

SEMSAC Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2012

Members Present: M. Kalish; S. Edwards; W. Kerr for M. Gibbons; E. Ganson; K. Yamamoto; M. Meyers; J. Markey; J. Fillmore; A. Faden; R. Berg; S. Haas; W. Gaasch; J. Fowler; L. Tenney; E. Smothers; J. Fortney; R. Simonds; L. Dousa.

Members Absent: W. Bethea; J. Scheulen; K. Grote; K. May; E. Carlson; J. Brown; K. Doyle; A. Walker; M. Muth; M. DeRuggiero; N. McQuay; T. Gianni.

MIEMSS: L. Myers; C. Hyzer; P. Hurlock; R. Oliveira; B. Slack; J. Brown; C. Mays; J. Donohue; R. Alcorta; P. Gainer; A. Aycocock; D. Stamey.

OAG: F. Magee.

MSFA: J. Denver; B. Dousa

Dr. Kalish opened the meeting at 13:06.

Technical difficulties prohibited the teleconference line from being used.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of those who died in the MSP helicopter crash that occurred four years ago and in memory of Baltimore County Firefighter- Paramedic Mark Falkenhan who died during a residential fire in 2011 and is being honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Weekend in Emmitsburg, MD.

Executive Director's Report-Dr. Alcorta on behalf of Dr. Bass

- The new Region 2 Administrator, David Stamey was introduced. Prior to coming to MIEMSS, Mr. Stamey was an ALS instructor at MFRI.
- A new program entitled "EMS Voluntary Event Notification Tool (EVENT)" is now on the MIEMSS webpage and allows reporting of issues or concerns by EMS providers to MIEMSS.
- All jurisdictions except Montgomery County have begun using or have committed to use eMEDS. St. Mary's County most recently came online.
- The EMS Plan is due to be updated. MIEMSS is drafting a revised document that will include the core elements and a work plan to present to SEMSAC for review and input.

- The Governor will officially unveil the first of the new AW139 MSP helicopters on October 5, 2012 at Martin's Airport.
- The newly formed Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee held its first meeting on October 2. One key area of focus is High Performance CPR by EMS providers. MIEMSS is aligning the EMS Protocols accordingly.
- Funding for Phase 1 of the MIEMSS Communications System Upgrade has been approved.
- MEMSOF insolvency continues to be a primary concern. MIEMSS and the MEMSOF partners will actively seeking MEMSOF funding during the upcoming legislative session.

The September 6, 2012 SEMSAC Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

SEMSAC Chairman's Report-Dr. Murray Kalish

- The SEMSAC Bylaws revision allowing attendance by telephone for up to 2 meetings per year was approved by the EMS Board.
- The changes to COMAR 30.01.02 which incorporates by reference the July 1, 2012 EMS Protocols was approved by the EMS Board.

The following hospitals have been re-designated as a base station:

- **5 year re-designation:**
 1. Atlantic General Hospital
 2. Baltimore Washington Medical Center
 3. MedStar Franklin Square Hospital
 4. Garrett Memorial Hospital
 5. Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center
 6. Mercy Medical Center
 7. St. Joseph Medical Center
 8. MedStar Union Memorial Hospital
- **2 year re-designation**
 1. Maryland General Hospital
- **1 year re-designation**
 1. Carroll Hospital Center
 2. Harford Memorial Hospital
 3. Upper Chesapeake Medical Center

National Study Center Report-A. Faden

- NHTSA has released a report on the pain management of trauma patients.
- NSC is conducting an analysis of Medevac helicopter utilization by county.

- NSC has received the following 3 new grant awards:
 - Office of Naval Research to evaluate automated trauma resuscitation systems.
 - U.S. Army to assess surgical skills under traumatic circumstances
 - NIH to study the genetics and genomics of pain. The schools of Nursing, Dentistry, and Medicine will participate.
- A Pain Research Center may be established in the future to address research related to pain.

Committee Reports-None.

Update of Activities

MSFA- President John Denver

- MSFA will attend the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial weekend.
- MSFA is submitting a grant to study recruitment and retention of volunteers.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in Flintstone, MD, on October 27 & 28, 2012.

MSP Aviation-Walt Kerr

The primary purpose of the helicopter unveiling on October 5, 2012 is to introduce the new MSP helicopter to the public.

New Business

- Dr. Alcorta gave an overview of the 2013 EMS Protocol Changes. The document will be emailed to the members of SEMSAC, along with an accompanying explanation of the changes for review prior to the November 1, 2012 SEMSAC meeting. Questions or comments should be provided to Dr. Alcorta.

Old Business-None

The meeting adjourned at 13:41