contracts are still held at the State with questions that have been responded to so that we can finalize 24-25. Once completed we will submit the 25-56 contract. Our funds are slowly being depleted to the point we have had to hold the

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payments to the UR. The state is aware of the challenges we are experiencing, but no speedy resolutions are available. .

- Secretary / Membership Committee Michael Witkowski:
  - Motion to approve November 2025 Council minutes. Passes
- Regional Medical Director – Jeremy Cushman
  - Ben will provide an update of the Program agency. The U of R has responded in milliseconds if they have anything. Website updated and running if anyone has any changes or wants to add content please reach out.
- SEMAC Representative Maia Dorset:
  - Not Present - No Report meeting in 2 weeks
- REMAC Representative Aaron Farney:
  - REMAC met on December 15th. Many of the policies that were outdated either needed to be updated or rescinded mostly due to either being out of date or with state policy otherwise obsolete. Those included blood product administration, EMT's assisting advanced procedures point of care testing, invasive temperature probes and use of OB tubes. Mass gathering ID hydration policy was revised but not received.

REMAC went into Executive Session on a patient care safety issue, no action from the REMAC. Multiple Drafts of Advisories, please get your comments in prior to the next REMAC Mtg: Mon Feb 23rd at PSTF.

There're several documents out for public review, invasive airway placement in patients with a pulse that is out for public comment which will be acted on at the next REMAC meeting two weeks from today (2/23). Those comments are due 1 week from today (2/16). Adult termination of auto hospital arrest guidelines also will be looked at.

Also, there's a destination facility guidance for sick cardiac patients, cardiogenic shock patients perhaps having MIS in terms of what hospitals & where they should be going. This mostly pertains to Monroe County, but everyone should look at this which was sent out January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, there's a draft bundle that was just pushed out related to suspected geriatric, hip fractures which came out of the pain project initiative that Dr. Dorset is leading. This will not be acted on in February. This will be acted on in April, so comments are due April 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Training & Ed Chair Amanda Martin:

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- PIER Chair Geordie Klueber:  
Next meeting tomorrow, all applications received and looking to make sure everyone votes, closing voting on Sunday.
- Livingston County EMS Coordinator Karen Dewar:  
No Report
- Monroe County Interim EMS Coordinator Steve Tschiderer:  
No Report
- Program Agency Report: Ben Sensenbach:
  - State Actions:

Name	EMT Number	Reason for Sanction	Comment	Post Date
Sano, Roswell	463218	For violations of 10 NYCRR 800.15 (b)(1).	Suspended for one (1) year effective 01/08/2026. Assessed a civil penalty of \$2000.	01/08/2026
Delucia, Anthony	453174	For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.3(am), 800.3(al) and 800.15(a)(2).	Certification is revoked effective 11/19/2025. Assessed a civil penalty of 8,000.	11/21/2025

Problems with Google Suite through an update Security Patch. Need everyone to log into your MLREMS email account, then go into your Junk, look at the emails and mark them as not junk/spam. Groups are still not working; it will only send via individual emails. If you need to send out a mass email to a group, please send it to Mindy so she can assist.

Mindy has created a list of filter rules that we were testing on. If this works, we'll send you a detailed email to help you set filter rules to allow melrems.org. A Big Thank you to Neil Matthes from Pittsford Ambulance which is their Google Admin. He's been helping us with stuff too.



Albany in State Meetings in 2 weeks

Contract status updated and then we will get the vouching process updated and streamlined to increase our capabilities to turn around the vouchers quickly and efficiently.

Shout out to Mindy who took the time to call every member of the council when we cancelled the meeting due to weather to make sure that no one drove out in the inclement weather.

- Bureau of EMS – Brian Wiedman  
Not Present - No Report
- Old Business –  
None
- New Business –  
Ballot voting for the open and expiring membership seats was performed and tallied. Results are as follows:

MLREMS Seats: (Seat New Expiration 03/31/30)

Livingston County At Large Seat: Alex Cook  
Livingston County CON Seat: Samuel Tinelli  
Livingston County BLSFR Seat: Geordie Klueber  
Law Enforcement Seat: Eric Rathfelder  
At Large EMS Agency Seat 2: Jon Smith  
At Large EMS Agency Seat 3: Tim Frost  
Community Representative Seat: David Chafetz  
Healthcare Representative Seat 2: Adam Oplinger

REMAC Seats:

At Large NYS Certified Seat 1 (non-voting): Catheryn Smith

### Important Dates:

- NYS DOH and Other Important Dates –  
SEMAC and SEMSCO February 24th and 25th, 2026, at the Embassy Suites, Saratoga Springs, NY.
- Next Council Meeting – Monday March 16, 2026, 16:00 Hours at Livingston County EMS - 5582 Lake Road Avon, NY.

Adjournment – 1643 hrs

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