



**EMS Subcommittee on Trauma**  
**Friday, March 27, 2020**  
**Conference Call**

<b>SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT</b>
Courtney Terwilliger, Chairman, GTC Vic Drawdy, GTC Regina Medeiros –GTC Tommy Sanders – Region One Chad Black – Region Two Pete Quinones - Region Three Sam Polk- Region Four Lee Oliver – Region Five Blake Thompson – Region Six David Edwards- Region Eight Huey Atkins – Region Ten	

OTHERS	REPRESENTING
Elizabeth V. Atkins Erin Bolinger Katie Hamilton David Newton Renee Morgan Scott Lewis (conference line) Mark Peters Tim Boone	Georgia Trauma Commission, Executive Director Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff OEMS/T OEMS/T Region I RTAC Region III RTAC AVLS

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Terwilliger called the 27th of March 2020 meeting of the EMS Subcommittee on Trauma to order and established quorum with 11 of 11 members present by conference line .

**EMS Equipment Grant List**

Region 5 wants to utilize EMS grant monies for UV light infection prevention equipment. Mr. Terwilliger is interested in a motion to approve monies and approval to utilize all grant monies awarded at this time from the trauma commission on any infection prevention or infection controlling equipment or devices. As far as the UV light equipment, there are several vendors and Mr. Terwilliger wants to be inclusive to any and all equipment that will help at this time with today’s needs. The desire is to allow infection control supplies and devices.

**MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2020-03-01:**

**I make the motion for approval to utilize all grant monies awarded at this time from the trauma commission ( Regional and EMS Ambulance Equipment grants) on any infection prevention or infection controlling equipment or devices including UV infection controlling equipment and devices.**

**MOTION BY:** Chad Black

**SECOND BY:** Vic Drawdy

**VOTING:** All members present voted in favor of the motion.

**ACTION:** The motion PASSED with no objections, nor abstentions.

Several UV light devices and any items being used to fight infection control are to be considered allowable purchase items. Captain Polk asked if we are allowing all EMS services to use equipment grant funding for any infection control as his area is interested in purchasing Durisan -electrostatic sprayer medical sanitizing device. Mr. Terwilliger says if that device is being used at this time and you want to use funds to purchase that this motion will include that. If RTAC’s are wanting to use their RTAC funds to buy supplies within their regions that would also be appropriate too and at the RTAC leaders discretion. Region 6 is interested in purchasing for all zones in their area and not just exclusive to 911 services that may benefit from these infection control supplies. Mr. Terwilliger is interested in using funds for non 911 licensed services to use these funds , as they are transport services that need infection fighting tools the same as anyone. Most are transporting to and from hospitals and nursing homes, so the risk of infection is more prevalent these days than ever if we want to keep all patients safe at this time.

## **911 Service Provider Eligibility Determination**

There has been some dialogue around Inaccuracy in EMS 911 ambulance counts. There were some clarification needs that they go to 911 zone services, if you do not hold the 911 calls in the zone you do not get those funds. Some agencies have said their ambulance counts are different than the list sent with the Equipment Grant Application ( Attachment A) . The list is provided to the GTC office staff by the Office of EMS and Trauma. Mr. Newton explains that at the beginning of FY2020 is when that list is given to the GTC office and this list can change weekly based upon renewals and new ambulances ,retired ambulances. GTC reached out to OEMST for ambulance count discrepancies sent in by different agencies at this time. Mr. Terwilliger requests all Region stakeholders review ambulance counts in the counties in their regions and look for discrepancies on ambulance count or talk to your agencies in your area if there are any discrepancies that they bring to you.

Mr. Atkins says he would not have a state license issue if reviewed and that even the 911 ambulances are running transport calls at times so defining the 911 ambulance criteria is something we should do better. Mr. Terwilliger says there are services running x (amount) of 911 services and x (amount) running transport call, so we have some truck discrepancies. David Newton says these things do occur. In past we have (Grady EMS)- example- has trucks in Augusta that are not 911 zone, so we have not funded them equipment grant. Mr. Quinones says there are some providers in state that provide 100% of their vehicles and how would we get an accurate census of 911 applicable, grant fund awarded trucks. Mr. Terwilliger will take word of authorized EMS area stakeholder as we have no way to really account for all ambulances that run 911 solely. Mr. Terwilliger asks as members of this group to reach out to Commission Executive Director or Deputy Director or himself and discuss any ambulance discrepancies.

Ms. Atkins concern is 2<sup>nd</sup> round grant application (AFY2020 EMS Trauma Related Equipment Grant) already out, requests we keep the already issued cycle as is and discuss new formula for next grant cycle collectively for future grant cycles. Mr. Terwilliger asks if list could be reviewed, please let know. If there are items we need to resolve especially if they are not 911 providers. Quinones says only problem is some providers are listing 911 and non-emergent ambulances for grant award. Chief Polk says we do not backtrack and agrees with Ms. Atkins. Issue is data that breaks down 911 emergent and non-emergent ambulances is not collected .Chad Black discusses rural areas need of funds and the need to clean up the ambulance count and only award grant monies for 911 ambulances only.Mr. Drawdy is able to review their region and confirm the ambulance counts. Mr. Terwilliger says at this point, proceed on and if we find someone in violation, we will address it and we can begin looking at a more precise way to look into defining emergent and non-emergent calls.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 pm

*Minutes crafted by Erin Bolinger*