

# **SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE**

## **June 12, 2025**

### **Call TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order on Thursday June 12, 2025, at 10:00 by Dr. John Russell. The meeting was held at Cape Fire.

### **MEMBERS' PRESENT:**

**In Person:** Dr. John Russell, Shawn Morris, Bobby Wallace, Ken Dicus, Chuck Groshong, David Ochs, Jeff Rowe, Charles Ogan, Ted Ivie, Areka Miles, Tyler Juden, Matt Kiefer, Jason Merritt, Lane Oxner, Kendall Shrum, Larry Chasteen, Lori Meritt and Miranda Chambers.

**Via phone:** Patrick Garrison, Lindsay Reynolds, Beth Lamkin, Jenni France, Mary Green-Brown, Melanie Biver, Gwen Seyer, Marissa Collins, Mirela Mijkovic, Brandon Means, Angie Cunningham, and Josh Dugal.

### **GUEST PRESENT:**

-None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A motion to approve the minutes by Larry Chasteen. Seconded by Chuck Ogan.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Direct admissions have started with the Behavioral Hospital; there have been some issues during the process. Please make sure that your crew is calling prior to leaving the scene and reviews the criteria properly before directly transporting to them.
- Pulsara is still being pushed to be utilized more in our area. At this time, the only ambulance district utilizing it is Stoddard County Ambulance District as well as Poplar Bluff Regional Hospital. This software could be a particularly useful tool for our region. If you have not already looked into using it, please do so.

### **MUTUAL AID**

- We had three tornado related events so far this year. The EMS response was outstanding for all the incidents in our region with lots of assistance and effective communication.

### **MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

- No current updates.

### **STARS**

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- We currently have 109 active STARS patients in our area. We have had nine calls relating to these patients so far this year. Please make sure that your employees are documenting when STARS patients are being transported.

### **LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

- The Senate Bill 81 was signed by the Governor this week and includes the FBI fingerprinting, and the renewal of the line of duty death benefit.
- The Senate Bill 71 has passed and is currently waiting to be signed, this Bill includes the recruitment and retention program of First Responder.
- House Bill 225 has passed and is also waiting to be signed.
- The One Big Beautiful Bill has passed and was signed. This could affect the GEMT program continuation.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Cape Fire will be hosting the Eastern Missouri Public Safety Interoperable Communications exercise on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is anticipated to fill up quickly so please sign up if you are interested. This is designed to discuss any potential radio issues that could arise during large events. We have seen some of these issues in our area. Some suggestions are to move to nontrunk radio communications, turn off any unused radios, and take radios off scan mode. Some internal teaching to departments could assist with some of these issues.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- Ken Dicus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**September 11 at 10:00 am hosted by CCTC.**

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Miranda Chambers