

Approved May 6, 2019



EMS Subcommittee on Trauma
Wednesday, January 30, 2019
Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Forsyth, Georgia

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Courtney Terwilliger, Chairman, GTC Vic Drawdy, GTC Regina Medeiros –GTC (<i>Conference Line</i>) Carlton Firestone – Region One (<i>Conference Line</i>) Chad Black – Region Two Pete Quinones - Region Three (<i>Conference Line</i>) Lee Oliver – Region Five Blake Thompson – Region Six Jimmy Carver-Region Seven Huey Atkins – Region Ten	Sam Polk- Region Four David Edwards- Region Eight David Moore- Region Nine

OTHERS	REPRESENTING
Dena Abston Katie Hamilton Billy Kunkle (<i>Conference line</i>) Tim Boone David Newton Scott Lewis Mark Peters Kim Littleton	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff AVLS OEMS/T Region I RTAC Region III RTAC GAEMS

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Terwilliger called the 30th of January 2019 meeting of the EMS Subcommittee on Trauma to order and established quorum with 10 of 13 members present or by conference line at Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Classroom 215 in Forsyth, Georgia at 11:03 AM P.M.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2019-01-01:

I make the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting held December 3, 2018.

MOTION BY: Vic Drawdy

SECOND BY: Huey Atkins

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

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

AVLS Report

By: Tim Boone

Mr. Boone’s AVLS report is attached to the end of the minutes (**Attachment A**). Mr. Terwilliger discussed the need for an updated coverage map. There was discussion about preparing for the Verizon shut off / conversion of 896 units. There is not a map currently that shows Verizon vs First Net coverage, but he has a spreadsheet. First Net adoption is underway and 3G is going away this year. 214 units were replaced late December and Mr. Boone has been working to spend the \$200,000 prior to year-end. Some of the larger EMS agencies have been purchasing their own equipment. There are still some MP70 cards out there and we need to make certain all are covered before Verizon switch. Mr. Boone reviewed this year’s budget request.

Discussion AVLS Future Funding

By: Courtney Terwilliger

Mr. Terwilliger advised that we need to be thinking about future funding. Address the challenges of technology and replacement and keeping up with technology. Mr. Terwilliger suggests we discuss perhaps having agencies buy their own equipment and we continue to supply the air time.

EMS Education/Rural Funding Discussion

By: Courtney Terwilliger

Mr. Terwilliger discussed the need for more education (EMT) in rural areas. Discussion led to possibly developing an online educational program and administering the software to students. This program is one semester requirement. The online course could reach students in all areas. Discussion around configuring the administration of the course. Discussion of pass rates, accreditation, technical programs in existence and past experiences. Mr. Terwilliger discussed the need for more EMT across our state. Mr. Atkin said it was important to be cautious in developing a course as some may review the course components and deem the course not a right fit for them. Some students have already been through EMR courses. Mr. Terwilliger said his most recent course had 26 initially with 15 to graduate. His attrition rate is better than a technical college rate. Mr. Terwilliger has a meeting next week with the president of his technical college. At this time there is no one at the state level that is EMS education partner with technical school as each technical school is its own entity with its own graduate requirements. Mr. Terwilliger says we will continue talks about this at our next meeting. It may be a good partnership for us and a technical school. For those that want to get involved, round table style, we can administer a doodle poll and find time to get together.

Mr. Terwilliger talked about rural health and trauma and STEMI and the limited access to care in rural areas. The trauma equipment grants equip 12 counties that have a level one or two trauma centers. It is suggested we redirect those funds more towards rural trauma EMS care. He does not want to be unfair, but he does want to discuss redistribution. It was discussed that it will take significant funding to make a significant impact in rural health.

EMS Trauma Equipment Grant

By: Dena Abston

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2019-01-02:

I make the motion to approve the addition of a Projector to the EMS approved equipment grant list.

MOTION BY: Jimmy Carver
SECOND BY: NO
VOTING: All members present voted
ACTION: The motion FAILED.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2019-01-03:

I make the motion to approve the addition of a patient transport stretcher for UTV to the EMS approved equipment grant list.

MOTION BY: Jimmy Carver
SECOND BY: Chad Black
VOTING: All members present voted in favor of the motion.
ACTION: The motion PASSED with no objections, nor abstentions.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2019-01-04:

I make the motion to approve the addition of ballistic vests to the EMS approved equipment grant list.

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.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2019-01-05:

I make the motion to approve the addition of Field Guide books and related training aids to the EMS approved equipment grant list.

MOTION BY: Vic Drawdy

SECOND BY: Chad Black

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

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

New Business

By: Courtney Terwilliger

Presentation about EMS life insurance.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2019-01-06:

I make the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION BY: Jimmy Carver

SECOND BY: Vic Drawdy

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:40

Minutes crafted by: Erin Bolinger