This not a verbatim transcript of the meeting. The notes were typed during the meeting and were reviewed afterward. Official minutes of the meeting will be posted after approval at the next REMSCO meeting in November.

Roll call conducted – quorum present at 2:16 PM

Motion was made by Mark Tomlin, seconded by Steven Morelli to approve minutes of 6/18/20 meeting. Don Hudson mentioned 2 corrections to his report - DOH staff was sent to Javits Center in NYC and CFRs were included in those receiving 1 year certification extensions. Minutes were approved with corrections.

**Communications**
Report was attached to the agenda that was sent out.
NYS DOH BEMS&TS advised of enforcement action:

| Cosentino, Christina | 344314 | Violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.15(b)(1) and 800.16(a)(2) and (3) | Voluntarily Surrendered effective 7/7/20 | 7/28/20 |

Motion was made by Paul Divver, seconded by Mark Tomlin and passed to go straight to the Executive Committee Report.

**Executive – Paul Divver Chairman**
- Over the last couple of weeks the Executive Committee has had several meetings and votes.
- Atlantic Steamer Fire Company #1 in Oyster Bay requested to change from ALSFR to BLSFR. Request was endorsed by the Executive Committee. Issue will be brought up under New Business for a vote.

Nassau Regional Emergency Medical Services Program Agency, Inc.
- There was a meeting on 7/30/20 as Program Agency indicated it has been having monetary issues and requested a loan. After a prolonged discussion it was tabled and Executive Committee would meet in 2 weeks if NYS voucher reimbursement did not come through. It did not and Program Agency’s employees were furloughed. There was another meeting on 8/11/20 to discuss Program Agency funding issues & monies outstanding to REMSCO. Discussions revealed that some REMSCO information was stored at another location. There was no decision as no quorum was present to vote. On 8/20/20 Paul Divver was advised the Program Agency had retained an attorney. Paul Divver presented an e-mail vote to the Executive Committee for REMSCO to retain attorney which was approved with 6 YES and 2 ABSENTIONS.

Thomas Mastakouris asked to make a presentation explaining the issues with the Program Agency and REMSCO. 5 slides were shown.

[The screen shots of the slides did not come out readable in all cases]
Program Agency is a private agency in Nassau County. No statutory authority but provides professional & clerical staff.

Section 3 below describes funding.

Section 3003-A. Ems Program Agencies.

1. As provided by agreement with the commissioner or regional councils based on needs identified by the regional emergency medical services councils, an EMS program agency may be responsible for facilitating quality improvement of emergency medical care within its region, staffing the regional emergency medical advisory committees provided for in section three thousand four-a of this article, providing prehospital education programs approved by the department, and other activities to support and facilitate regional emergency medical services systems.

2. The programs developed by the agencies established by subdivision one of this section shall be implemented beginning in nineteen hundred ninety-three using funds collected by the New York state emergency medical services training account, established within the miscellaneous special revenue fund - 339 by section ninety-seven-q of the state finance law.

3. The portion of the funds collected by the emergency medical services training New York state account, established and allocated within the miscellaneous special revenue fund - 339 by section ninety-seven-q of the state finance law, shall be adequate to support the costs incurred in implementing the programs described in subdivision one of this section.
The Program Agency and REMSCO are separate organizations with their own EINs.

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Concerns – Potential Conflicts of Interest and financial aspects are listed including sustainability of the Program Agency. Can REMSCO loan money?

Paul Divver asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he indicated the issue will be picked up again under new business. At this point, however, additional information was presented and questions, answers and comments came forth.

Bruce Cohn, Esq., Chair of the Program Agency indicated the Program Agency provides services to the Council and some deliverables directly to NYS. The budget is $169,534.00 per year to be vouchered quarterly. The money needs to be spent to the last dollar and is then vouchered to NYS to get reimbursed. There are reimbursement contracts. The Council has a smaller grant contract for $25,000.00 for various expenses. Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) completed every year and forwarded to NYS the role of the Executive Director of REMSCO is also the Executive Director of the Program Agency. This MOU is signed by the Chairman of the
Council and Chairman of the Program Agency. The money that was loaned was raised by fundraising. In 2005 the Chair of the Council appointed a Fundraising Committee headed by Scott Glazer and were able to fundraise by direct solicitation, raffles at the annual dinner and selling ads in the dinner journal. The funds accumulated were kept in a separate bank account. The money borrowed by the Program Agency is not state grant money. State grant money to the Council is $25,000.00 a year and the records reflect just like the Program Agency is spent down to the penny quarterly and annually. If the money is not spent you get less from the state the following year. The disturbing part of the 8/11/20 meeting was when certain officers off the Council started raising issues about where the money went and where the money came from. This was fund raised money. The Council currently has in the bank $108,000.00 which is fund raised money not grant money. As far as the conflict of interest is concerned this has been discussed in the past. Cohn indicated he offered to resign as Chairman of the Program Agency if the choice was to remain on the Council vs. being part of the program Agency. REMSCO was incorporated in 1994 and the Program Agency was incorporated in 2003 by himself as a 100% free legal counsel. The officers of the Council were identical to the officers of the Program Agency and this remained for many years. An auditor for Nassau County determined and recommended that the officers be separated. There is a 4 page written report which was created based on interviewing former Chairmen and speaking to several people to try and get as much background as possible. It was noted that George Lee, CPA is on the call and that the Council and Program Agency have used the firm of Diventi & Lee, CPAs to audit the books for several years. Mr. Lee came in on 8/5/20 at the request of Cohn based on questions raised by the Executive Committee about where money came from and went and did a full audit and was able to reconcile all of the monies that went back and forth between the Program Agency and the Regional Council. The Program Agency currently owes the Regional Council $68,706.33 and is happy to discuss how to repay the money or how to make whole. State vouchers have been running months late and this is money that has been spent and is reimbursed by NYS. For that reason Council staff were furloughed for a period of days waiting for the March voucher. The current quarterly voucher is delayed and as of now our staff, the Council support staff, will be paid tomorrow and 2 weeks from tomorrow and after that without NYS funding or some other type funding of whatever sort, be it a loan or something else, we will need to shut the office.

Paul Divver asked question to clarify that the entire budget received from NYS to the Nassau County EMS Program Agency, Inc. is spent on salaries, benefits, insurance, accounting fees and a small amount on travel for the Executive Director to attend NYS meetings. Reply was that budget was attached to the written report and monies go to 5 places: salaries, benefits including fringe and healthcare for the full time employees, $3,000.00 for auditing services for NYS DOH obligated yearly auditing services, a small budget for travel to Program Agency meetings, UPS bills for PCRs and 10% of a cell phone bill. The Program Agency pays 10% of the Council Director’s and one other person’s cell phone bill based on the assumption that some calls may involve Program Agency business. Next question involved if monies to pay for the office that the Program Agency works in are covered by the REMSCO Council $25,000.00 grant? Reply was that the $25,000.00 goes to support the office such as equipment, stationary and whatever assorted supplies are needed. Rent is non-existent as it was at NUMC as NYU Winthrop Hospital provides the rent, air conditioning, a phone system and furniture. The budget is pretty much exhausted for those purposes. Last question asked was if the $25,000.00 being spent on equipment for the office for the Program Agency given by NYS grant to REMSCO was for the good and welfare and to support
EMS in the region. Is this somewhat correct? Cohn replied that he could not speak to what intent is but there is a contract and general answer is that monies going to REMSCO and the Program Agency clearly all go to at intent of the state for the support of the Regional Council business of coordinating EMS in Nassau County.

Paul Divver asked if anyone else had questions or would like clarification.

Don Hudson indicated he was one of the officers who challenged and questioned a lot of the rationales as to where the money went. He mentioned MOU appointing/delegating the Executive Director to both the Council and Program Agency that was signed annually and asked about an MOU for a position that is vacant.

Bruce Cohn, Esq. advised the latest MOU was signed 6/30/20 but due to public health emergency and the office being closed it was not issued and a new one needs to be completed for the period through 7/1/20 to 6/30/21. He stated an MOU is required by NYS and covers the facilities, equipment, services and support provided by REMSCO and the Program Agency.

Don Hudson asked if Cohn was reading from something and as a member of the Council, a Council Officer and a member of the public he indicated he was concerned he did not have access to and makes him uneasy and expressed his angst about the relationships and how they have evolved over time. He then asked about the fundraising and what was the stated purpose to the people that donated to the fundraising effort – was it to pay peoples’ salaries?

Bruce Cohn, Esq. advised he cannot tell what was done at the time but looking back at minutes of 2005 a fundraising committee was to be created. He left the Council in 2002 and returned in 2012, has no memory of what was discussed but does know there were fundraising activities but does not know what people were told. By the time he came back in 2012 it was no longer being accomplished. There are filing cabinets, and we are obligated to keep records for 7 years and the Chairman and Executive Director determined to keep records longer. There are 4 filing cabinets that were kept in a Northwell Health building and the cabinets have been removed by the Council to the Fire Police Academy and there may be information in there that can answer the question but Cohn can’t tell what they were told specifically as to the purpose.

Don Hudson asked about the request that was directed to the Program Agency and the offer to meet to collectively open those cabinets and what happened to the request? He stated the Program Agency is an open book and we as Council Officers are able to ask for anything and you will freely do that. Did that transpire?

Bruce Cohn, Esq. replied to the Chair saying he would caution members in regards to their tone and in regards to making allegations which may result in further actions. The file cabinets were stored at Northwell, There was an arrangement in place to open the file cabinets together on 8/26/20, the same day as the audit and were notified by the Chair of the Council to move the file cabinets and we objected. We are advised that officers of the Council traveled to the Northwell building and removed the cabinets. The answer to the question of why we did open them together is because Counsel Fishbone got involved and requested the keys and we were negotiating to open them together when they were removed.
Peter Fishbein, Esq. indicated he did send an e-mail in regards to the keys and also spoke with Robert Wild of Garfunkel Wild but there was no mention in his conversation with him of the keys. He says he was told the Program Agency was going to go out of business. He never received a response as to who was involved in negotiations for opening the fill cabinets. He confirmed the file cabinets were removed to the Fire-Police Academy and are currently in that location. He indicated it would be useful to share the 4 page report with members of the Council. He asked what period of accounting did the 8/5/20 report cover? He indicated it would be useful to receive a copy of any MOU that needs to be executed for 7/1/20 to 6/30/21 which would be a succeeding MOU based on prior MOUs to the same effect. He indicated the Agency does not dispute that $68,706.33 is owed by the Program Agency to REMSCO and would like to work out a way to repay that money.

Bruce Cohn, Esq. advised the 4 page report prepared for Council will be shared with Peter Fishbein, Esq. The audit went back to 2010. He stated George Lee has been doing an audit for at least 5 years for both the Program Agency and REMSCO. He does not know where Program Agency is going to get the money it owes. He will provide copies of MOUs. He is concerned with the possibility of the entity going out of business as the NYS Governor has expressed state money concerns and may have to furlough or terminate employees. Program Agency can’t fundraise and can’t borrow from bank a as it can’t pay interest. The REMSCO money was a bridge loan.

Peter Fishbein, Esq. asked about getting copies of the audit – could Bruce Cohn follow up on this? Bruce Cohn, Esq. replied yes.

Paul Divver indicated it would be best to move to New Business and consider the options to handle the situation at hand.

Don Hudson asked about the total of outstanding invoices to NYS. Bruce Cohn, Esq. advised an amount of $50,299.15 vouchered for 6/30/20 and the same for the fiscal quarter ending 9/30/20. Don Hudson apologized for his tone and asked that it not be mistaken for anything other than concern and passion as both exist. Don Hudson asked concerning amount owed vs, vouchered, where is rest of it and mentioned an amount of about $18,000.00.

Bruce Cohn, Esq. indicated the general amounts being talked about are $68,000.00 and $50,000.00 but its not clear quarter to quarter, mentioned different loans, $6,000.00 and $6,000.00, they paid back some of it and borrowed again and does not really know why certain amounts were borrowed. He would assume that was the amount of money they were short. The last loan in August 2019 was $18,000.00 and something and was paid back 7 days later. It is probably accurate to look at we borrowed a quarter & paid back a quarter and we borrowed a quarter & paid back a quarter. Vouchers do not come back from NYS with funds at a specific return rate, sometimes 11 weeks, sometimes 12 weeks, sometimes a month, etc. so it is not clean month-to-month. If you look at the budget, the books and the financials it is very easy to see as there are only 5 or 6 bills. The money that went out clearly went to those bills and then we waited for the voucher. There was no other source of funding other that the state voucher and what ever was borrowed from the Regional Council.
Thomas Mastakouris asked about getting access to 2011–2012 financials for the Program Agency and Bruce Cohn, Esq. indicated the answer was yes. Council and Program Agency financials are both maintained in the office in electronic format in QuickBooks and bank statements are available. In response to a question, accountant will be asked to provide the information to the Council.

Chair moved to New Business

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Paul Divver, seconded by Frank Chester and passed with 1 abstention for endorsement letter for Atlantic Steamer Fire Company #1 to change from ALSFR to BLSFR.

Nassau Regional Emergency Medical Services Program Agency, Inc.

Motion made and seconded:

“to hire Peter Fishbein, Esq. as counsel to REMSCO.”

Motion passed with Bruce Cohn, Esq., Frank Chester and John Hassett abstaining.

Thomas Mastakouris made a motion which was seconded (with wording suggested by Peter Fishbein, Esq. to send a “demand notice” to have $68,706.33 repaid without specifying an end date including a request to get together and see how this would be repaid. The motion posted on the Webex screen read:

Letter sent from Mr. Fishbein to Mr. Cohn and the Program Agency and the Program Agency counsel demanding return of moneys owed $68,706.33.

Motion was passed with 1 opposed and abstentions by Frank Chester and Bruce Cohn.

Don Hudson made a motion that:

“The Council cease funding on Council related expenditures to the Program Agency going out a monthly basis.”

He mentioned Dell financial services, Citibank credit card, Hartford for office equipment insurance, Staples, Quill, Verizon for phone, Deland Laden for copy machine lease and Optimum for internet. Motion was seconded by Barry Rigney.

Paul Divver asked for an explanation of what happens to the Program Agency if the motion is put into effect. Bruce Cohn, Esq. responded he needs to speak to counsel. The equipment would go back. Copy machine goes back & cell phone(s) is shut off. Office can be maintained. Paul Fishbein, Esq. indicated leased machines, computers, postal machine, copy machine, are difficult to terminate on an early bird basis. Whatever entity signed the lease is responsible and it may be worthwhile to first take a look at the equipment leases and service agreements and determine liability. Agency may need equipment if eventually funded by NYS and employees come off furlough. He suggested take a look before stopping payments. Don Hudson and Thomas Mastakouris asked who signed the leases and whose name they are in?

Bruce Cohn, Esq. indicated the Executive Director would have to look at the leases. A full inventory would be needed. He indicated the computers have completed their lease term, the copy machine is on a current lease and would have to be removed, internet service through Optimum Internet would need to be terminated and the cell phone used by Frank Chester would need to be terminated. Thomas Mastakouris asked that copies
of lease terms and conditions be provided and reply was that they could have the leases.

Don Hudson revised his motion and the following was posted to the screen:

"Continue payment of associated lease agreements on a monthly basis upon review of associated paperwork and proof of need".

He suggested that moving forward the Program Agency provide itemized expenditure lists.

Thomas Mastakouris asked if a motion is even warranted as we have the checkbook and can cease and desist and if you want to pay for it, pay for it until we get the leases and determine what is necessary and what’s not.

Don Hudson rescinded his motion but expressed need to see the documents.

Peter Fishbein, Esq. suggested a motion:

"Council authorizes the chair to obtain copies of office equipment leases and review same to make a determination as to continued payment"

Bruce Cohn, Esq. indicated copier lease is in the name of the REMSCO at $189.00 a month and confirmed it was a 5 year lease but have not checked on cancellation terms. Don Hudson made the motion, seconded by Barry Rigney which passed with Bruce Cohn, Esq. and Frank Chester abstaining.

Paul Divver asked if there were any other questions, comments or motions related to the subject. He then stated that when Bruce Cohn, Esq. sends the MOU over he will determine if he going to sign it and if not going to sign it he will bring it back to the Council at the November meeting and advise and a vote on what to be done further. At this time he does not remember signing a previous one and does not feel comfortable signing any agreements with the current situation. Bruce Cohn, Esq. indicated for several years they have all be the same language and will send over the one signed and a blank one and added NYS has not asked for it so there is time.

Thomas Mastakouris commented that if the Program Agency closes shop as was mentioned in some communications or we chose not to do business what will be done in the best interests of Nassau County to maintain services to EMS needs to be discussed among the Council members. He assumes the state would have to be involved. There are a lot of unanswered questions on where we go from here. If the Program Agency has no money, or they are going to try and work it out, if the current structure is not sustainable and we are not going to fund the equipment it will not be a good outcome. There has to be discussions on moving forward.

Paul Divver advised he has been in contact with NYS DOH about the situation as it is right now and has relayed information about the loans, etc. and they are reviewing the situation themselves. We may make recommendations to the state, however, the state is in charge of who would receive the contract for the Program Agency. Pending the progression of this over the next month or 2 another Executive meeting or Council meeting may be needed to determine what to do. His intention is to form a committee to explore our options with input from NYS since they are going to be major stakeholders in how we progress. During the period of the furlough they were able to keep the Program Agency positions up and running. Majority of that was done through the website. Moving forward the Program Agency would need to be replaced if that comes to be and that would be up to the state. Thomas Durfee asked if REMSCO
should as a body be looking onto or making recommendations to the state or do they not want that type of input? Reply was that recommendations and input could be made to state but state decides who they sign the contract with. Thomas Durfee commented that as mentioned a committee is to be formed to give the Executive Committee some input as to what is best for Nassau County be it a government entity, a private entity or some hybrid. Don Hudson indicated agreement and with the specter of the Program Agency going out of business as was stated by their own attorney he would suggest the Chair ask any Council members who would like to work with the Executive Committee as a restructuring and/or continuance of business committee to make themselves known to the Chair by e-mail.

Paul Divver made a motion seconded by Thomas Durfee to;

“Form committee that will work in conjunction with the Executive Committee to explore other options if the Program Agency needs to be replaced.”

Motion passed with a no vote by John Hassett and abstentions by Bruce Cohn, Esq. who indicated he would be resigning from the Council and Frank Chester. Paul Divver asked that anyone is interested in serving on the committee to send him an e-mail.

OFFICER REPORTS

**Chairperson – Paul Divver**
No additional report.

**Vice Chairperson – Thomas Mastakouris**
Will report under membership.

**Secretary Treasurer**
No report.

**State EMS Council (SEMSCO) – Donald Hudson**
- Thanked Bruce Cohn for his service.
- Virtual committee and subcommittee meetings were held 8/12/20 and virtual SEMAC and SEMSCO meetings were held 8/13/20. Written report will be submitted.
- Ezras Nashim requested to upgrade from a BLSFR to a BLS ambulance service. SEMSCO overturned NYC REMSCO’s denial and granted a CON. There may be an appeal.
- Discussed protocols and COVID-19.
- Collaborative is alive and well.
- Motion was passed to recommend emergency change to allow waiver involving Part 800. Issue arose with Nitroglycerin in 250 ml glass vials.
- Discussed rolling back the Viral Pandemic Triage Protocol but it was not done.
- Discussed alternative to nebulization medications and added Terbutaline, an injectable bronchodilator, if needed.
- Passed motion that it is within scope of EMS to administer vaccinations.
- Passed motion about oral & nasal swabbing being within scope of EMS provider.
- State no longer sending reminders about CON & controlled substance renewals. Nassau County will send reminders.
Executive Director

- No report.
- Position is vacant.

QI Coordinator – Frank Chester

- There are 991 ALS providers registered in the database.
- Referrals received and follow-ups conducted.
- Working with the RTAC as it requested some time averages for different things.
- 7.9 minutes average response time.
- 12.1 minutes average on-scene time – trauma.
- 18.1 minutes average on-scene time – other than serious trauma.
- 29.51 minutes average hospital turnaround time.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Communications

- There is no chairperson.
- There have been no meetings.

Disaster Planning & Coordinating – Annemarie Glazer, Chairman

- No meeting.
- We have all lived through a real life experience over the last few months.

Education & Training – Frank Chester, Chairman

- DOH recently revealed that there will be a 20% across the board cut to EMS Academies for all course reimbursements. This applies to vouchers sent in for past classes. There have been phone calls and discussions but there does not appear to be any resolution to situation any time soon.
- Computer Based Testing has improved since March when 350 students saw their test on 3/18/20 cancelled and there were 2 months of problems.

Legal & Governmental Affairs – Bruce Cohn, Chairman

- No report.
- Nothing specific on the agenda.

Membership – Thomas Mastakouris

- No meeting since COVID-19 pandemic.
- No member’s term is expiring. Terms are staggered with next ones ending 12/31/21 and 12/31/23.
- There was 1 resignation announced today – Bruce Cohn, Esq.
- Discussed Citizen At-Large openings. There are 2 such spots open and now a Provider At-Large.
- Asked about Gary Ferrucci who is getting near by-law requirement for meeting attendance. John Hassett is staying on the Council. Frank Chester’s status with VEEB employment in 3 weeks is unknown.
- NCPD Communications Bureau has nominated Karen Brohm for REMSCO seat.
- EMS union seat could not go to their original choice because of not being a Nassau County resident. Pearse Donnelly has been subsequently nominated
and Committee is awaiting his curriculum vitae (CV). He is known to have a 20
year career in EMS with North Shore and NCPD.

- Motion made by Thomas Mastakouris and seconded by Paul Divver to appoint
  Karen Brohm, NCPD Communications Bureau to seat was passed without
  opposition.
- Motion made by Thomas Mastakouris and seconded to appoint Pierce Donnelly,
  EMT-P to CSEA to career EMS unionized workers seat upon presentation of CV.
  Motion was passed without opposition but with 1 abstention by Christopher Airey.
- Paul Divver indicated that there are at least 5 people looking to get on the
  Council. There is 1 prehospital provider at-large and 2 citizen at-large seats
  open. He suggested a motion to convert a citizen at-large set to a pre-hospital
  provider at-large seat. Thomas Mastakouris polled the Membership Committee
  (Durfee, Hassett, Rigney and Mastakouris) but there was feeling that the
  Committee should meet in next week or so before next Council meeting.
- David Kugler, MD wished to remind the Council that the CSEA seat was formerly
  held by Mark Safford, MD as a physician at-large and converted on his removal
  for attendance reasons to a citizen at-large. Divver confirmed it was a citizen at-
  large seat and should have been occupied by someone not involved in EMS or
  medical authority as Dr. Safford was. Thomas Mastakouris indicated REMAC is
  physicians. ACEP is represented by Allen Cherson, MD and nurses also have a
  representatives through the Nassau/Suffolk Hospital Council, the Emergency
  Nurses Association and an ER Nurse Manager at-Large seat. There are also
  other physicians on the Council. Don Hudson pointed out that REMSCO and
  REMAC members and their constituencies are posted at www.nassauems.org.

Public Education – Gary Ferrucci, Chairman
No report.

EMS Systems – Paul Diver, Chairman
Bellmore-Merrick EMS sent a communication on 8/13/20 which the committee was
unable to meet on. The agency is requesting a matrix change from secondary position
at night to primary position at night in the operating area of North Bellmore. This will be
brought up under New Business for a vote.

Regional Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) – David Kugler, MD,
Representative
- List of physician applicants was included in the notice of the meeting.
- 20 physicians are on REMAC plus addition non-voting members.
- There are 5 open seats and enormous interest.
- Elections will be held under New Business

Hospital Emergency Department – Scott Glazer, Chairman
- No meeting.
- No report.

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) – Annemarie Glazer, RN,
Representative
- Certain facilities were reporting prolonged transport times.
- Frank Chester shared response time data with the RTAC.
- RTAC will forward any issues to Frank Chester on case-by-case basis.
• Trauma hospitals are reporting slight decreases in the volume of trauma patients but the acuity of the injuries has significantly increased.
• Penetrating trauma has increased. Winthrop is not a knife and gun kind of place but penetrating injuries have gone from 2.5%-2.7% to 6%.
• Next RTAC meeting will be in November.
• Next State Trauma Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting is 10/1/20 and will be virtual.

County EMS Coordinator – Don Hudson
• All agencies have been released from COVID-19 pandemic standbys.
• Have been asked to review what worked and not worked so well. Benefits of in-house crews was mentioned in reducing response time.
• Daily reporting continues but not universally.
• US Coast Guard had a joint operations exercise on 7/25/20 for the TrumpStock North Shore Boat Parade involving 8 marine and ground assets.
• Policy Statement 20-07 Interim Guidance for EMS Education Courses was recently released. It covers COVID-19 pandemic emergency changes including certification extensions, changes to CME refresher program, education and testing.
• Local Fire District is looking to contract with a commercial ambulance agency for coverage. There have been talks with BEMS&TS about the legalities of this and it is on pause. There is a conference call with BEMS&TS on 9/3/20 concerning issue and a result is forthcoming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REMAC Election
It was explained that 17 physicians have applied and there are 5 vacancies. 4 members were dismissed and 1 resigned. Each REMSCO member was asked to pick 5 names and the top vote getters will be appointed to REMAC. Titles are provided but no affiliations. The names, titles and votes received are shown below. Not all REMSCO members voted for 5 and there was at least 1 abstention.
• Matthew Harris, MD - Triple board certified in Pediatrics, Pediatric Emergence Medicine and EMS/Disaster Medicine. Been Involved in EMS since 1998 as an EMT, Paramedic and Pending Agency Medical Director. 11 votes.
• Eli Nathan Cohen, DO - Emergency Medicine Physician, Emergency Medical Services Liaison. 1 vote.
• John Colletta, MD - Chair of Emergency Department, Emergency Department Physician, Agency Medical Director. 3 votes.
• Evan Feinberg, MD - Emergency Department Physician, Clinical Instructor, Agency Medical Director. 3 votes.
• Robert Bramante, MD - Emergency Department Physician, Chair of Emergency Department. 4 votes.
• Jonathan Berkowitz, MD - Emergency Medicine Physician, Agency Medical Director. 1 vote.
• Joseph Chirayil, MD - Assistant Medical Director of Emergency Medicine, Emergency Medicine Physician. 0 votes.
• Frederick Davis, DO - Associate Chair of Emergency Medicine Department, Emergency Medicine Physician. 1 vote.
• Kurt Dischner, MD - Associate Chairman of Emergency Medicine, Emergency Medicine Physician.  4 votes.
• John Mathew, DO - Director of Emergency Medicine.  3 votes.
• Stefan Muehlbauer, MD - Chairman of Emergency Medicine, Emergency Medicine Physician.  0 votes.
• Salvatore Pardo, MD - Chairman of Emergency Department, Emergency Medicine Physician.  4 votes.
• Sanjay Shetty, MD - Vice chair of the Emergency Department, Emergency Medicine Physician.  4 votes.
• Jatinder Singh, MD - Emergency Medicine Physician, Agency Medical Director, Medical Control Physician.  9 votes.
• Cormac Smith, MD - Emergency Medicine Physician.  2 votes.
• David Tran, MD - Emergency Medicine Physician.  1 vote.
• Jessica Berrios, MD - Vice Chair of the Emergency Department, Emergency Medicine Physician, Medical Control Physician.  11 votes.

Roll call vote conducted and elected to REMAC were: Jessica Berrios, MD, Matthew Harris, MD and Jatinder Singh, MD. For the 2 remaining seats it was passed on to REMAC to pick 2 from the 3 receiving 4 votes each: Robert Bramante, MD, Kurt Dischner, MD and Salvatore Pardo, MD.

Election of Officers

Nominations for 2021-2022 Officers.
Nomination were opened from the floor and the following were nominated and seconded:
• Chairman - Thomas Mastakouris (Fire Commission)
• Vice Chairperson - Ann DeSimone (Nassau County DOH)
• Secretary-Treasurer - Charles Mackie (Fire Commission)
• State Council Representation - Don Hudson (NC Fire-Police Academy)
Nominations were closed and elections will take place at the November meeting.

Appointments

None.

Good of the Council

Stephen Lincke, Wantagh Fire Department won the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians’ 2020 national volunteer EMS Paramedic of the Year Award. Lincke is a 40-year member of the WFD, serves as Captain of EMS, oversees the department’s 2 EMS squads that staff the department's ambulances. As captain, Lincke responds to many emergency incidents, often serving as the first EMS provider on the scene.

Next REMSCO meeting is Wednesday 11/4/20 at 2:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM