

**Metro Region EMS System
EMS Technical Operations Committee
March 16, 2021**

Members:

Allina Health EMS – Kevin Miller	Mdewakanton Fire & EMS - absent
Anoka County – Terry Stoltzman	Medical Director, East - absent
Burnsville - absent	Medical Director, West – John Hick, MD
Carver County - absent	Minneapolis Fire – Amber Lage
CentraCare – Frank Zinken	Northfield EMS – Brian Edwards (Chair)
Cottage Grove EMS – Jon Pritchard	North Memorial Ambulance - Kevin Novotny (Vice-Chair)
Dakota County – Amalia Roberts	North Memorial Ambulance, PZM- absent
Edina Fire – Ryan Quinn	Oakdale Fire - absent
Elk River Ambulance- Steve Dittbenner	Ramsey County - absent
Gold Cross, St. Cloud- absent	Ridgeview EMS - absent
Hastings Fire - absent	St. Paul Fire - absent
HealthPartners Transportation- Brian Fisher	Scott County - absent
Hennepin County – Kristen Melstrom	Sherburne County – Adam Boler
Hennepin EMS – Tyler Lukkus	South Metro Fire – Terry Anderson
Isanti County – Bruce Hildebrandt	University of MN EMS- Robert Ball
Lakes Region EMS - absent	Washington County – Angela Eastman
Lakeview EMS – Jon Muller	White Bear Lake Fire – Greg Peterson
M Health Fairview – Tom Edminson- absent	Woodbury Public Safety - absent
Mahtomedi Fire - absent	
Maplewood Fire – Mike Mondor	

Guests: Brent Custard, Terry Johnson, Jeff Lanenberg, Gwen Martin, Tyler Ostman, Joe Schmidt, Jeff Siems, Dave Waltz

MESB Staff: Ron Robinson, Jill Rohret, Martha Ziese

1. Call to Order

Brian Edwards, 2021 EMS TOC Chair called meeting to order at 12:00PM

2. Approval of Agenda

Terry Stoltzman moved to approve the EMS TOC March 2021 agenda. Jon Pritchard seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting

Adam Boler moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting, Jon Muller seconded. Motion carried.

4. Guest Presentation – None

5. Action Items - None

6. Reports and Updates

A. EMSRB

Kevin Miller said the EMSRB met Thursday.

B. Healthcare Coalition

The Metro Healthcare Coalition and its workgroups continue to have daily (M-F) meetings primarily focusing on vaccinations and will continue until COVID guidance's ease up.

C. Surge Planning

No updates.

D. Regional Programs

EMSRB FY2020-2021 EMS grants (contracts) update NEW Grants FY 2022-2023

Ron Robinson stated that the Legislature is still working towards a final budget for FY 2022-2023. The session is scheduled to end around May 20, 2021.

E. MESB Update

Jill Rohret said the MESB approved the Civil Unrest After Action report at the October 29, 2020 meeting. Some of the recommendations to improve communications included enabling CAD-to-CAD operability, assisting Minneapolis in handling 9-1-1 calls during overwhelming events and providing PSAPs with information during the Floyd trial.

Rohret said more law enforcement agencies are going encrypted.

Brian Edwards asked who would hold the encryption keys?

Rohret said they are held by the talkgroup owner. Tracey Fredrick will assist.

F. EMS TOC Executive Committee

EMS TOC Executive meeting was on February 18, 2021. The meeting was focused on the upcoming TOC meeting agenda.

G. EMS Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee

Jeff Lanenberg said that committee is having issues. The EMS EP workgroup will re-start having meetings the first Tuesday of the odd numbered months.

H. MMRTAC

Ron Robinson said the 15-member board met last week and will start the trauma system meetings in May 2021

I. Local EMS Updates

No updates

J. Other Updates

J.B. Guiton is having a liver transplant

Pam Blixt passed away.

Allina was overwhelmed, the strike team was helpful. GEO spatial software was added.

Centra Care added Dennis Wiglen

Hennepin Public Health is working on the vaccinations. Re-do EMS ordinance.

Hennepin EMS is planning for civil unrest at the trials

Lakeview EMS – Bridget Murphy is the new the Operations Supervisor

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. **Adjourn**