

**Metro Region EMS System
EMS Technical Operations Committee
September 26, 2023
No Quorum**

Members:

Allina Health EMS – Kevin Miller	Mahtomedi Fire - absent
Anoka County – Jeff Lanenberg	Maplewood Fire – Ryan Schroeder
Burnsville - absent	Mdewakanton Fire & EMS - absent
Carver County - absent	Medical Director, East – Dr. Aaron Burnett
CentraCare - absent	Medical Director, West - absent
Chisago County - absent	Minneapolis Fire - absent
Cottage Grove EMS - Jon Pritchard	Northfield EMS - Brian Edwards
Dakota County – Thomas Olmsted	North Memorial Ambulance – Scott Oberlander
Edina Fire – Ryan Quinn	Oakdale Fire - absent
Elk River Ambulance - absent	Ramsey County - absent
Gold Cross, St. Cloud - absent	Ridgeview EMS – Joe Dibenedetto
Hastings Fire - absent	St. Paul Fire – Steve Sampson
HealthPartners Transportation - Brian Fisher, Chair	Scott County - absent
Hennepin County – Kristin Mellstrom	Sherburne County - Adam Boler
Hennepin EMS - Tyler Lupkes	South Metro Fire - absent
Isanti County - absent	University of MN EMS – Robert Ball
Lakes Region EMS – Ben Wasmund	Washington County - absent
Lakeview EMS – John Muller	White Bear Lake Fire - Joel Schmidt
Lower St. Croix - absent	Woodbury Public Safety - absent
M Health Fairview – Nick Lesch	

MESB Staff: Greg Hayes; Jacob Kallenbach; Jill Rohret

Guests: Megan Barry, *Anoka County*; Adam Arnett, *UMEMS*

1. Call to Order

Chair Brian Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m....Introductions were made.

2. Approval of September 26, 2023 Agenda

No approval of agenda as the meeting did not have the required attendance to meet the quorum.

3. Approval of June, 2023 Minutes

No approval of minutes as the meeting did not have the required attendance to meet the quorum.

4. Action Items

The two actions items scheduled for this meeting have been moved to the discussion section as a vote could not be taken because of the failure to meet quorum.

5. Discussion Items

A. Discussion on the MESB Rep from the EMSRB

The EMSRB rep was appointed and approved by the Governor.

B. Discussion on the By-laws and Approval Process

Revised By-laws and approval process will be distributed over email within the packet prior to the next meeting in December. Pushing for a quorum and approved attendance so these action items can be voted on and changed. The MESB Board would then need to approve the changes at their next meeting.

C. Stillwater Prison Regional Response After Action Review

Discussion on the Stillwater Prison incident. John Muller EMS Incident Commander reviewed the following.

- John was notified by his hospital administrator.
- Historical incidents at Stillwater Prison have been violent.
- EMS IC was told of the potential of 80 patients with 100 inmates in the unit.
- The incident was considered a hostage situation with 2 DOC employees located in the internal POD.
- EMS IC established a command post with the FD IC.
- 10:49 a.m. MRCC notified to send out an alert.
- Power and water were shut off at the prison.
- EMS IC was told the “the prisoners had weapons” and not going down without a fight.
- 11:30 a.m. the plan was to enter the POD and use gas and/or lethal force.
- The plan was to bring all patients out the front for decon and treatment.
- EMS IC and Tyler Lupkes talked on the phone. EMS IC requested 10 ambulances and the MIR Bus.
- Representatives from the prison requested the bus and ambulance to be moved as it does not look good as news began to report on the scene.
- After a DOC rep asked to move the ambulances a second time the decision was made to demobilize based on the current situation.
- Lack of a Unified Command was the biggest challenge in getting information.
- Tyler reviewed the Region response and the notification process. With MNTRAC and the virtual EOC.
- 18 ambulances on-scene.
- Entry by the DOC was going to happen at 1:30p.m. but never happened.
- The Governor’s office became involved in the incident which provided some tactical challenges.
- It was requested by the EMS IC to do an AAR with the DOC, they refused.

Recommendations

- EMS leaders should check their MNTRAC settings.
- Dr. Burnett reviewed his side and really liked the virtual EOC. OR’s available at East Metro hospitals.
- Create a process document for notification and MNTRAC notification.
- EMS IC requested an AAR with the DOC and the DOC does not seem to be interested.
- Recommendation by Kevin Miller to have a large group page through Zipit for notification.

D. Presentation – Dr. Burnett

Dr. Burnett provided an update on the diversion status within the metro. The question was about the removal of the divert status, and if ED’s would see an increase of patients. The data shows that the elimination of the divert status did not have a negative impact on patients or ED volume. Finally, based on the data, COVID did not have an impact on the divert status.

E. EMSRB

Brian Edwards gave an update on the EMSRB and the sustainability awards.

The Medical Directors discussed the need for guidance on ALS first response agencies.

6. MESB Updates

Greg Hayes gave an update on grants and training. There are spots open in the EMS teambuilding class. The web site has continual updates.

The MIR Bus is operational at M Health. Agencies should request through MRCC.

Teambuilding class #2 registration open. Excellent class for EMS leaders to help understand themselves as well as others around them. The class registration has been open for 3 days and we already have 15 out of 30 spots filled.

7. EMS Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee

Tyler Lupkes reviewed the last meeting with the AST and IRP workgroups.

8. Local EMS Updates

Services gave updates on the various community events that needed ES coverage.

9. Other Business

No other business to report.

10. Adjournment 11:56 p.m.