

## Westchester County EMS Advisory Board (EAB)

### Notes from the May 27, 2014 Meeting

Location: Department of Emergency Services

Daniel Blum	E
Cullen, John	E
Dawson, David	X
Dewey, Stephen	X
Faucher, Roland	X
Kalish, Chris	E
Maddalo, Anthony, MD	E
Marello, Steven	E
Nigro, Emil, MD	E
Ochs, Adam	X
Volk, Michael	X
Wacha, Jennifer	X

#### Legend

X = attended  
A = absent  
E = excused  
G = Guest

Chairman Faucher called the meeting to order at 1830 hours. A motion to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting was made by David Dawson and seconded by Adam Ochs. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Michael Volk provided a summary of the REMSCO meeting held on May 22, 2014. (Chris Kalish provided notes)

#### **REMSCO Report:**

- The Annual EMS Awards Ceremony was held on Monday May 19, 2014 at the Sleepy Hollow High School. The event was an enormous success with over 400 participants.
  - The Awards Committee and the DES EMS Division did a great job organizing and supporting the ceremony.
- Communications/ DES Report:
  - The County is working with FDNY to create a common radio channel(s) that the Westchester and NYC fire and EMS agencies could utilize to support common border communications.
  - The County is working with other counties in support of a Medical Evacuation Transportation Untie (METU) taskforce. The taskforce would address regional responses. The agencies in NY/NJ area would be able to support q5 METUs if required.

- Westchester County Airport exercise was held on Saturday May 3, 2014. 17 EMS agencies participated and there were over 400 drill participants.
  - The new DES "Special Events" MCI trailer is being built and will be delivered within the next few weeks.
  - Radio System Evaluation: The County's Dept. of Information Technology will be hiring a consultant to evaluate the needs and future of radio communications in the county.
  - New REMSCO office nominations were discussed
- REMAC:
- The REMAC is working on updating all the medical control physicians on the new protocol rollout.
  - WMC is piloting a new stroke protocol for those patients presenting with stroke like symptoms outside the normal window for thrombolytic care.
  - The Regional Trauma Committee discussed the need to better triage elderly trauma patients due to comorbidities such as the use of anticoagulants.

The dedication of the plaque for Dr. DeRobertis will be held at DES on Thursday June 26, 2014.

#### **New Business:**

Chairman Faucher requested DC Wachua to speak with Comm. Cullen about future EAB initiatives. DC Wachua requested the EAB to brainstorm ideas that would assist the EMS community in providing enhanced service. Discussion was held on the need to coordinate MCI training and other operational issues.

Chairman Faucher requested the status of the EMS Officer training that was outlined by the EAB. Michael Volk stated that the training program was being developed by the EMS Division and will report back at the next meeting.

An email will be sent to the EAB members on brainstorming future initiatives that can be discussed at the next meeting.

The next EAB meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 1929 hours.