DATE: 11/15/20

TO: NYSVARA Board of Directors

FROM: James B. Downey & Nancy Ehrhardt
Coeditors, THE BLANKET Newsletter

SUBJECT: BLANKET Committee Report for 11/15/20 Board of Directors Meeting

On 11/2/20 the BLANKET received an e-mail from Dana Jonas, Unit Chief, Operations Branch, Bureau of EMS & Trauma Services advising "Just wanted to give you some feedback on these summaries that NYSVARA has been providing on the BEMSATS WebEx events....I think they are great and are very useful, especially as the information & education environment changes during the pandemic. Keep up the good work and yes I know it's a team effort, so recognition is in order to your entire team!"

BLANKET NEWSLETTER

BLANKET Special Edition - NYS DOH SEMSCO/SEMAC Meetings December is expected to be published shortly after the meetings scheduled for 12/8/20 and 12/9/20.

BLANKET 2020 Issue #1 is in off & on preparation. There are over 10 pages of text already assembled that is updated from time to time. Next publication date is unknown.

Distribution of the BLANKET by e-mail is to over 4,100 and includes both paid up and recently lapsed individual and squad members, all REMSCOs, County EMS Coordinators plus NYS DOH Bureau of EMS & Trauma Services central and regional offices. Copies of the BLANKET are printed for distribution at various venues such as the First Responder Education Day in Nassau County in April and the annual NYSVARA Legislative Day in Albany in May.

E-MAIL BLASTS

Constant Contact was used to send the following messages:
9/19/20  Notes - NYS DOH BEMS&TS 9/16/20 Webex Call for EMS Agency Leadership & Providers
9/22/20  NYC REMSCO 9/22/20 Meeting Agenda and June REMSCO & REMAC Meeting Minutes
10/3/20  Notes - Nassau Regional EMS Council 9/30/20 Special Meeting via Webex
10/5/20  Districts 4 & 18 NYSVARA Virtual Meeting on ZOOM - Thursday, 10/8/20 at 8:00 PM
10/7/20  Notes - NYS DOH BEMS&TS 9/30/20 Webex Update for EMS Course Sponsors
10/17/20 Notes - NYS DOH BEMS&TS 10/14/20 Webex Update for EMS Agency Leadership & Providers
10/24/20 NYC REMAC Advisory 20-17 - Mandatory On-Line NYC Unified Protocol Update Training
10/26/20 NYC REMSCO 10/27/20 Meeting Agenda and September REMSCO & REMAC Minutes
MEETINGS & EVENTS ATTENDED SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING

9/15/20 NYC REMAC Meeting via ZOOM
9/15/20 District 7 meeting at Bay Shore-Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance, Suffolk County
9/16/20 BEMS&TS Webex update for EMS Agency Leadership & Providers
9/22/20 NYC REMSCO & Ambulance Committee ZOOM meetings
9/30/20 Nassau REMSCO Special Meeting via Webex
9/30/20 BEMS&TS Webex update call for Course Sponsors
10/3/20 Bedford-Stuyvesant VAC monthly membership meeting, Brooklyn
10/7/20 Nassau REMAC meeting via Webex
10/14/20 BEMS&TS 10/14/20 Webex update for EMS Agency Leadership & Providers
10/20/20 NYC REMAC & Medical Standards meetings via ZOOM
10/23/20 NYC Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) ZOOM virtual meeting
10/27/28 NYC REMSCO & Ambulance Committee via ZOOM
10/28/20 BEMS&TS 10/28/20 Webex update for EMS Agency Leadership & Providers
10/28/20 NYC REMSCO Ambulance Committee Public Hearing on Glen Oaks VAC expansion
11/4/20 Nassau REMSCO meeting via Webex
11/10/20 NYC REMAC & Medical Standards meetings via ZOOM
11/10/20 BEMS&TS presentation on free e-PCR and paper portal at NUMC, East Meadow, Nassau
11/12/20 North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset quarterly EMS Leadership meeting (virtual)

ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

9/16/20 Passed on FASNY Magazine Sept-Oct cover article on 209(b) issue
9/16/20 passed on District 7 Legislative Report 9/15/20

ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT OF MEMBER BENEFITS

Agreed to label and deliver to Post Office the annual notice of a no cost $4,000 group insurance policy. The mailing is expected to be about 800 to our individual membership. Labels or an EXCEL file of members’ names and home addresses were requested from the Membership Secretary on 11/13/20. The mailing should be received from National Income Life within 2 weeks. A second mailing to non-responders is expected to go out in a couple months.

CONSTANT CONTACT

The database of contacts has grown from around 4,100 at the beginning of the year to over 4,856 as of the second week of September

The Constant Contact List for PULSE CHECK 2020 Virtual Educational Conference topped out at 680. It is remarkable that well over half seem to be new contacts. They came in from all over NYS. Sometimes we got 2 or 3 from the same agency so news spread in some agencies by word of mouth. There was group of 29 from Young Leaders of Public Health and Medicine that seem to be in the Queens and Western Nassau area. The New York State Police had 6 signed up. Three Village Central School District on Long Island had 5 signed up. I saw at least 2 NYS DOH BEMS&TS senior staff signed up.
ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF PULSE CHECK

Maintaining a database of potential vendors and exhibitors. We have about 1000 vendor names and addresses assembled from participation in recent trade shows and advertisements ready for PULSE CHECK mailings. We will continue to update the database in the coming year. The previous list had risen to 800 records but the information in the listing had not been re-verified or updated in years.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Presented 5 NYSVARA Special Awards at the District 7 meeting on 9/15/20 at Bay Shore-Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance:

- Communications of the year: Mary Brenner, Huntington Community First Aid Squad - District 7
- BLS Provider of the year: Fiona Witkowski, Huntington Community First Aid Squad - District 7
- Youth Squad of the year: Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance - District 7
- Agency of the year: Huntington Community First Aid Squad - District 7
- A special recognition bestowed on Bob Franz recognizing his contribution and support to NYSVARA as Treasurer for many years and for his participation in Annual Legislative Day, EMS Memorial Ceremony, PULSE CHECK Conference and the Mega Show promoting NYSVARA.

Database of all EMS, fire and search & rescue agencies down to the station and company level in New York is being maintained and regularly updated. Total currently is about 4,800 records. This database can be sorted by:

- District and/or Region
- county
- service type – ambulance, first responder, air or fire
- care level – BLS, AEMT-I, AEMT-CC, AEMT-P or rescue
- ownership – independent, VFD, municipal, police, college, industrial, hospital or commercial
- Regional EMS Council

Word continues to get out about our e-mail notification list, which currently totals 2,100 names statewide. It has been effective at getting information out and we are receiving regular requests from other organizations to pass on notices of events.