

Region III Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

Providing Emergency Medical Care to Metropolitan Baltimore

Region III Transportation Committee May 24, 2023

Minutes

In Attendance:

Terrell Buckson (Prince George's County), Eric Cohn (Howard County), Ben Kaufman (Montgomery County), Danielle Knatz (Baltimore County Fire Department), James Matz (Baltimore City), Luis Pinet-Peralta (MIEMSS Region III), Andy Robertson (MIEMSS Region V), Linas Saurusaitis (BWI Fire and Rescue), Mustafa Sidik (MIEMSS Region III)

- I. **Welcome & Introductions:** Captain Linas Saurusaitis welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were conducted.
- II. Chair Report: There were no correspondence for the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 11:00am in MIEMSS Headquarters, Room 212.
- III. **Old Business:** None to report

IV. New Business:

- A. Reroute and Transfer of Care policies discussed.
 - i. Implementation of Transfer of Care policies discussed. BWI stressed the need to implement policies in collaboration with other regions
 - ii. Montgomery County and PG County discussed how they handle transfer of care issues
- b. Chief Buckson: states they follow Montgomery County. EMS 801 serves as their medical duty officer that routes traffic. In service 0800 2300. Currently are exploring transfer of care policies related to Queen Anne's and Anne Arundel
 - 1. Regarding reroute: they are struggling with hospitals who are requesting reroute. They rely on supervisors to put a hospital on reroute. Additionally, supervisors are to contact the jurisdiction where a hospital resides before placing a hospital from outside of PG county on reroute

c. Chief Kaufman:

- Hospitals requesting reroutes are immediately shut down. While EMS 700 is in service, Montgomery County Fire does not allow any hospital to go on reroute
- 2. Montgomery county does not have a problem with long transfer of care times
- 3. Presented on their ED throughput initiatives



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d. Open discussion between all attendees

V. Regional Roundtable Reports

A. Annapolis: Not in attendanceB. Anne Arundel: Not in attendance

C. Baltimore City: No report

D. Baltimore County:

1. asked about interagency upgrades and billing

2. New medical director starts in June

E. BWI: No report

F. Carroll: Not in attendance G. Harford: Not in attendance

H. Howard: No reportI. MIEMSS: No report

VI. Meeting Adjourned