

EMSCC Safety

MINUTES

February 15, 2024, 1 p.m.

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Present: Kolby Miller – Chair, Kevin Henderson, Ralph Ortiz, Rob Warnemuende, Jim Etzin, Joni Harvey, Andrea Abbas, Nate Potter

Absent: Michael Bentley Lisa Martin, Aaron Sogge, Matthew Perala, Jeffery White

BEPESoC: Kallie Piette, Emily Bergquist

Guests: Angela Madden

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from November 16, 2023.** Motion to approve the agenda and minutes with a small typo correction (NFPA) (Henderson, Warnemuende). Approved.
4. **Safety Topics:**
 - **Scene / Provider Safety on Scene – Kevin Henderson**
 - Safety on scene / situational awareness
Kevin shared a video and spoke about safety, the lack of education on safety procedures for EMS workers, and shared information on the Toronto, Canada Violence Against EMS.
 - The group discussed options for education or reporting/information.
 - Jim Etzin advised of a one-day program on safety for providers.
 - The group discussed of a way to incorporate scene safety procedure checks, SOP with the minimum number of components, staging, violent patients, etc. into agency inspections.
 - Terminology (defensive tactics) relevant to the profession and environment, the goal of teaching retreat. protectparamedics.com is a resource that was discussed.
 - Emily Bergquist explained obtaining the right tools for de-escalation, Jim Etzin suggests webinars for agencies on some of the more unconventional topics (situational awareness, avoidance, etc.); what to do when approaching scene and what can be done on the scene (proactivity).

- The group discussed education for the MCA's and medical control staff, and the building blocks to teach the right way of the delicate lines of when and when not to leave certain situations.
- [When Violence Erupts](#) textbook resource.
- [MCOLES](#): Emily Bergquist and Joni Harvey discussed talking to those revamping the course and see if they can talk to this group.
- Emily Bergquist will research adding training with credits to encourage as part of education/renewals.
- [Fit2sit](#): Jim Etzin will work on putting together a call with them about their process.
- The group decided to keep this topic on agenda under old business for updates.

5. **Additional items from group**
6. **Adjourn**
7. **Next Meeting: March 21, 2024**