

**South Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council**  
**General Membership / Executive Council Meeting**  
**February 23, 2010**  
**\* Minutes \***

1) Welcome and Introductions: The following persons were in attendance:

Tim	Bartelt	Brooklyn EMS		Josh	Kowalke	Reedsburg Area Ambulance
Karen	Bartelt	Brooklyn EMS		Shelly	McGuire	Edgerton Hospital
Tim	Bjelland	Mile Bluff Medical Center		Roseann	Meixelsperger	Brooklyn EMS
Debbie	Bongard	Belleville EMS		Theresa	Ojala	St. Mary's Hospital/Sun Prairie ED
Peggy	Butler	Mazomanie EMS		Angela	Pagenkopf	Grant Regional Hospital
Nancy	Cahill	Tyrol Basin Ski Patrol		Marianne	Peck	Meriter Hospital
Charles	Cotter	Tyrol Basin Ski Patrol		Dan	Pierce	Divine Savior EMS
Kathy	Crawford	Baraboo District EMS		Ron	Plumer	Devils Head Ski Patrol
Mary	Crowley	Mile Bluff Medical Center		Tom	Rabaglia	National Ski Patrol
Brian	Cushman	Upland Hills Health Care		Janet	Ramsey	Sauk Prairie Ambulance
Dean	Darling	Sauk Prairie Ambulance		Hollie	Rasmussen	Reedsburg Area Ambulance
Diane	Eberdt	Lodi Area EMS		Phill	Raupp	Reedsburg Area Ambulance
Katie	Egan	Mcfarland EMS / UWPD 1st Resp.		Debbie	Richardson	Sauk Prairie Ambulance
Cathy	Etter	Divine Savior Hospital		Connie	Rigdon	State DHS / Trauma Coordinator
Donna	Friedman	Southwest Health Care Hospital		Mary Ann	Roelli	Memorial Hospital of Lafayette Co.
Heather	Godemann	St. Clare Hospital		Kevin	Sarto	Sauk Prairie Ambulance
Ben	Gruber	Middleton EMS		William	Schrack Jr	Shorewood Hills EMS
Kari	Hall	Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital		Lynne	Sears	SCRTAC / UWHC /AmFam CH
Heikki	Heikkinen	Cross Plains EMS		Mindi	Slayton	Monroe Clinic Hospital
Connie	Henry	Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital		Mike	Sloan	Meriter Hospital
Jennifer	Hort	Middleton EMS		Tonya	Stephan	Albany EMS
Jim	Hubing	Devils Head Ski Patrol		Linda	Tyler-Doudna	Richland Hospital
Jane	Hyer	Cross Plains EMS		Paul	Vanderbloemen	Deer-Grove EMS
Chris	Jensen	Merrimac FD 1st Responders		Steve	Vandlen	Juda FD 1st Responders
Debbie	Kauk	Albany EMS		Janet	Volk	Reedsburg Area Medical Center
Terri	Kelm	Columbus Community Hospital		Stephanie	Wanek	Boscobel Area Health Care
Ken	Kemp	Cross Plains EMS		Kevin	Weber	Sauk Prairie Ambulance
Joe	Ketarkus	Meriter Hospital		Paul	Whittkamp	WI DHS / Cross Plains EMS
Ryan	Kitterman	Middleton EMS		Dan	Williams	SCRTAC EMS/ Madison FD
Justin	Klis	Middleton EMS		Steve	Wunsch	Middleton EMS

2) Approval of the October 27 Minutes: Unanimous approval.

3) Devil's Head Panel Discussion

- a) Jim Hubing, Ron Plumer, Chris Jensen, Dean Darling, Kathy Crawford, Dan Pierce, Heather Goddeman, Cathy Etter, and Kari Hall sat on a panel and discussed the multi-victim incident that occurred at Devil's Head Ski Resort last December.
- b) Each responding agency, as well as each receiving trauma facility provided input about the incident from their perspective, and provided lessons learned.

- i) What went well?
      - ii) What did not go so well?
      - iii) What would they change if they could do it again?
      - iv) What changes will be made to their local trauma system?
    - c) A few of the common themes of the evening...
      - i) Communication issues
        - (1) Too much radio traffic on a single frequency
        - (2) Too many responders on the same radio frequency
        - (3) Poor radio reception due to location/topography
        - (4) Early hospital communication very important
      - ii) Scene control issues
        - (1) Patients presented over an extended period of time, not all at once.
          - (a) The incident continued to grow and grow.
        - (2) Crowd control
          - (a) Skiers continued to ski, often near injured patients, and/or rescuers.
          - (b) Large influx of sight-seers that were not initially at the hill, but heard about the incident via the media, etc.
      - iii) Overall: Things went very well given the challenges of the location. Patients were all relatively stable, and both EMS and hospital trauma care providers successfully managed this multi-victim incident. Many thanks to all of the panel members for sharing their experiences.
- 4) Wisconsin Trauma Field Triage Protocol
- a) Lynne Sears introduced the new protocol, and reviewed the handout with attendees. The protocol is a 5 step evaluation, with the 1<sup>st</sup> three steps identifying major trauma patients that require rapid transport to a major trauma center (if less than 30 minutes transport). Steps 4-5 identify unique patient presentations, histories, conditions, etc that might necessitate their transport to a major trauma center. These patients, by rule, do not require Level I or II trauma center transport, but may need additional consideration.
    - i) Transporting ambulance services were given a laminated version of the protocol for use in their ambulance.
    - ii) Each hospital represented was given a card-stock color version of the protocol for use in the ED.
  - b) The SCRTAC encourages each 1<sup>st</sup> responder, transporting EMS, and hospital/ED to use this protocol to triage trauma patients for transport to the appropriate trauma care facility or trauma center.
- 5) State Trauma System updates
- a) State Trauma Coordinator Connie Rigdon gave a very brief synopsis of State Trauma System info:
    - i) Registry: Work is on-going with DI, hope to be up and running soon (fall?)
    - ii) Contracts for RTACS: Hope to be ready by May.

- 6) Trauma Education (Objective #6)
  - a) Advanced Emergency Care Conference, Appleton, April 14-16
  - b) ITLS, Green Bay, April 10, 16, 17
  - c) SCRTAC TEPs:
    - i) March 9, Beaver Dam, 6 PM
    - ii) March 23, Necedah, 7 PM
    - iii) April 12, Baraboo, 6:30 PM
  
- 7) WI Trauma Coordinator's Guide
  - a) Due to possible copyright issues, the SCRTAC has removed the Wisconsin Trauma Coordinator's Guide from the SCRTAC Website.
  - b) Any hospital/trauma coordinator that received a CD of this guide should destroy the CD.
    - i) They should then notify Lynne Sears and Connie Rigdon that they have destroyed the CD (for documentation)
  
- 8) Other: None
  
- 9) Next meeting: Tuesday April 27, 4 PM, Middleton EMS.
  
- 10) Adjourn