



## **METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD EMS TECHNICAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

December 17, 2024, 12:00 P.M.

- 1) **Call to Order** –Chair, Brian Fisher
  
- 2) **Approval of Agenda** – Fisher
  
- 3) **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (Page 3)** – Fisher
  
- 4) **Presentation**
  - a) Suboxone- Dr. Tim Kummer
  - b) Pre-hospital use of blood products- Dwyer
  
- 5) **Action Items**
  
- 6) **Discussion Items**
  - a) EMSRB/ Office of EMS– Edminson
    - i) Appointments to the Office of EMS
      - (1) Region EMS Medical Director (1)
      - (2) Region EMS System Provider (1)
      - (3) All EMS Regions to appoint a flight nurse (1)
  - b) EMS Closest Unit situational awareness platform workgroup
  - c) MESB Update – Hayes/Rohret
    - i) 2025 EMS TOC Membership Update
    - ii) EMS Regional Training
      - (1) FTEP Course
      - (2) Beyond The Streets- Dakota County
      - (3) EMS Wellness Workshop
    - iii) EMS Grant Update
    - iv) MMRTAC Update- MIST
  - d) MRCC East & West Update
  - e) EMS Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee – Lupkes
    - i) EMS Taskforce/ AST
    - ii) Incident Response Plan Training
  - f) Local EMS Updates
  - g) Other Updates
  
- 7) **Other Business**
  
- 8) **Adjourn**



**METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD  
EMS TECHNICAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

December 17, 2024, 12:00 P.M.

**2025 Next Meeting-** March 18, 2025

**EMS TOC Executive Committee-**  
TBD

**EMS TOC (Full Committee)-**

March 18, 2025

June 17, 2025

September 16, 2025

December 16, 2025

**Metro Region EMS System  
EMS Technical Operations Committee  
September 17, 2024**

**Members:**

Allina Health EMS – **absent**  
Anoka County – Sarah Larson  
Burnsville - **absent**  
Carver County - **absent**  
CentraCare - **absent**  
Chisago County - **absent**  
Cottage Grove EMS – Jon Pritchard  
Dakota County – **absent**  
Edina Fire – Shaun White  
Elk River Ambulance - **absent**  
Gold Cross, St. Cloud - **absent**  
Hastings Fire – Chris Paulson  
HealthPartners Transportation - Brian Fisher,  
Chair  
Hennepin County – Kristin Mellstrom  
Hennepin EMS – Tyler Lupkes  
Isanti County - **absent**  
Lakes Region EMS – Ryan Quinn  
Lakeview EMS – Nic Barratt  
Lower St. Croix – Kevin Malecek  
M Health Fairview – Nick Lesch & Tom  
Edminson

Mahtomedi Fire - **absent**  
Maplewood Fire – Ryan Schroeder  
Mdewakanton Fire & EMS – Brian Davis  
Medical Director, East – Dr. Aaron Burnett  
Medical Director, West - **absent**  
Minneapolis Fire - **absent**  
MRCC East – Alisha Vars  
MRCC West – Dan Klawitter  
Northfield EMS – Brian Edwards  
North Memorial Ambulance – **absent**  
Oakdale Fire – Mark Tiffany  
Ramsey County - **absent**  
Ridgeview EMS – **absent**  
St. Paul Fire – Steve Sampson  
Scott County - **absent**  
Sherburne County – Adam Boler  
South Metro Fire – **absent**  
University of MN EMS – Robert Ball  
Washington County - **absent**  
White Bear Lake Fire – Joel Schmidt  
Woodbury Public Safety **absent**

**MESB Staff:** Greg Hayes; Jacob Kallenbach; and Jill Rohret.

**Guests:** None.

**1. Call to Order – Chair, Brian Fisher**

EMS TOC Chair, Brian Fisher, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion made by Kristin Mellstrom, seconded by Shaun White to approve the September 17, 2024, EMS TOC meeting agenda. Motion carried.*

**3. Approval of Minutes**

*Motion made by Nick Lesch, seconded by Adam Boler to approve the June 18, 2024, EMS TOC meeting minutes. Motion carried.*

**4. Presentation**

**A. EMAC Metro Ambulance Strike Team (AST) Requests**

Greg Hayes gave a brief overview on EMAC Metro Ambulance Strike Team Requests as hurricane season has begun. Requests for action are unlikely but there is always a possibility. There are AST exercise opportunities in discussion and updates will be given if these proceed into the action phase.

**5. Action Items – None**

## **6. Discussion Items**

### **A. EMS Closest Unit Situational Awareness Platform**

The workgroup assessing the technology related to situational awareness has found that the Beacon Mutual platform is far ahead of all others due to its financial costs and platform offerings. Beacon Mutual will be able to share CAD data, allow emergency departments to see ETAs, and will show units in specific mapped areas to help create a more coordinated response. Hayes stated that he would begin to work on financing and see if it could be added to the MESB legislative agenda and be funded on the regional level.

The EMS TOC stated their support for the platform and desires to move forward in the direction of Beacon Mutual.

### **B. EMSRB/Office of EMS**

#### **i. Appointments**

Tom Edminson stated that the Director position hiring is on track to see an appointment sometime in October. The full transition of positions/processes will occur at the beginning of the new year.

### **C. MESB Update**

#### **i. Review By-Laws**

Hayes stated that the By-Laws have undergone slight language changes and have been published in the meeting packet. Please look for an email from Hayes as agencies will need to continue to appoint members to the EMS TOC through him. There will also be an "opt-out" clause for those agencies who wish to withdraw from MESB EMS TOC membership.

#### **ii. EMS Regional Training**

Hayes gave a brief update on upcoming training and opportunities he will pursue over the winter months.

#### **iii. EMS Grant Update**

Hayes stated that there are still grant funds left for 2024/2025. Please reach out to him with possible projects/trainings that could have an important regional impact.

#### **iv. MMRTAC Update**

The committee has decided to update the MIST poster. These are in process of being updated and printed. Upon completion, the MIST posters will be distributed to hospitals and EMS units to create a standardized practice throughout the Metro region.

### **D. MRCC East & West Updates**

Dan Klawitter stated that both MRCC East and West are on track to have all Metro hospitals on zipit by the end of 2024.

### **E. EMS Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee**

#### **i. Incident Response Plan Training**

The IRP workgroup is being revitalized to add a personal accountability section to the new training.

### **F. Local EMS Updates**

EMS TOC members provided local updates.

### **G. Other Updates – None**

## **8. Adjourn**

*Motion made by Brian Edwards, seconded by Tyler Lupkes to adjourn the September 2024 EMS TOC meeting. Motion carried.*

The September 2024 EMS TOC meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.