

GMVEMS Council  
General Meeting  
March 22, 2022

**PRESENT:**

David Gerstner, DFD/MMRS/Past-President  
Chad Hollinger, Sidney FD/President-Elect/Code of Regulations  
Sean Lehrter, Trotwood Fire and Rescue  
Joe Burdick, Premier Health  
Cameron Jackson, Xenia/App Committee  
Kathy Allen, Seven Mile FD  
Justin Buehler, Clearcreek TWP/Nominations  
Chris Freeze, Premier Health/Education  
Heather Koss, Dayton Children's/Pediatric  
Nick Thornton, Mercy Health Springfield  
Dan Alldred, Germantown FD  
Paula Balcom, Riverside FD/PR  
Kyle Miller, Cedarville TWP FD  
Brian Wright, Middletown FD  
Josh Lawrence, Fairborn FD/CQI  
Scott Hill, Wayne Health

Bobbie Beckett, Wilson Health  
Marcus Bowman, Midwest Medical Transport  
Laura Clark, Premier/Infection Control  
Joan Vance, Gratis EMS  
Nick Judge, Dayton FD  
Brian Phillips, Greenville TWP/Social Media  
Kendra Harris, Dayton FD/Research  
Rich Morrett, Premier Health/Drug Bag  
Shella Baker Trego, Mercy Health  
Andy Harp, Miami Valley Fire District/Response to Violence  
Daria Tikhonova, Miami Valley Hospital South  
Jeremy Lane, JEMS/Legislative  
Mark Johnston, Christ Hospital  
Sandy Lehrter, GDAHA

**Call to Order:** The March 22, 2022, general meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council was called to order via Zoom at 2:00 p.m. by President Elect Chad Hollinger. Self-introductions were made.

**Secretary's Report:** The draft minutes from the January 25, 2022, Council meeting were accepted as presented with one spelling correction noted.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**President's Report:** No report.

**Executive Committee Report:** No report.

**Membership/Change of Voting Reps:** The following new member requests were received and approved after a vote:

- Gratis EMS
- Seven Mile Fire Department & Life Squad

**Committee Reports:**

**A. Administration**

**Budget & Finance:** No report.

**Code of Regulations/Legal:** Chad Hollinger reviewed potential revisions to the Code of Regulations regarding the timeframe required for meeting notifications to be sent out on the listserv for different committees. He noted that the Executive Committee reviewed the information at their February meeting.

**Nominating:** No report.

**Public Relations:** Paula Balcom reported that the committee is currently working on letterhead updates to recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Council. She noted that the committee will send out a proclamation to area representatives and a template for cities and other jurisdictions to use during EMS Week and the anniversary celebration. Paula also discussed work being done to make the nomination submission process for the Norma Dittrick and Tom Long awards more user friendly on the Council website.

**Website Advisory Committee:** David Gerstner noted that the committee is looking into options for updating and improving the website due to the current platform has multiple limitations.

**Protocol App:** Cameron Jackson reported that the app has been updated with the 2022 protocol information which can be found on the second page. He noted that there are still a few updates to be added.

**Social Media Committee:** Brian Phillips provided an overview of current Facebook and Twitter statistics.

**Communications Committee:** David Gerstner discussed Montgomery County radio template updates, the addition of the Kettering Health Springfield facility to the Clark County template, and a statewide tornado drill that is planned for March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Legislative & Advocacy Committee:** Jeremy Lane discussed stroke legislation SB21 and noted that Council members should double check the state website to make sure their department is listed as having been submitted. He noted that the department information was submitted as a group by Chris Marker as the representative of Council. He provided information regarding the DNR bill noting that it will allow EMS to accept a DNR with a nurse practitioner or PA's signature on it.

**Grants Committee:** It was noted that the Chair position is still open for this committee

## **B. Medical:**

**Drug Bag Exchange:** Rich Morrett reported that a soft drug bag update will take place in May to replace the drug inventory tags. The tags will be changed as the bags come through the pharmacy and won't require crews to bring them in on one specific day. He also reminded the group that to continue following proper drug bag procedures related to paperwork, discrepancies, and not conducting inter-agency bag exchanges.

**CQI:** Josh Lawrence reported that the committee is working with ESO to create a regional account to extract data.

**Standing Orders:** No report.

**Infection Control:** No report.

## **C. Pre-Hospital Care:**

**Education Committee:** Chris Freeze reported that 2022 protocol testing is open however the protocols aren't in effect until June 1<sup>st</sup>. He noted that the 2021 testing links are still available and anyone practicing under GMVEMSC protocols prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> must have 2021 testing complete as well.

Mike Guadagno noted that they are working with Paperless Health to inquire about potential reporting improvements and additional options.

**Research:** Kendra Harris reported that fall assessment information would be available at an upcoming meeting.

**Pediatric:** Heather Koss discussed the state pediatric survey link that was sent out on the listserv. It was noted that there may be grant funds available for the HandTevy app in our area.

#### **D. Ad Hoc Committees:**

**EMS Run Sheets Electronic Health Record Integration:** No report.

**Response to Violence against EMS:** No report.

#### **Organization Reports:**

**MC Fire Chiefs Association:** David Gerstner discussed the preparation that is necessary for the 988 number that will go live in June and noted that it will automatically direct calls to the national suicide hotline.

**Miami Valley Fire/ EMS Alliance:** no report.

**State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire and Transportation Services (EMFTS):** No report.

**RPAB, Division 3:** No report.

**SORTS:** David Gerstner noted that the group will meet again in April.

**GDAHA:** No report.

**Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):** David Gerstner provided an overview of current COVID statistics, ongoing work on the Ebola plan, the new MMRS website, and exercise planning.

**Old Business:** No report.

**New Business:** No report.

#### **Educational/Organization Announcements:**

- Heather Koss provided information regarding PALS classes that are available
- David Gerstner reported that an intern position is available with MMRS for a full-time college student.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.