



Dane County

Minutes - Draft

Emergency Medical Services Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

5:30 PM Attend in person at 2982 Kapec Rd. Fitchburg; attend
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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm.

- Present** 7 - ERIC BAUMAN, ADAM PLOTKIN, STEPHANIE LEHMANN, DON POSTLER, TIM HILLEBRAND, PATRICK ANDERSON, and JEFF VAN BENDEGOM
- Absent** 3 - MEGAN GUSSICK, MICHELE DOOLAN, and KACEY KRONENFELD

B. Consideration of Minutes

EMS COMMISSION NOVEMBER 2025 MINUTES

Attachments: [November Minutes](#)

The minutes were approved.

C. Discussion Items

EMS Funding Opportunities

DCEM office has been pursuing a potential funding opportunity by taking advantage of a state statute that would allow an increase in the tax levy for countywide EMS systems. Dane County Corp Counsel is looking into the feasibility of implementing a system that would open up these streams of revenue while allowing agencies to operate how they currently are. Corp Counsel will continue to look into this and will be invited to the February meeting to discuss.

EMS District Operation Updates and Studies - Standing Item

Chief Stedman is the new chief with Cambridge EMS with a 1 year contract. Cambridge Fire has also submitted to become an EMR agency. Chief Backes shares that Belleville EMS stated providing coverage to the Village and Township of New Glarus, and so far things have been going well. Two ambulances are being operated full time, one crew responding out of Belleville EMS station and one crew responding out of New Glarus Fire station. Chief Anderson shares that City of Fitchburg and Village of Oregon will be putting out an RFP for a consultant to assess and plan for joint fire and EMS services. Other municipalities, including Verona, have the ability to sign on as well per verbiage in the RFP. Middleton EMS will hopefully have a new Chief hired following a third hiring process. Once that person is officially in place, Chief Russell says he will approach them to see if there is still interest in some kind of combined service between Middleton and Waunakee. District One reports there is a study that will look into merging Black Earth Fire and Mazomanie Fire, but doesn't look like they are discussing EMS at this time. Chief Parman can share that study once it is released and was invited to discuss the final study at the march EMS Commission meeting.

Update from MAS - Standing Item

MEP and UW Consortium are working on updating their respective EMS Protocols. Both groups have been collaborating to minimize the differences between them. They also met with the Stroke Coordinators at the hospitals to discuss LVO screening and additional training for how it should effect destination determination.

911 Update - Standing Item

Hughes updates group on implementation of Automatic Spawning for Active Threat incidents.

DCEMS Office Update - Standing Item

Lifestar is now active as Marshall's EMS service. DCEMS office is also looking into purchasing an additional ambulance for agencies, will hopefully have one purchased in the next couple months. Chief Tubbs shares that funding from the federal government is still in question and being monitored.

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

MFD - MFD has transitioned to the GlideScope and have AirTraq equipment available. Chief Hammes will follow up with DCEMS office to get that info out to Chiefs.

SCRTAC - Still offering scholarships to those interested in attending the Active Threat conference in February.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

February meeting is cancelled. Commission will meet next on March 18th.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

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Minutes respectfully submitted by Courtney Morency.