

**Wyoming Erie Regional EMS Council
January 7, 2026
Meeting Minutes**

Chair Brauner called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Attendance: Attendance sheet on file

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. ATTENDANCE	Present: B. Brauner, E.Conley, Z. Ellis, L. Friedhaber, J. Graham, S.Hulsman, A.Lapp, C.Mastrella, D.McCartan, K.Peterson, R.Shaw, C.Staffehl, W.Streicher, S.Stetzel, C.Zemrac, J.Zgoda	
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by J.Graham.	
3. PUBLIC COMMENT	No Public Comment.	
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion 26-01 made to approve the November 5, 2025; minutes as submitted.	1. Motion 26-01: S.Hulsman Second: D.McCartan Approved
5. CORRESPONDENCE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NYS DOH – Course Approval: AEMT Original and Refresher (Almeter-Wyoming County Fire Training Center) 2. NYS DOH – Course Approval: EMT Original and Refresher (Battaglia-Angola Volunteer Fire Company) 3. NYS DOH - Course Approval: EMT Original and Refresher (P.Shephard-Erie County Fire Academy) 4. NYS DOH - Course Approval: Paramedic Original (Stouter-Erie County Health Department Commerce Campus), Paramedic Original (Mondschein-Erie County Health Department Commerce Campus) 5. Bernard Jerozal – Application for council membership 6. NYS DOH - SEMSCO membership renewal 7. NYS DOH - Course Approval: EMT Core Content (Hughes-AMR), AEMT Core Content (Hughes-AMR), Paramedic Core Content (Zemrac-AMR) 8. NYS DOH - Course Approval: EMT Original and Refresher (A.Jarka-Orchard Park) 9. NYS DOH - Course Approval: EMT Original (Young-AMR) 10. UBMD - Updated Program Agency MOU 11. NYS DOH - Course Approval: EMT Original and Refresher (Hogg-Daemen University) 12. NYS DOH - Course Approval: AEMT core content (Shaw-Wyoming County Fire Training Center), Paramedic Refresher (Shaw- Wyoming County Fire Training Center) 13. NYS DOH - Course Approval: EMT Core Content (Lapp- Wyoming County Fire Training Center), CFR Core Content (Lapp- Wyoming County Fire Training Center) 14. NYS DOH - Course Approval: EMT Original and Refresher (Hulsman-Twin City) 	On File

	Note: We did sign the renewed program agency agreement which is the same as the previous agreement with the only difference is we have to review it every year and it has to be completed by July 1 st .	
6. TREASURER'S REPORT	Reviewed expenses – report not approved due some members did not receive the report.	
7. MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE	1. Met 11/19/25. There were updates on the pending SEMAC and SEMSCO meeting that occurred in December. Updates from the Trauma Advisory Committee specifically about notifications.	
8. NEW YORK STATE EMS COUNCIL – G. Gill	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of term and term limits. 2. Training and Ed is still dealing with course funding issues. 3. Systems Committee heard an appeal on a CON application for the Hudson Valley REMSCO. They upheld their decision. Have a CON modernization update and trying to find a better solution. Also looking at EMT call stats. 4. Safety Committee – emergency vehicle operation plan and use of restraints and the use of red lights and sirens. 5. Looking a specialty care transports 6. Legislative – looking at pending changes, including 9440 which was formally the county comprehensive plan bill with chapter amendments place the responsibility on the department with consultation with the SEMSCO and the regional emergency medical services councils to develop a model plan those counties could use to develop an analysis. 7. Part 800 has been updated 8. Upcoming meeting dates were read. 	
9. ERIE COUNTY G. Gill	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussed Essential Services 2. Erie County EMS is running 4 ambulances and 2 fly cars 3. Two paramedic classes currently running. 	
10. WYOMING COUNTY B. Streicher	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS program running well. In 2025 they were dispatched 358 times. 2. AEMT class starting 2/3/26 and also running a multitude of EMS training classes that are listed on their web site. 3. Update with OSHA – there has not been a lot of movement with it. 4. Continuing Education Class is being held on 1/24/26. 	
11. NEW YORK STATE STRESS REDUCTION PROGRAM	1. Went out and assisted 2 times.	
12. WYOMING COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS SUPPORT TEAM	1. Continuing to educate their members and the team has been active.	
COMMITTEE REPORTS:		
A. Budget Committee: M.Barber	No report.	
B. Membership: C.Mastrella	1. Erie County full with 13 full members and 4 alternates. Wyoming County has 12 full members. There are several members whose term are up in March and they will be contacted.	
C. Systems Committee: B.Brauner	No report.	

D. Training / Education: C.Zemrac	1. Need members from the council to serve with the paramedic training application. Need to conduct a survey and build a program with a grant to allow us to send two people to the paramedic program.	
E. By-Laws: C.Staffehl	1. Waiting for the combination of the draft for the previous chair to do there update.	
F. Public Relations / Awards: W.Streicher	1. This year Erie County will be host. Application dead line is May 15, 2026. Motion 26-02 made to change our September meeting to 8/26/26 at 1830 to have our awards dinner.	2. Motion 26-02 Z.Ellis Second: J.Zgoda Approved
G. Recruitment/Retention: J.Zgoda	1. Need to assemble a committee to develop a survey and work with UBMD.	
H. NYSDOH – L.Rewinski	1. Andrew Steel covering while Lisa is OOS. 2. Division hired a few more individuals. 3. Vital Signs is in November in Niagara Falls.	
I. Executive Board: B.Brauner	1. Next meetings 2/4/26 that will be a executive board meeting to discuss personal issues.	
XIV) Program Agency	1. Report distributed 2. Continuing to work on reimbursement for the 2024/2025 contracts. Received one payment so far. 3. Activated patient linking 4. Quality Assurance – looking at data failures 5. Looking at hospital wait times. 6. First Preceptor Workshop will be held in Eden. There will be more. 7. Released the policy statements that were recently released that have to do with EMS course funding. 8. Also posted a supraglottic airway policy 9. Still working on website updates 10. Hospital wait times was discussed	
XV) OLD BUSINESS	1. Annual Elections – Chair and Chair Elect positions are up for nominations. Motion 26-03 was made for B.Brauner nominated for Chair and C.Staffehl nominated for Chair Elect and the secretary to cast one ballot.	3. Motion 26-03: J.Zgoda Second: E.Conley Approved

XVI) NEW BUSINESS	<p>1. Motion 26-04 made for B.Brauner as a SEMSO representative. Motion 26-05 made for S.Stetzel as a SEMSCO representative. A resume will need to be sent to NYS to determine our representative. Motion 26-06 made to close nominations</p> <p>2. Looking for support from the volunteers. Many associations met in Albany. Looking on addressing the following issues: peer support for mental health, cost recovery and retirement service credit. Also looking at regional support and affecting the legislative agenda.</p>	<p>4. Motion 26-04: C.Staffehl Second: S.Hulsman Approved</p> <p>5. Motion 26-05: B.Brauner Second: D.McCartan Approved</p> <p>6. Motion 26-06 A.Lapp Second: W.Streicher Approved</p>
XVII) ADJOURNMENT	Motion 26-07 made to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.	<p>7. Motion 26-07: Z.Ellis Second: D.McCartan Approved</p>

The next meeting of the Wyoming Erie Regional EMS Council
Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at the South Wales Fire Hall
Minutes respectfully submitted, Christopher Zemrac, WEREMS Council Secretary