



Region III Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

Providing Emergency Medical Care to Metropolitan Baltimore

Region III Transportation Committee

November 15, 2023

Virtual

Minutes

In Attendance:

Eric Cohn (Howard County), Charles Dorsey (MIEMSS), Randy Linthicum (MIEMSS), James Matz (Baltimore City), Nicole Nappi (Baltimore County), Luis Pinet-Peralta (MIEMSS Region III), Michael Reynolds (Anne Arundel County), John Richter (Harford County), David Sabat (Chair/Howard County), Linas Saurusaitis (BWI Fire & Rescue), Christopher Shannon (Howard County), Mustafa Sidik (MIEMSS Region III), Michael Stoner (Harford County), Kevin Turner, Robert Vaccaro (Anne Arundel County)

- I. **Welcome & Introductions:** Chief David Sabat welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- II. **Chair Report :** Minutes from the September 27, 2023 meeting were distributed to the group prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved as written. There was no correspondence to report. The next scheduled meeting to take place on January 24, 2024 at 11:00am at MIEMSS Headquarters Office, Room 212.
- III. **Old Business**
 - A. Mustafa Sidik showed a presentation discussing transfer of care times. Off load times at Shock Trauma recently were over 30 minutes and some after 90 minutes. Data from the past two weeks from all hospitals in Region III show that there has been 406 records that the transfer of care is more than 30 minutes to get a bed and back in service is less than a minute. Howard County has to depend on providers and monitor their times because their radios don't work there. Anne Arundel County uses their radio button to report their times. MIEMSS will continue to monitor the data and review what the metrics should be.
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. **None to report**
- V. **A Look Ahead to 2024**
 - A. Chief David Sabat discussed changing the name of the committee and looking for more appropriate terms. David will check COMAR for specification and asked the group for better names for the committee.
- VI. **Regional Roundtable Reports**
 - A. Annapolis
 1. Not present



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- B. Anne Arundel
 - 1. 4 ALS clinicians, RSI and EMS supervisors were cleared from their Medical Director
 - 2. Currently preparing for many retirements towards the end of the year
 - 3. Working on First Watch
- C. Baltimore City
 - 1. Thanked all the jurisdiction for their support after the 2 recent line of duty deaths.
- D. Baltimore County
 - 1. Develop training on documentation for transfer of care times
- E. BWI
 - 1. Working on placing 2 personnel over to terminal project for 16 hours a day and will begin on Monday, November 20th
 - 2. Remove EMS Officer from the transport unit
 - 3. Hiring process for 24 paramedics, join the class starting in February 2024
- F. Carroll
 - 1. Improving on the transfer of care times
 - 2. Process of hiring 10 additional paramedics and will be able to add 2 per shift
- G. Harford
 - 1. 17th medic unit in service in the next two weeks
 - 2. 2nd EMS captain within two weeks
- H. Howard
 - 1. Howard County General Hospital had two people were shot and showed up at the front door of the ER. There were just finishing 2 medical cardiac arrests. The hospital went on lockdown and could not see anyone and started a mini-disaster.
 - 2. Updated their off-load policies for 30, 60 and 90 minutes effective November 14th.
 - 3. Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace is shutting down and transferring to the Aberdeen Freestanding site - University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Aberdeen - on February 6, 2024.
- I. MIEMSS

VII. Meeting Adjourned