

### Region III EMS Council

Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale Counties  
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Region III EMS Council Meeting  
August 13, 2015  
Cobb County Safety Village  
Agenda

<b>Council Members Present</b>	
Pam Blackwell	At Large – Emergency Preparedness Specialty
Ricky Burnett	At Large – City of Roswell Fulton County
Bill Compton	Grady – Fulton County
Keith Cowart	Hapeville Fire – Fulton County
Carli Cuendet	Newton Medical Center – Newton County
Rich Elliott	Clayton Fire – Clayton County
Earl Grubbs, MD	Gwinnett County
John Harvey, MD	At Large – Trauma Specialty
Bernard Hicks	DeKalb BOH – DeKalb County
Sue Loeffler	DeKalb EMA – DeKalb County
Landry Merkison	Clayton Fire – Clayton County
Spencer Miller	Cobb Fire – Cobb County
Steve Moyers	Gwinnett County
Pete Quinones	Metro Atlanta Ambulance – Cobb County
Sam Shartar	DeKalb County
Kenneth Simpson	Rural Metro – Fulton County

<b>Council Members Absent</b>	
Benny Atkins	National EMS – Rockdale County
Sharon Davis	Douglas Fire – Douglas County
Larry Few	Fulton Fire – Fulton County
Linda Hamby	Fulton County – Private Consumer
Matthew McKenna, MD	Fulton County
Casey Snyder	Gwinnett Fire/Emer Services – Gwinnett County
Greg Swanson	Gwinnett EMA – Gwinnett County
Christopher Whitmire	City of Marietta Fire – Cobb County

**Guest:**

Guest rosters are contained on file with the Region III Office of EMS

Ej Dailey, Program Director Region III Office of EMS

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Welcome – Call to Order

Dr. John Harvey

Dr. Harvey called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. Sam Heaton welcomed everyone to the Safety Village and gave a brief history of the facility.

Dr. Harvey introduced new appointees to the council. Carlie Cuendet from Newton County Medical Center EMS/Newton County, Norman Augustin from DeKalb County Fire Rescue/DeKalb County, Sam Shartar and Sue Loeffler were re-appointed from DeKalb Board of Commissioners.

Approval of May 13, 2015 Minutes

The council members were provided with copies of the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes to review. Dr. Harvey updated the members on the letter that was to have been written in regards to the 911 Committee. After investigating, Dr. Harvey found that legislation was introduced last year regarding the 911 Committee and he had rather find out where the legislation is now before submitting a letter.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting was made by Sam Shartar with a second from Ricky Burnett. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee  
No Report

Pete Quinones

Trauma Advisory

Dr. John Harvey

Dr. Harvey advised that Dr. Nicholas was at the Trauma Committee meeting and unable to attend. He did speak with Dr. Nicholas earlier in the week and advised the council that Billy Kunkle will be creating the report and ultimately the Trauma Plan for Region III.

Georgia Trauma Network

Pete Quinones

Pete advised that Marty Billings was currently at the meeting. The only update was that the equipment on the previous grant had been approved for expenditures. However, instead of receiving your reimbursement in 5 to 7 days it could take up to 45 days.

Pre-Hospital Care

Jeff Moss

Jeff Moss reported that the committee had agreed to support the TIME Task Force. After circulating the information regarding the training throughout the region, it was evident that a great deal of interest. A training session will be held prior to the next council meeting and a report will be made available.

Communications  
No Report

Dr. Art Yancey

EMSAC  
No Report

Benny Atkins

2016 Region III EMS Council Meeting Schedule  
February 11, 2016  
Clayton County Fire Training Academy  
May 12, 2016  
August 11, 2016  
November 10, 2016

EMS-C

Norma Campbell

At the state EMSC meeting it was decided to create an Executive Committee due to the lack of participation from across the state. The state committee has been unable to move forward with committee work. The Executive Committee will be used to work on statewide issues and provide recommendations to the council and OEMS.

Dr. Linzer had previously agreed to review the statewide pediatric protocols for updates. Dr. Harvey asked if Norma and Dr. Linzer could make a brief presentation to the council when completed. He suggested the region develop some regional pediatric guidelines just similar to the regional trauma guidelines. Norma will have a presentation at the November council meeting.

Norma also added that the Region 3 EMS face book page is garegion3emsc.

#### Other Reports

Mission Lifeline  
No Report

Mike Jernigan

All Hazards Council – Area 7

Spencer Miller

Chief Miller advised that the discussions from the last meetings included the GEMA grants. The agencies were given a list of items to be considered and a guidance of what will be available will be forthcoming.

Chief Miller also mention the Metro Atlanta EMS Conference is taking applications for classes and presenters with the deadline being October 1<sup>st</sup>. For more conference information visit [maemsc.org](http://maemsc.org).

Emergency Preparedness

Pam Blackwell

Pam announced the passing of Dr. McSwain, a key physician in the early days of prehospital medicine.

Region III EMS Office

Ej Dailey

The regional office is preparing for the site visit of DeKalb Medical Center, Hillandale Campus as a remote stroke center.

A great deal of training is being provided across the region. With the change in the renewal date for provider licenses, it is anticipated that an increase in the continuing education courses will occur between now and June 2016. A 9-month extension has been approved by OEMS as to align the Georgia licensing period and the NREMT re-registration period. Ej has voiced concern to OEMS regarding agencies in Region 3 that pay for the renewal of their personnel. Mass printing of an agency file is going to be more difficult than before.

CQI Committee Addition

Rachel Barnhard

Rachel presented an overview of the CQI purpose and concepts. Future meetings will include members from the prehospital section and work on areas that will include regional demographics, medical, trauma, and pediatrics. CQI will also be focusing on training within the region relating to useable data verses non-useable data.

Presentations:

Comprehensive Stroke Care

Dr. Rishi Gupta

Dr. Gupta presented the latest data from AHA-Stroke and discussed some new thinking in the prehospital setting of the stroke patient. There will be more to come as data is collected and prehospital guidelines are discussed.

New Business

Dr. John Harvey

Dr. Harvey presented a letter from Central EMS to the Region III EMS Council requesting that zoning be opened in North Fulton County. At present, no quality issues have been submitted to the regional office. From the standpoint of the councils charge relating to the economy, efficiency, and benefit to the public welfare, there is no evidence to support a zoning task force to review the North Fulton County zone.

With no other business to conduct, the council adjourned approximately at 10:53.