



## RURAL EMS POLICY FORUM PANEL

September 27th from 11:00am - 12:30pm  
Niagara Falls Convention Center

*As part of the 2019 Annual Rural Health Conference  
Harnessing the Power of Rural  
September 25 - 27, 2019*

**Harnessing the Power of Rural** will feature national and state healthcare experts that will focus on the challenging issues of our time in rural New York State, including strategies to address social determinants of health, fostering livable communities, supporting the healthcare workforce and much more.

Rural ambulance and EMS organizations face several challenges. We hope this **Policy Forum** will educate our members and conference participants, and help us align along some regulatory and/or legislative reforms that will support emergency services in rural communities going forward. **CHECK OUT OUR PANELISTS' EXPERTISE!**

### **Ryan Greenberg, NYS Department of Health EMS Moderator**

- Any updates/current issues at DOH
- Developing 'Standards of Excellence'

### **Dan Batsie, Vermont Department of Health**

- Social determinants of decreased volunteerism
- Special issues involved in running an all-volunteer or partially paid - partially volunteer EMS service
- Strategies for success with fewer volunteers

### **Jason Haag, MultiMed Billing and Tactical Medicine**

- Most communities use County or Regional dispatch using 911
  - NYSDOH Certificate of Need process does not match current needs
  - GPS tracking such as Trakit or GoFleet further erode the idea of a service 'territory'
- Opportunities for collaboration among EMS providers
- Home Rule
  - Some ambulance companies do not participate in 911
  - There is little integrated data reporting or sharing

### **Ann Smith, Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization, North Country EMS**

- Ambulance staffing requirements
- Training requirements and certification standards
- EMS scope of service and how it relates to traditional healthcare providers
- Training reimbursement not keeping pace with training costs

### **Douglas Wildermuth, E5 Support Services, LLC**

- Sustainability of rural ambulance/EMS organizations
- Better business practices for EMS services
- Protective measures organizations should consider

### **Steve Kroll, Steve Kroll Innovations, LLC**

- Scope of Work reforms
  - Paramedicine
  - Telemedicine
  - Integration of EMS records with RHIO/SHIN-NY
  - Alternative [non-hospital] Destinations
- Payment reforms
  - Medicaid rates
  - Insurance assignment

**Friday only registration for members and non-members: \$125**

**To register, please follow this link: <https://nysarh.org/conference/2019-conference/registration/>**