

**Joint EMS Board and SEMSAC Meeting
January 9, 2009**

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance:

EMS Board: Donald Devries, Chairman; Dean Reese; David Hexter; Gene Worthington; Dr. David Fowler (by phone); Victor Broccolino (by phone).

SEMSAC: Melissa Meyers; Roland Berg; Major A.J. McAndrew; Steven Edwards; Carole Ann Mays; Charlie Wills; David Balthis; Joe Brown; Chief Roger Simonds; John Spearman; Scott Haas; Kathleen Grote; Dr. David Crane; Dr. Jeffrey Fillmore; Dr. Allen Walker.

MIEMSS: Dr. Robert Bass; Pat Gainer; Lisa Myers; Dr. Richard Alcorta; Beth Magee; Robert Dubansky; Phil Hurlock; Jim Brown; Brian Slack; William Seifarth; John Barto; Chris Handley; Cyndy Wright-Johnson; Carlita Lindsey; Barry Contee

OAG: Fremont Magee

MSP: Captain Dan Cornwell; William Bernard; Mike Gartland; Tim Dash; Rick Bartlett; Jim Yerris

MSFA: Frank Underwood; Roger Powell; Paul Sterling

STC: Brenda Johnson

MFRI: Pat Marlett; David Lewis

Other: Kim Vogts, Prince George's Fire and EMS

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and a welcome and opening remarks were given by Mr. DeVries.

II. MIEMSS Executive Director's Report

Dr. Bass gave the 2008 MIEMSS Executive Director's Report. He highlighted several items that have been accomplished in 2008 or are currently underway at MIEMSS.

Dr. Bass then highlighted several items on the agenda for 2009 at MIEMSS.

Dr. Bass then reported on the Expert Panel Summary and discussed triage data, fleet replacement, safety recommendations that were included in the summary. The final report has not been provided to MIEMSS by the panel but is expected to be shortly.

III. Reports of Other Agencies funded by EMSOF

MSP Aviation. Major A.J. McAndrew gave an update on the fatal crash of MSP Trooper 2 on September 28, 2008. Several improvement recommendations have been made since the crash and were also made in the MSP Aviation Division legislative audit that was performed in 2008. Major McAndrew indicated that the MSP is considering all the recommendations and will continue to provide updates to SEMSAC and the EMS Board.

MSP budget proposals were discussed that would be used for safety equipment and to achieve compliance with FAA Part 135 requirements were discussed.

Action: Moved (Dr. Fowler), seconded (Mr. Brocolino), passed unanimously to approve an amendment to the FY2009 budget increasing the amount approved for the Maryland State Police Aviation Division in the Emergency Medial System Operating Fund (EMSOF) budget by \$499,120 to cover the costs of flight safety equipment including ELTs, night vision goggles, TAWS, and a flight simulator with an additional \$131,405 for those items to be paid from general funds.

Action: Moved (Dr. Hexter), seconded (Chief Worthington), passed unanimously to approve an amendment to the FY2010 budget increasing the amount approved for the Maryland State Police Aviation Division in the EMSOF budget by \$332,000 to be used for upgrading flight operations to the standards set forth in 42 CFR 135 with an additional \$83,000 for that purpose to be paid from general funds.

The EMS Board decided to defer consideration of the MSP other requests of additional pilots (20 total) and additional EMTs until the financial impact of the request could be studied.

Maryland Fire Rescue Institute. The MFRI report was given by Steven Edwards which highlighted 2008 statistics on the number of classes given and providers trained as well as other key initiatives that are underway or were accomplished in 2008.

Shock Trauma Center. The Shock Trauma report was given by John Spearman which highlighted Shock Trauma volume and statistics for 2008 including the number of patients transported to Shock Trauma by air pre- and post-trooper 2 crash.

National Study Center. The National Study Center report was given by Chris Handley on behalf of NSC Director, Dr. Thomas Scalea. Mr. Handley also highlighted major NSC initiatives from 2008 and for 2009.

IV. Legislative Update

Pat Gainer gave a brief legislative update which included a schedule of upcoming 2009 briefings and budget hearings. The legislative session starts on January 14,

2009. Ms. Gainer indicated that the budget deficit and its effect on state and local governments, as well on helicopter replacement proposals will be closely monitored.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

Mr. DeVries announced Dr. Murray Kalish was elected to serve as the new SEMSAC chairman and Chief David Balthis was elected to serve as the new SEMSAC vice-chair.

A plaque of appreciation was then presented to Chief Roger Simonds for his years of service to SEMSAC.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.