



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD TECHNICAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

June 21, 2022, 12:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order** –Chair, Brian Fisher
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Fisher
3. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Fisher
4. **Action Items**
 - A.
5. **Discussion Items**
 - a. 5-minute informational presentation from the EMS Charity Riders- Czyson
 - b. EMSRB – Guiton
 - c. Regional Programs - Hayes
 - d. EMSRB FY2022-2023 EMS grants update- Hayes/ Rohret
 - e. MESB Update – Hayes/Rohret
 - f. EMS TOC Executive Committee – Fisher
 - g. EMS Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee – Lupkes
 - i. EP Workgroups- Lupkes
 - h. MMRTAC – Hayes
 - i. EMS Regional Compact Workgroup Progress- Rohret/ Hayes
 - j. Review By-Laws/Sub-committees and composition- Rohret/ Hayes
 - k. Update on Hennepin County Ordinance 9- Mellstrom
 - l. Local EMS Updates
 - m. Other Updates
6. **Other Business**
 - A. In person meetings
7. **Adjourn**

EMS TOC Executive Committee- August 18; November 17
EMS TOC (Full Committee)- September 20; December 20

**Metro Region EMS System
EMS Technical Operations Committee
March 16, 2022**

Members:

Allina Health EMS – Kevin Miller	Maplewood Fire – absent
Anoka County – Susan Perkins	Mdewakanton Fire & EMS – Mark Weiberg
Burnsville – absent	Medical Director, East – Aaron Burnett, MD
Carver County – absent	Medical Director, West – John Hicks, MD
CentraCare – Frank Zinken	Minneapolis Fire - Amber Lage
Cottage Grove EMS – Jon Pritchard	Northfield EMS – Brian Edwards (Chair)
Dakota County – Tom Olmstead	North Memorial Ambulance – Tony Ebensteiner
Edina Fire – absent	Oakdale Fire – absent
Elk River Ambulance – absent	Ramsey County – absent
Gold Cross, St. Cloud – absent	Ridgeview EMS – absent
Hastings Fire – absent	St. Paul Fire – absent
HealthPartners Transportation – Brian Fisher	Scott County – absent
Hennepin County – Kristin Mellstrom	Sherburne County – Adam Boler
Hennepin EMS – Tyler Lupkes	South Metro Fire – Terry Johnson
Isanti County – John Henderson	University of MN EMS – Robert Ball
Lakes Region EMS – absent	Washington County – Angela Eastman
Lakeview EMS – absent	White Bear Lake Fire – Joel Schmidt
M Health Fairview – Nick Lesch	Woodbury Public Safety – absent
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MESB Staff: Ron Robinson; Jill Rohret; and Martha Ziese.

Guests: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the 2021 Chair, Brian Edwards, at 12:04 p.m.

2. Approval of March 15, 2022 Agenda

3. Approval of March 2021 and December 2021 Minutes

Motion by Jon Prichard, seconded by Robert Ball, to approve the March 15, 2022, agenda and the March 2021 and December 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

Roll call for approval of agenda items 1 and 2

Voting member	Yes	No	Voting member	Yes	No
Allina Health EMS – Kevin Miller	X		Mdewakanton Fire & EMS – Mark Weiberg	X	
Anoka Co. – Susan Perkins	X		Medical Director, East – Aaron Burnett, MD	X	
CentraCare – Frank Zinken	X		Medical Director, West – John Hicks, MD	X	
Cottage Grove EMS – Jon Pritchard	X		Minneapolis Fire- Amber Lage	X	
Dakota Co. – Tom Olmstead	X		Northfield EMS – Brian Edwards	X	
Health Partners – Brian Fisher	X		North Memorial - Tony Evansteiner	X	
Hennepin Co. – Kristen Mellstrom	X		Sherburne County – Adam Boler	X	
Hennepin EMS – Tyler Lupkes	X		South Metro Fire – Terry Johnson	X	
Isanti Co. – John Henderson	X		University of MN EMS – Robert Ball	X	
M Health Fairview – Nick Lesch	X		Washington Co. – Angela Eastman	X	
	X		White Bear Lake – Joel Schmidt	X	

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4. Guest Presentation – None

Brian Edwards acknowledged and thanked Ron Robinson for his many years of service and congratulated him on his retirement.

5. Action Items

A. EMS TOC Chair & Vice Chair Elections

Edwards said there will be a vote for Chair and Vice-Chair of the EMS TOC. There will also be a discussion on members designated to the EMS Executive Committee. Edwards stated he must step down as chair due to his role on the EMSRB.

Motion by Jon Pritchard to nominate Brian Fisher as the 2022 EMS TOC Chair.

Motion by Tyler Lupkes to nominate Ryan Quinn as the 2022 EMS TOC Chair.

Ron Robinson asked if it was known whether Ryan Quinn would accept the nomination.

Lupkes said based on his conversations he thought Quinn would accept the nomination, but he has not had that conversation with Quinn.

Edwards asked if a motion could be obtained to vote one nominee in as Chair and the other as Vice-Chair.

Motion by Robert Ball, seconded by Tyler Lupkes, to elect Brian Fisher as Chair and Ryan Quinn as Vice-Chair.

Nick Lesch asked if it would be more prudent to do the nominations separately as there might be those that would prefer one role over the other.

Jill Rohret said that could be done if the motions were withdrawn and re-stated.

Ball withdrew his motion.

Kevin Miller said he was concerned that someone not present is elected without their consent.

Robinson said that Quinn was unable to attend due to a vacation, but his conversation with him indicated he would be interested in serving.

Edwards asked Robinson to explain the roles of the EMS committee chairs.

Robinson said there are two working committees at present, the TOC and the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Per the bylaws, the other committees are the Communications and the Education/Research Committees. In 2007, the radios were going to 100% ARMER. 2007-2010 research projects were being done. In 2010 the EMS grants budgets took a 5% hit from the Governor's office, which was never recovered. Consequentially, those committees did not have the funds to function.

Robinson said Tyler Lupkes is the new chair of the EP workgroup. Additionally, there is to be a public health representative on the Executive Committee, which is Kristin Mellstrom. Robinson recommended looking at the bylaws and expanding a position of public health on the east side as well.

Edwards said the motion on the table is to vote to elect Brian Fisher or Ryan Quinn as the 2022-2023 EMS TOC Chair.

Roll Call for Item 5.A.1. Election of Chair

Voting member	Fisher	Quinn	Voting member	Fisher	Quinn
Allina Health EMS – Kevin Miller	X		Mdewakanton Fire & EMS – Mark Weiberg	X	

Anoka Co. – Susan Perkins	X		Medical Director, East – Aaron Burnett, MD	X	
CentraCare – Frank Zinken	X		Medical Director, West – John Hicks, MD	X	
Cottage Grove EMS – Jon Pritchard	X		Minneapolis Fire- Amber Lage	X	
Dakota Co. – Tom Olmstead	X		Northfield EMS – Brian Edwards	X	
Health Partners – Brian Fisher	X		North Memorial - Tony Ebensteiner	X	
Hennepin Co. – Kristin Mellstrom	X		Sherburne Co. – Adam Boler	X	
Hennepin EMS – Tyler Lupkes		X	South Metro Fire – Terry Johnson		X
Isanti Co. – John Henderson	X		University of MN EMS – Robert Ball	X	
M Health Fairview – Nick Lesch	X		Washington Co. – Angela Eastman	X	
	X		White Bear Lake – Joel Schmidt	X	

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Edwards asked for nominations for the 2022-2023 EMS TOC Vice-Chair.

Nick Lesch nominated himself for Vice-Chair.

Roll Call for Item 5.A.2 Election of Vice-Chair

Voting member	Yes	No	Voting member
Allina Health EMS – Kevin Miller	X		Mdewakanton Fire & EMS – Mark Weiberg
Anoka Co. – Susan Perkins	X		Medical Director, East – Aaron Burnett, MD
CentraCare – Frank Zinken	X		Medical Director, West – John Hicks, MD
Cottage Grove EMS – Jon Pritchard	X		Minneapolis Fire- Amber Lage
Dakota Co. – Tom Olmstead	X		Northfield EMS – Brian Edwards
Health Partners – Brian Fisher	X		North Memorial - Tony Ebensteiner
Hennepin Co. – Kristin Mellstrom	X		Sherburne Co. – Adam Boler
Hennepin EMS – Tyler Lupkes	X		South Metro Fire – Terry Johnson
Isanti Co. – John Henderson	X		University of MN EMS – Robert Ball
M Health Fairview – Nick Lesch	X		Washington Co. – Angela Eastman
	X		White Bear Lake – Joel Schmidt

Robinson said the selection of the EMS TOC Executive Committee was taken care of in the EMS EP Committee. The goal was to bring together the chairs from all EMS subcommittees.

Rohret said the nominees will be approved at the next full MESB board meeting May 11, 2022.

6. Reports and Updates

A. EMSRB

Miller stated the Office of the Legislative Auditor released its report on the EMSRB in late February 2022. The report raises some good points which need to be addressed; there are others that the EMSRB has already addressed. The hope of the EMSRB was that the legislature would take time to thoughtfully respond to the reports.

B. Healthcare Coalition

Robinson said the Healthcare Coalition met yesterday. It has morphed through COVID to focus on long-term care and hospitals. MnTRAC gives an update daily on available beds. There was a presentation on Omicron. Dr. James Campbell is a good resource to follow on the internet for tracking the new variant.

Edwards said he gave a presentation last week at the MAA meeting. In November 2021, Northfield began giving antibodies to its EMS stations as a clinic service. There is a 70% reduction in hospitalizations due to these injections. December 1, 2021, MDH published a letter from Dr. Malcolm saying they were going to a scoring system for those people eligible to receive those antibodies injections. A score of 1 or higher was required to be eligible. The score has been raised to 4.

Robinson said it could take 2-3 months for the supply to catch up with demand.

C. Surge Planning

Robinson said Ridgeview EMS has been working with some of the smaller hospitals to secure some ventilators.

D. Regional Programs

Robinson said there are many 3ECHO, MEDL, Liaison, ICS 300 and 400 and CAD classes coming up. EMS Leadership classes are going forward even though there has been some temporary drop-outs due to staffing shortages.

Robinson said the Incident Command bus is now housed in St. Francis.

E. MESB Update

Rohret said the former 9-1-1 Director retired in September 2021, and Mike Mihelich was hired the new 9-1-1 Manager.

Rohret said the state's NG9-1-1 RFP for next generation core services and the egress network should be released in soon.

Rohret said the MESB is working on a CAD-to-CAD interoperability project. During the civil unrest in 2020, cell sectors processing 9-1-1 calls in and around Minneapolis were busy, which caused some calls to route to Anoka County. A CAD-to-CAD interoperability solution could allow a PSAP such as Anoka County to input the call information and get it over to Minneapolis without the need to call an already overloaded PSAP.

Rohret said work continues to prepare GIS data for use in NG9-1-1.

Rohret said the FCC sent a notice for a proposed ruling earlier this year regarding diversion of 9-1-1 funds. Those funds pay for the ARMER System. The report is very vague regarding the definition of call completion. It is also unsure if the state is going to enact any additional rules. The dollar amount in question is estimated at \$9.5 million. The situation is being monitored.

F. EMS TOC Executive Committee - no report

G. EMS Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee

Robinson said Strike Team Leadership classes are important. Ziplt has been used for storms and civil unrest. The subcommittee will meet on May 3, 2022.

H. MMRTAC

Robinson said a lot of the focus has been on penetrating trauma. The numbers from the metro are 600 and 900%. The diversion issue came up at the last RTAC. They meet quarterly. The next meeting is in February. There will be some changes to trauma management that will interface with EMS.

I. Local EMS Updates

Lupkes said Edina has taken possession of the big RV.

Muller said EMS moved out of Lakeview Hospital in October. Lakeview needed to put in a cath lab and needed the space. EMS is now at the old Denny Hecker's car lot on Hwy 36, where it will remain until 2023 or so. He said they are fully staffed. Bridget has moved on to Regions EMS. Matt Kanebeck introduced himself.

Kristen Mellstrom said Hennepin EMS Council met last week to discuss the diversion issue.

J. Other Updates

Robinson gave an update on the status of the regional naloxone grant.

7. Old Business – None.

8. New Business – None.

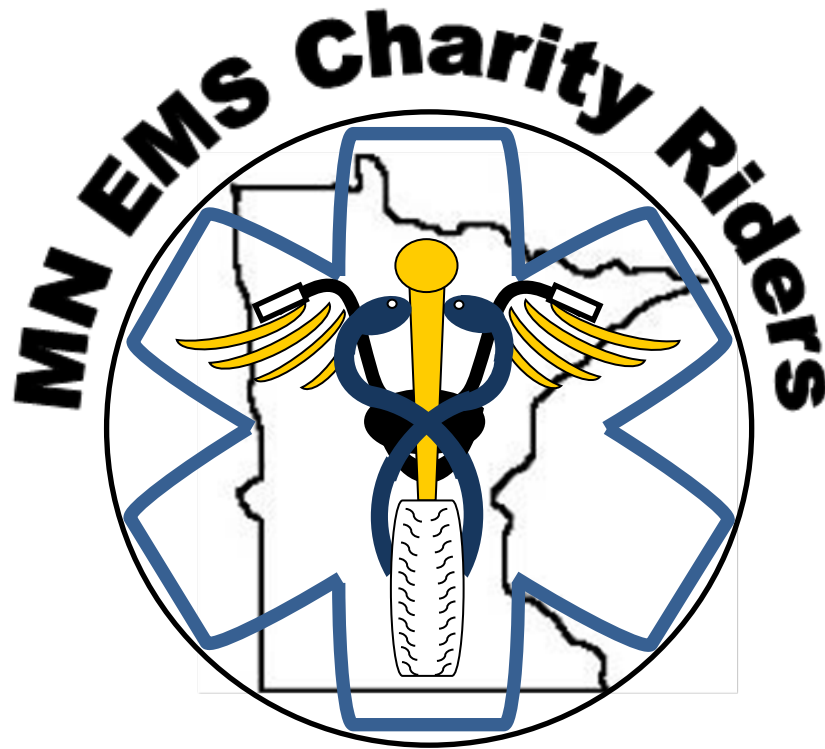
9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.



Mission Statement:

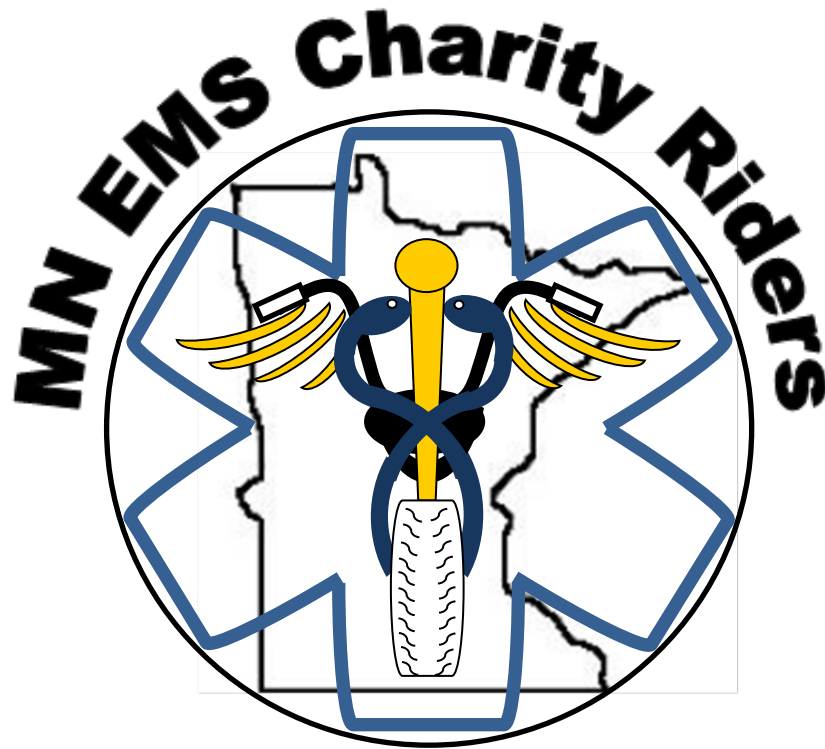
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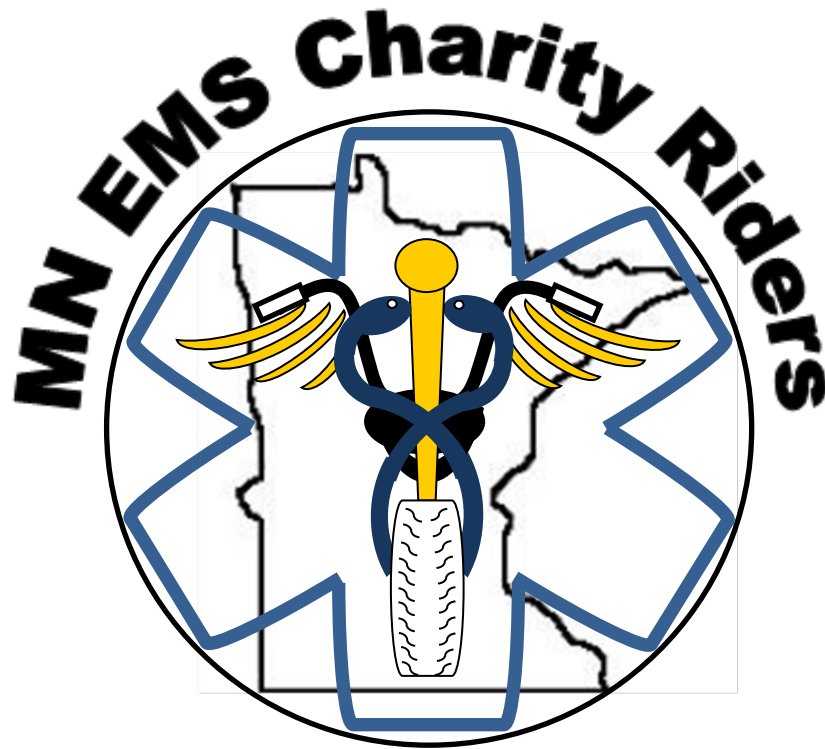
The Minnesota EMS Charity Riders is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization that provides support to first responders including Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs) and their immediate families in time of need. Our mission is to support those who have helped you by serving their communities in the EMS field and have experienced a life changing event. The Minnesota EMS Charity Riders rely on the generous donations by the community to provide support to these families.



Vision Statement:

The MN EMS Charity Riders vision is to create a better everyday life for sick or injured EMS personnel and their families.

April 2021



Core Values:

Respect

Value others with dignity and acceptance

Integrity

Committed to always do the right thing

Community

Providing support to the EMS families in your community during time of need

Compassion

Facilitating a caring and compassionate atmosphere in the EMS community

Professionalism

Demonstrating the important qualities of the EMS profession