



**Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 16, 2026, 4:00 pm**  
**Livingston County EMS**  
**5582 Lake Road, Avon, NY**

Welcome by Chair Sam Tinelli - 1600

- Pledge of Allegiance

Calling of the Roll; See attached

**Officer / Committee Reports:**

- Chairperson Report: Sam Tinelli
  - Send committee reports to both Mike and Ben to ensure updates are tracked and minutes are complete.Mental Health Fellowship and Rural Task Force Report out and released
  - SEMSCO Representative Report
- Vice Chair: Jonathan Smith
  - Systems Operations Committee Report  
No current actions or requests but pending work that will follow.
  - NEG Committee Report:  
No current actions
  - As promised in our election last month, all candidates who were not selected for open sets for potential fit into any remaining open seats and did not find alignment. We're still in contact with those folks and if they are opportunities, we continue to engage them. We're still in the process of our bylaws review. This is largely complete, but we're working through a few outstanding items that have a potential legal consequence. We want to make sure that we're not creating conflict with the Department of Health or any other potential areas of risk. We'll be coming forward with documents that outline all the changes, recommendations for policy and procedure.
- Treasurer / Finance Committee Alex Cook: -
  - Review and motion for approval of the Financial Report  
Sent out Financial Statements for 4 months Bill Alex - **Passed**
  - Funds running light, Ben and Alex in contact with State, State advises they did not have anything. Re-Forwarded the original email and hopefully the contract will be a 24-25 REMSCO Contract - then we will send a 25-26 contract.  
Discussion on Div lack of contracting: see AI Paramedic Scholarship

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- Already on austerity and we are only paying expenses needed; the current balance is unable to keep up with current Council Responsibilities.
- Hopefully they won't have any reason to kick it back. Everything is done to be sent to the state. I'll be spacing out additional emails every few hours for each quarter to get these paid out. This way we can get back on track to pay the U of R outstanding balance about- \$350K.
- Remember that the contract between the program agency and the state with the U of R, does not have an executed contract. So, the U of R is out almost three quarters of a million dollars related to the state and their inability to execute a very simple contract. I don't know what the recourse is. The controller's office and other officials have been reached out but it's always someone else's problem. Either the bureau, division, controller's office or department of finance, etc. I would think the U of R would like to get paid for work done in 2022.
- The program agency budget allocated dollars for recruitment, retention and paramedic education. Because of this model, we need to spend money first and then we'll reimburse you. Despite being asked repeatedly in public open meetings to get clarification in writing from the state division of EMS regarding what expenditure would be accepted. For these things, those have yet to be provided.
- For the record, there are opportunities that could benefit your agency's recruitment and retention as well as likely benefit our collective ability to train paramedics in this system. Obviously, the council can't pay for it.
- Secretary / Membership Committee Michael Witkowski: Megahn Rose
  - Motion to approve February 9, 2026, Council minutes.
  - Membership committee has met twice; It's a committee of one but we're looking for some volunteers. Letters have been sent out to the two members to get started. They should be here at our next meeting.
- Regional Medical Director – Jeremy Cushman
  - Thanks to Council, little over 3 months with the new website and it is operating well with no down time. Thanks to Mindy for all her help and we continue to put up training opportunities live on the training page. Div Docs will be creating a monthly Podcast and will be on the last Friday of month. This will be a great resource for information relay which will be focusing on our regional policies. Please submit ideas you think would be valuable for our region & obviously beyond. Reach out to Maya.
  - Some additional policies REMAC have been working hard to update and do have some operational effect. Please review and provide feedback to the REMAC. The

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state meeting was cancelled so the next scheduled meeting is in May so if no interim meeting is scheduled, the protocol update will be approved by them.

- SEMAC Representative Maia Dorset: No Report
- REMAC Representative Aaron Farney:
  - Feb 23rd, REMAC 26-04, they passed two new policies as alluded to earlier. The 1st policy is entitled Invasive Airway Placement in adults with a pulse and is on the MLREMS website for review with a quiz. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was destination facility guidance for patients with cardiogenic shock and related conditions which was also published in the advisory.
  - There are two drafts published Geriatric / Policy Paramedic currently released today for system review. Please give feedback to the REMAC. This will be voted on at the April 20<sup>th</sup> REMAC meeting. Those are the geriatric hip fracture care bundle and determining appropriate levels of EMS clinician for patient transport which was just sent out earlier this afternoon.
- Training & Ed Chair Amanda Martin:
  - Working on a CIU, tentative date June 5th, CLI Class in the fall, Goal is to have two CIUs a year for our training and CICs in our region. -which will be 3-days so that's a little more intense versus 4 hours for the CIU.
- PIER Chair Geordie Klueber:
  - Regional Awards are completed and will be held EMS week. Huge thanks to Ben & Mindy. All nominees have been posted on the website.
- Livingston County EMS Coordinator Karen Dewar: No Report
- Monroe County EMS Coordinator Steve Tschiderer:
  - Fire Coordinator still interim and multiple applications for the EMS Administrator Position and currently going through interviews.
- Program Agency Report: Ben Sensenbach:
  - Thank you for all the help with the Google suite that is all updated and should be working correctly. All rules were updated and should be working as prescribed, if not please let us know. Follow up from the last Council Meeting on the transfer of Fingers Lake to Mercy EMS, no further requests and no action from our council.
  - State Actions.

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| Name            | EMT Number | Reason for Sanction  | Comment   | Post Date  |
|-----------------|------------|--|---|------------|
| Gomes, John     | 522594     | For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.3(am).                   | Surrendered certification effective 2/17/2026.                                  | 02/17/2026 |
| Stirling, Scott | 223877     | For violations of a previously issued stipulation and order. | Suspended for one (1) year effective 2/12/26.                                   | 02/13/2026 |
| Austin, Raheem  | 479837     | For violations of 10 NYCRR 800.3(am) and (ap)(1).            | Certification revoked effective 01/16/2026. Assessed a civil penalty of \$2000. | 01/16/2026 |

- Bureau of EMS – Brian Wiedman - Updated changes for Part 800, ensuring that all services are getting ready for the kickoff.
  - Old Business – None
  - New Business – None
- NYS DOH and Other Important Dates – May 12-13, 2026 SEMSCO and SEMAC Meeting at the Gideon Putnam, Saratoga Springs, NY
- Next Council Meeting – Monday May 18, 2026, 16:00 Hours at 1190 Scottsville Rd, Rochester NY

Adjournment - 1653 Smith and Frost

***THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***

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