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**State EMS Board / SEMSAC  
Annual Joint Meeting  
January 15, 2019  
10:00 a.m.**

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order – Mr. DeVries, EMS Board Chairperson  
Dr. Kalish, SEMSAC Chairperson
- II. MIEMSS Report – Ms. Gainer
  - EMSOF Overview – Ms. Abramson
- III. MFRI – Mr. Cox
- IV. MSP Aviation Command – Captain McMinn
- V. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma – Dr. Snedeker
- VI. MSFA – President Blair
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business



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Minutes

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**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairperson; Sherry Adams, Vice Chair; Murray Kalish, MD; Sally Showalter, RN.; Stephen Cox; William J. Frohna, M.D.

**Board Members Absent:** Dean E. Albert Reece, M.D.; James Scheulen, NREMT P; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN.

**SEMSAC Members Present:** Karen Doyle, Vice Chair; Kathleen Grote; Wayne Tiemersma; Jennifer Anders, MD; Eric Smothers; Brian Frankel; John Filer; Linda Dousa; Tim Burns; Wayne Dyott; Scott Haas; Habeeba Park, MD; Ms. Meyers; Jason Day

**Others Present:**

**MFRI:** Mr. Michael Cox; Mr. Marlatt

**MSPAC:** Major Tagliaferri; Captain McMinn; Director Woods

**MSFA:** Mr. Blair, Ms. Tomanelli

**RACSTC:** Dr. Snedeker; Ms. Livens

**MHCC:** Ms. Renfrew

**CASAC:** Mr. Kinsey

**MDOT/MHSO:** Dr. Kerns

**Harford County EMS:** Mr. Dousa

**MIEMSS:** Ms. Gainer; Dr. Chizmar; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Alban; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Mr. Cantera; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Goff; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Mr. Naumann; Mr. Schaefer; Mr. Thompson;

**OAG:** Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

Mr. DeVries, EMS Board Chairman, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m., He thanked the EMS Board and SEMSAC members for their efforts during the past year and their continued spirit of cooperative excellence which makes the Maryland EMS System successful.

Dr. Kalish, SEMSAC Chairman, wished everyone a happy new year and said the SEMSAC is

looking forward to working on the 2019 goals.

Mr. DeVries asked for a moment of silence in memory of Jackie Olson, Anne Arundel County Fire Department and Past President of the MSFA.

### **MFRI**

A copy of the MFRI presentation was distributed.

Mr. Cox reported on MFRI's 2018 statistics regarding student enrollment and the disciplines and programs in which they participated. He said MFRI had 22 new/revised courses in 2018 and listed equipment purchased resulting from the \$500,000 awarded Fire Act Grant.

Mr. Cox said that current pass rates for EMT testing are generally in line with pass rates prior to National Registry testing. He provided an overview of the enhancements to EMT training since the inception of National Registry testing.

Mr. Cox said that MFRI will be piloting a new EMT class. This pilot includes access to "book on tape" technology, National Registry adaptive test question preparation, the use of tablets and computers for quizzes and tests, instituting a student capability evaluation tool, and real time student analytics.

Mr. Cox said the 15-33% of students who pass MFRI's current EMT program fail to take the NREMT test. In order to improve this low test taking rate, MFRI will be hosting a Pierson View testing center for National Registry testing in each MFRI Region. Mr. Cox said the testing centers will be dependent upon FY19 supplemental budget request.

### **MIEMSS**

A paper copy of the MIEMSS presentation was distributed.

Ms. Gainer highlighted the 2018 major agency efforts including initiatives surrounding the Opioid Crisis, the completion of the eMEDS Elite by all jurisdictions, the progress with the Statewide Communications System Upgrade from analog to digital, the implementation of the eLicensure program, hospital conversions and designations and Emergency Operations support of Active Assailant workgroup, support for the US Virgin Island disaster and Maryland flooding and CISM support and training.

Ms. Gainer said that 2019 focus will include eMEDS Data Links to CRISP, mapping eMEDS data into ESSENCE. She also said that the EMS Plan is due to be revised since its last update five years ago. Ms. Gainer also said that data security, adequate and sustained reimbursement for EMS, EMS alternative destinations, the Communications upgrade will all be important initiatives in the upcoming year. She said that MIEMSS was looking forward to welcoming Dr. Delbridge as the new Executive Director on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **MEMSOF**

A copy of the presentation was distributed.

Ms. Abramson said the Maryland EMS Operations fund is derived primarily from a biennial vehicle registration surcharge of \$29.00. Since this fund source is not inflation sensitive, a fee increase is

necessary periodically. The second fund source is via a moving violation surcharge of \$7.50 to certain moving violation fines imposed by the court and paid to the MEMSOF after certain other payments are made. The third MEMSOF funding source comes from interest earned on the MEMSOF.

Ms. Abramson said that the partners relying on MEMSOF include MSPAC, MIEMSS, MFRI and RACSTC. Ms. Abramson gave a breakdown of MEMSOF allocations to each partner and the percentage of the annual budget received by each entity.

She said the MEMSOF annual budget requests are reviewed by SEMSAC and approved by the EMS Board before submission to the Department of Budget & Management.

Additionally, the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (Amoss Fund receives \$15,000,000 annually). The allocation of MEMSOF funds to the Amoss Fund is not subject to the review and approval of the EMS Board.

### **MSPAC**

A copy of the MSPAC presentation was distributed.

Captain McMinn reported on the Maryland State Police Aviation Command's 2018 mission data, personnel training, current numbers of EMS providers and pilots, promotions, personnel recruitment strategies, and ongoing projects and initiatives.

Captain McMinn reported the Cumberland section will continue to be out of service on overnight shifts during weekdays, but staffed on weekdays and 24/7 on weekends. The SYSCOM Duty Officers have protocols in place to use commercial services as back-up to MSP helicopters as appropriate.

Captain McMinn said that the MSPAC has chosen a new slogan: "People, Partnerships, Professionalism."

### **RACSTC**

A copy of the RACSTC report was distributed.

Dr. Kristie Snedeker, Director of Care Management and Clinical Operations, highlighted the RACSTC's 2018 statistics on patient admissions, occupancy rates, OR volumes and clinic volumes. She summarized the RACSTC Go-Team missions and EMS Outreach & Education activities.

### **MSFA**

President Blair introduced Ms. Kate Tomanelli, MSFA Executive Director. He said that the MSFA will be seeking to increase the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund during the 2019 legislative season.

Mr. DeVries thanked President Blair and said that the volunteers are critically important for maintaining the highest quality of our EMS system. He asked President Blair to please express the Board's appreciation to the MSFA membership.

Mr. DeVries said that all components of the EMS system are looking forward to Dr. Delbridge's arrival on February 13, 2019. He thanked everyone for their informative reports. Mr. DeVries added that 2018 had been another great year and that the EMS System partners can take pride in all of their accomplishments.

The EMS Board and SEMSAC adjourned the Joint Meeting.