



# Westchester Regional EMS Council

## General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 26, 2009  
**Time:** 6:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Westchester County Department of Emergency Services

**OFFICERS**  
 Daniel J. Blum, Chair  
 James O'Connor, Vice Chair  
 Jeff Meade, Treasurer  
 Dr. Tim Haydock, Secretary

**MEMBERS**

NAME		AFFILIATION		
Barca	Joseph	Yonkers Police Department		Present
Blum	Daniel	Chappaqua VAC		Present
Burke	Alison	Greater New York Hospital Assoc		Present
Collins	Brendan P.	Larchmont VAC		Absent
DeRobertis	Nicholas	St. Joseph's Medical Center		Present
Faucher	Roland	Mohegan Vol. Fire Assoc. VAC		Present
Haydock	Timothy	White Plains Hospital Center		Present
Jackson	John	Westchester County Dept of Emergency Services		Excused
Kalish	Chris	Tarrytown VAC		Present
Eugene	Kelly	Yonkers Fire Department		Present
Labriola	Luci	Armonk Independent Fire Company		Excused
Lazar	Eliot	General Public		Excused
Liverzani	Michael	Town of Mamaroneck Amb District		Present
Malone III	Eugene	Fairview Fire Department		Present
McGurty	John A.	Hudson Valley Hospital Center (John Filangeri)		Alternate - Present
Meade	Jeffrey	Phelps Memorial Hospital (ELSP)		Absent
Minerva	Daniel	Empress EMS		Excused
Nechis	Alex	Eastchester VAC		Excused
Nechis	Barry	New Rochelle Fire Department		Present
O'Connor	Charles	Croton Fire Patrol		Present
O'Connor	James	TransCare (David Dawson)		Alternate - Present
Parsons	David	Harrison VAC		Excused
Cesar	Perez	Katonah-Bedford VAC		Present
Simpkins	Gilbert	Vista FD		Present
Frank	Straub	White Plains Department of Public Safety (John Cullen)		Alternate - Present
Doris	Varlese	Westchester Medical Center		Present
Volk	Michael	Westchester County Dept of Emergency Services		Excused

**GUESTS**

Smalley	Phyllis	WC Dept. of Emergency Services / Program Agency
Singer	Guy	WC Dept. of Emergency Services
Olmoz	Daniel	WC Dept. of Emergency Services / Program Agency
Pitonza	Jeff	Transcare
Sutton	Anthony	WC Dept. of Emergency Services
Ochs	Adam	Association of Fire Districts
Brannagan	Tess	Mohegan

Chair Daniel Blum called the meeting of the Westchester Regional EMS Council to order at 6:19 P.M.

DES Commissioner Tony Sutton was asked to lead the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary, Dr. Tim Haydock, conducted the roll call and determined that the attendance (18) did meet the quorum requirement of sixteen (16) delegates.

The minutes of the January 22, 2009, general meeting were previously disseminated to the members. The minutes were approved without change.

**CHAIR'S REPORT** - Chair Daniel Blum reported on the following.

**WREMSCO Membership** – Mr. Brendan Collins has resigned from the Council – accepted with regret.

It was announced that Mike Volk's father passed away – our regret was expressed.

**WREMSCO Budget** – the Executive Committee is in the process of working on the WREMSCO budget. The amount of money from the State remains the same as previous years. Also in the process of creating policies in regards to reports and making sure that they are delivered in a reasonable time.

Joe Barca, the Chair of the Transportation Committee will discuss the Municipal Certificate of Need received from the City of White Plains and provide an update on the ongoing the EMS agency CON discrepancy issue.

**VICE CHAIR'S REPORT** - None

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – None

**SECRETARY** – None

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Communication –**

Trunked Radio System – DES Commissioner Sutton reported on behalf of Chief Volk. Commissioner Sutton reminded the Council that an exchange program for leather holsters for the County issued portable radios is available. These new holsters don't interfere with the front buttons on the radio.

There is a manufacturing defect with the radios that is being corrected by Motorola. Agencies will be notified and will be given a temporary radio while their radio is being reconfigured.

### **Disaster TAG –**

Chair Barry Nechis reported on the following:

Mutual Aid Plan – looking to revamp the policy and will need volunteers from various areas of the County to participate. A number of things clearly need to be updated but none of them tend to be dramatic items but definitely needs to be refreshed and re-looked at.

### **Finance – None**

**Legislation and By-Laws** – With the resignation of Brendan Collins, Doris Varlese has agreed to chair this committee.

### **Nominating –**

Doris Varlese's affiliation is changing from Hospital to General Public. A motion was made by Chris Kalish to change Doris Varlese's affiliation. Roll call vote was taken and the motion was carried.

**Policy & Procedures** – Chair Roland Faucher would like to meet with Program Administrator, Dan Olmoz, to discuss a few things

**Public Information & Education** – Chair Chris Kalish reported on the following:

**Annual EMS Awards** – the Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Doubletree Hotel in Tarrytown. Nominations must be post-marked by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Journal Ads are due by April 25<sup>th</sup>. The price for the dinner is \$65 until April 14<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> is \$75 and then from May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup> is \$85. The cut off is May 12<sup>th</sup>. Council Members are charged \$35 for the dinner.

Chief Kapica will be retiring this year from Greenburg Police Department – the Council will look into doing recognizing him for all of his support and service.

**REMAC** - Chair Dr. DeRobertis reported that the REMAC had met on March 16, 2009. Among the items that are being discussed are:

**Protocols** – have been approved by the State. A couple of questions on pediatric doses and they are being reviewed.

**Appeal** – received one appeal to an Evaluation Committee determination that was made in relation to a paramedic. The REMAC responded and explained the appeal process.

**STEMI TAG** – still working on the development of a protocol. A discussion was held.

**Community Hospital at Dobbs Ferry** – The Community Hospital at Dobb's Ferry is changing from its current hospital configuration and will become part of St. John's Riverside Health Organization effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. The new name will be the Pavilion at Dobbs Ferry.

**Hypothermia Protocols** – investigating pre-hospital protocols and which hospitals will be able to accept these patients.

**Training and Education** – Dan Olmoz delivered the report for Chair Alex Nechis

**Protocol rollout** – will be in April and hoping to implement on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CLI Course** – pre-screening in May and the class in early June – no set dates. We will need instructors.

**Instructor Update** – will be in September or October

**Instructor Coordinator Course** – hoping to have a class in early 2010.

**Transportation** - Chair Joe Barca reported on the following:

**Muni-CON** – City of White Plains Police Emergency Services has submitted to the Council and to New York State a request for designation under the Municipal CON status for an ALS first response agency. New York State Department of Health has reviewed their request and approved pending the approval from the REMAC. They will work in tandem with their contracted EMS provider and they will use their service primarily for tactical operations in high risk situations.

**CON** – On March 5<sup>th</sup> several agencies met with Dan Blum, Dan Olmoz and Lee Burns and Rich Robinson of the New York State, Department of Health to discuss their Certificates of Need (CON). It was brought to our attention that a number of Agencies have been operating outside of their operating authority that is listed on their CON. The State would like these certificates 100 percent accurate with as little controversy as possible. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held for Yorktown, Ossining, Chappaqua, Mount Kisco and Valhalla. Yorktown needs no change and some minor tweaking for the others. The March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with Ardsley, Elmsford and Tarrytown wasn't as smooth. There is some controversy on the New York State Thruway – who covers what. Certified letters were sent to agencies that may have inconsistencies on their CONs requesting that they contact us so that we may assist them with resolving the issues. Once this is done, we will hold a formal Article 30 hearing for all the agencies – this way we will only have to have one stenographer and one mailing. Hoping to complete this by May so that the Council can vote on it at the May meeting. The operating certificate does not include mutual aid.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**Next Meeting** – The next REMSCO meeting will be on May 28, 2009, at 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by P. Smalley for Dr. T. Haydock.