

# SAEMS Regional EMS Council

## Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2025

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### Approvals & Decisions:

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- Meeting called to order. Dr Gaither-1000.
- Quorum confirmed via roll call.
- January minutes approved.
- PDR Protocols (4) approved — Burn Triage, Trauma Triage Field Guides, Spinal Motion Restriction, and Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI); effective immediately.
- David Wood approved as new Public Health Officer representative (replacing Manny Montano).
- No vote required on other filled seats. Notified via subcommittee updates. Noted in membership updates.
- \$40,000 funding approved for the Southwest Regional Trauma Conference.
- Adjourn: Dr. Gaither-11:25.

### Financial & Grant Updates:

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- DHS grant funding pending; tiered treasury strategy [budget reserves] & accountant's report to follow once contract/deliverables received.
- Q1–Q3 CER submissions on track; April [Q3] financial report delayed (annual holiday for accounting firm). To be submitted once received/discussed at next meeting.
- \$8,000 EMSC funding confirmed available for the year. Reminder to submit for funding and distribution for education meeting EMSC requirements.
- Kramer Scholarship: Open for application for funding/ongoing.

### EMCT of the Year:

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- EMCT of the Year nominations closed; under selection committee review [base hospital managers]. Final selection to be sent to BEMTS. Will be announced by Bureau at upcoming meeting [May] during EMS Week.

### Clinical Update:

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- Diltiazem → Metoprolol switch for pre-hospital and hospital treatment (Tucson metro), effective May 1

### Membership: Open and Filled Seats:

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- Base Hospital Managers — open (replacing Kevin Leclair); committee to nominate and advise SAEMS prior to next scheduled meeting.

- Southeastern Arizona Fire Districts — open (replacing Chief Bradley). Scott Draper [floor nominated]. Nominations open. Draper nomination to carry forward for next meeting/voting.
- Cochise County—filled (Andrew Krebs), replacing Kevin Venos.
- Graham-Greenlee County—filled (JoJo/Joseph Castaneda), replacing Eric Bejarano.
- Air Medical---filled (Valerie Yeverova), replacing Michael Schwartz.
- Base Hospital Managers—filled (Ingrid Hall-Bidegain), replacing Chris Falcon.
- Public Health Officer — filled (David Wood). Replacing Manny Montano.

### Protocol Highlights:

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- MCI protocol adds new communications section: City of Tucson Public Safety Communications to facilitate bed-availability coordination across facilities.
- Clarified that incident commander transport authority derives from public safety responsibility, not CON (Certificate of Need) requirements.

### Action Items:

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SAEMS	Post approved PDR protocols (Spinal Motion Restriction, MCI, Burn, Trauma Triage) as official documents, effective today.
SAEMS	Add: New members to membership roster.
SAEMS	Secure the approved \$40,000 Regional Trauma Conference funding. Sara will draft/deliver check.
SAEMS	Prepare tiered treasury strategy [reserve], & accountant's quarterly report for Council review once DHS contract/grant details arrive.
SAEMS	Add State EMS Council & MDC updates as standing agenda items.
Greg	Connect with David Wood to formalize his committee welcome.
Base Hospital Managers Committee	Meet to nominate a candidate for the open Base Hospital Manager seat (replacing Kevin Leclair). Will advise selection prior to next meeting.
Ligia — Bureau of EMS & Trauma	Send communication on new DEA rules & application process via the licensing portal.
Ligia — Bureau of EMS & Trauma	Schedule and conduct rural health grant meetings with all regions in the coming weeks.