

American College of Emergency Physicians

Section of Tactical Emergency Medicine

Membership Meeting

San Francisco, California (In-Person)

Sunday, October 2, 2022

12:30 – 3:00 pm Pacific Time

Minutes

Section Officers in attendance:

John Wipfler, MD, FACEP (Chair); Keegan D Bradley, MD, EMT/T (Secretary/Newsletter Co-Editor); Jeffrey Michael Goodloe, MD, FACEP (Board Liaison) Brian Springer, MD, FACEP (Chair-Elect) Dominique Wong, MD (Newsletter Editor); Jeremy D Ackerman, MD, FACEP.

Section Members and Guest in attendance:

Matt Friedman, MD, FACEP; Tyler J Fulks, MD; Debbie Kantor, NPRN; Seth M. Kelly, MD, MBA; Jon R Krohmer, MD, FACEP; Jeremy A Lacocque, DO; Bruno Sicard, MD, PHD; Sean M. Siler, DO, FACEP; Anthony Thai; James R Waymack, MD, FACEP.

ACEP staff and Board Members in attendance:

Rick Murray, EMT/P, Director EMS & Disaster Preparedness (Staff Liaison)

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| d. Chair Elect | Brian Springer MD, FACEP |
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Reena Park, MD (2023)
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EMRA Rep-Tactical EM Section |
| San Francisco Fire Dept. Tactical Operations | Jeremy Lacocque, DO |
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| Presented to Dr. Bill Smock MD, MS, FACEP, FAAEM | |
| Louisville Metro Police Department, Police Surgeon, Forensics Expert | |
| V. Keynote Presentation | James Waymack, MD, FACEP |
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Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2022
Section of Tactical Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting
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San Francisco location: Hilton Hotel, Lobby Level, Room Golden Gate 5

The following is a summary and represents the minutes from the annual Section of Tactical Emergency Medicine meeting. The meeting was started at 12:30, and an information self-introduction amongst our members present occurred, and lunch was served while the meeting got underway.

A very special thank you to the outstanding international company that generously sponsored our meeting this day, Teleflex Inc. (<https://www.teleflex.com/usa/en/index.html>). They recently purchased Z-Medica, and they will continue to provide an amazing range of life-saving medical equipment and devices such as EZ-IO, multiple hemostatic dressings, and many other medical devices / gear. We were honored by having several representatives present at the meeting to talk about their multiple excellent medical products and future plans.

One key thing to note regarding hemostatic agents that was discussed by several section members, was the fact that there are increasing numbers of citizens and LEOs who are taking anticoagulation medications, such as Plavix, etc... These individuals are at higher risk of significant hemorrhage that is simply a lot more difficult to stop. Each tactical medical provider should seriously consider carrying hemostatic dressings / agents to help control bleeding, especially in these anticoagulated patients.

Online Communications: Despite obtaining the best personnel at the meeting site to assist, we apologize for not being able to get the internet communication working for this meeting. There were apparently some new changes to Facebook Live, and the link was unable to be established. Director Rick Murray has never had this happen to his computer before, and so we will take steps to ensure a smooth delivery next year. Our apologies to those members who tried to sign in and follow the meeting.

IX. Opening Remarks and Introductions

John Wipfler MD, FACEP

The meeting was called to order, and several topics were discussed, and an outline of today's agenda was reviewed by Chair Dr. John Wipfler. Introductions of the officers and our section members present, noting that Chair-elect Dr. Brian Springer was unfortunately unable to attend due a family member's serious illness. He was in the process of traveling and was able to join in later in the meeting via cell phone.

X. Section Business

- a. Board Liaison Update

Jeffrey Goodloe, MD, FACEP

Dr. Goodloe presented some very important and timely information regarding several key projects that ACEP and the ACEP Board of Directors are working on, and he discussed several key future projects that will be focused on this coming year. This past week's election and several resolutions were reviewed.

- b. Staff Liaison / Council Update Director Rick Murray EMT-P
Director Rick Murray was able to discuss several key things that members need to know, and the current membership was recently totaled at over 440 members in our Section. This is his 26th ACEP meeting, and our Section is greatly indebted to Director Rick Murray for all of his tremendous energy and support since inception of our Section in 2003. Thank you Rick! Director Murray also presented two ACEP Awards: 1) to the leadership team of our Section, and 2) Newsletter Award, which was presented to our two Newsletter Editors (see below). The award given to section leaders is called the "Service to Section Award", presented to our Section Leaders "In Recognition of the Section's exemplary leadership in developing and implementing work in providing excellent resources and educational offerings to its members". We want to share this award also with the many talented section members who taught an educational webinar lecture over this past year, each of which can be viewed on the 'Members Only' section of our Section Website. A special thank you to all who participated and helped make a successful webinar educational series, as well as added content to the educational portions of our website.
- c. Secretary Report Keegan Bradley MD, FACEP
Dr. Bradley presented a very nice PowerPoint summary of the key concepts and controversies of RTF – Rescue Task Force response, and where and how this rescue / response concept is being expanded and updated. He pointed out the key challenges, and opportunities for tactical medical providers to get involved in this evolving important prehospital response system.
- d. Chair Elect Brian Springer MD, FACEP
Dr. Springer gave an update and at the end of the meeting was able to convey 3 key points to our section members.
- e. Newsletter Editor Dominique Wong, MD
Dr. Dominique Wong, and Dr. Keegan Bradley were presented an award by ACEP Director Rick Murray it was an ACEP award for the Section Newsletter editors for their outstanding contributions and consistent and highly educational content of our Section's Newsletter these past several years. For the first time in the history of our Section, a quarterly newsletter was published and distributed every 3 months x 2 years. Dr. Wong also presented a review of the keyways that physicians can support law enforcement officers and agencies, and the highlights of the many positive interactions that physicians and other medical providers can bring to the table along with LEOs. Congratulations to Dr. Dominique Wong, Dr. Keegan Bradley, and Deanna Harper, with support from other section members, and Director Rick Murray.
- f. C-TECC Representative Jeremy Ackerman, MD, PhD, FACEP
Dr. Ackerman had sent a 3-minute MP4 video of his discussion and update of the activities and plans of the Committee on TECC (Tactical Emergency Casualty Care) this past year. Dr. Ackerman is the ACEP representative to the Committee of TECC, and he summarized the key areas that CTECC is focusing on, and several upcoming activities and goals.

XI. Special Presentations and a keynote lecture were given in 4 categories by the following persons, which provided an excellent opportunity to learn about more about several key topics.

Active Shooter Med Response – Case Reviews Mikayla Myers, MD (2023)

Reena Park, MD (2023)

Joan C Edwards School of Medicine

These two medical students did an excellent coordinated presentation on the challenges and difficulties and response times, and other considerations involved with the Aurora Colorado Theatre shooting, and the Parkland school shooting in Florida a few years ago. They traveled a long way to give a very nice presentation that was appreciated by all. Many lessons learned, and through analysis, we can make future response improvements.

EMRA Update -

Sriram Venkatesan, FAWM, MS4
EMRA Rep-Tactical EM Section

Sriram Venkatesan gave a presentation of several of his key goals as EMRA Rep to our Tac-Med Section, and he is actively involved in developing educational programs for medical students and medical schools in the USA that eventually will allow many EM residents and also medical students to learn more about and practice medical support for law enforcement, including learning about LE weapons, less lethal weapons, tactical weapons and devices, and other tools and tactics that all medical students should know about.

San Francisco Fire – Dept of Tactical Operations Jeremy Lacocque, DO

Dr. Lacocque generously dedicated his time to present a summary of what he does as an EMS leader and also tactical physician, and also gave a very nice summary of the EMS and Fire and medical response system of the San Francisco Area. He directly supervises a large component of Fire Tactical Operations medics, and other EMS personnel, who provide close up medical support doing training and SF area SWAT callouts. We greatly appreciated Dr. Lacocque's information and dedication.

XII. Award Presentation – After reviewing many very experienced and dedicated Section members, it is always a difficult task to choose just one individual, but after thorough discussion, the award committee chose the following individual for our Section of Tactical Emergency Medicine 2022 Visionary Leadership Award.

Dr. William (Bill) Smock. Congratulations Dr. Smock!

This was presented verbally at the meeting, and due to the fact that Dr. Smock could not attend due to an important prior commitment, we will mail his award plaque, and also arrange a formal in-person or Zoom presentation to him when it is convenient for him. Please join our leaders in congratulating Dr. Dr. Bill Smock MD, MS, FACEP, FAAEM, Louisville Metro Police Department, Police Surgeon, Forensics Expert, with many other qualifications and experience. His bio statement is extensive and listed here below. Please note that Dr. Smock has offered to present two very timely new topics in early 2023, and our leadership will arrange and inform all section members of these presentations soon.

Dr. Bill Smock is the Police Surgeon and directs the Clinical Forensic Medicine Program for the Louisville Metro Police Department in Louisville, Kentucky. Bill graduated from the University of Louisville, School of Medicine in 1990 and completed a residency in emergency medicine at the University of Louisville in 1993. In 1994, he became the first physician in the United States to complete a post-graduate fellowship in Clinical Forensic Medicine with the Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office. Dr. Smock served an Assistant Medical Examiner with the Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office from 1991 to 1997 and the Medical Advisor to the Louisville Division of the FBI from 2003 to 2013. Dr. Smock joined the Louisville Police Department in 1993 as the SWAT team's first tactical physician, a position he has held for the last 28 years.

Dr. Smock is currently a Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Louisville School of Medicine training medical students and resident physicians in tactical medicine and clinical forensic medicine. In 2019 Dr. Smock was named the Medical Director of the San Diego-based Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention. Dr. Smock has edited four textbooks on clinical forensic medicine and published more than 40 chapters and articles on forensic and emergency medicine. He is an internationally recognized forensic expert and trains nurses, physicians, law enforcement officers, attorneys and judges in multiple fields including

reconstruction of officer involved shootings, the investigation and prosecution of fatal and non-fatal strangulation, gunshot wound interpretation, staged/altered crime scenes, injury mechanisms, toxicology, and motor vehicle trauma.

Dr. Smock is also the Police Surgeon for the Floyd County (Indiana) Sheriff's Office, the New Albany (Indiana) Police Department, the Jeffersontown (Kentucky) Police Department and the St. Matthews (Kentucky) Police Department. He has investigated and reconstructed hundreds of fatal and non-fatal felony strangulation cases, determined occupant roles in complex motor vehicle collisions, and investigated officer-involved critical incidents on behalf of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and state and federal prosecutors. Dr. Smock's investigations and testimony have provided state and federal Courts with valuable information on the determination of strangulation as the cause and manner of death, positional asphyxia, staged/altered death scenes: homicide versus suicide versus accidental, entrance versus exit wounds, a bullet's path through the body, bullet trajectory, range-of-fire and if the statements provided by suspects, witness or officers are consistent with the physical evidence. William S. Smock, MS, MD Police Surgeon Louisville Metro Police Department 633 West Jefferson Street Louisville, KY 40202 502-574-7080-office bill.smock@louisvilleky.gov
Thank you Dr. Smock.

- XIII. Keynote Presentation: "Less Lethal" James Waymack, MD, FACEP
Dr. James Waymack is a tactical physician, academic Assistant Professor and EM Program Director affiliated with the Southern Illinois University (SIU) in Springfield Illinois. Our section was honored by his excellent presentation about Less Lethal weapons systems and the variety of munitions and tools and tactics that may be utilized and also injuries that may be seen by them. His presentation was very helpful and gave everyone a reminder that "less lethal" is exactly that, and some uses may actually end up with severe injury or deaths, and management of these is an important skill for tactical physicians. Thank you Dr. Waymack,
- XIV. New Business Items John Wipfler, MD, FACEP
Brian Springer, MD, FACEP
- a) Pursuit of Subspecialty Certification – Our leadership is continuing to make steady progress in determining how to best achieve subspecialty certification and possible board certification in LEM / law enforcement medicine. We are planning to arrange key discussions and gather input from ACEP, ~~and~~ ABEM and ABMS leaders as we pursue this important topic. We will soon reach out to our section members for your input and participation after we have obtained the guidance and suggestions of ACEP, ABEM, and ABMS leaders regarding this topic.
 - b) Combined Position Statement – one of our goals is to work alongside multiple medical specialties and fire and police organizations to assemble a combined position statement that will specify and define the common goals and reflect the key principles that are shared in common among the public safety agencies involved in tactical and law enforcement medicine. We will distribute the draft statement to all section members for input soon.
 - c) Section Name Discussion and Change – Over the past 10 months, there have been emails, presentations, and discussion about the advantages of modifying our Section Name. The proposal to discuss and vote on this was announced over 2 months ago, and there has been excellent support and discussion regarding this. Not a single person voiced any opposition to this. The leadership listened to those section members who replied and discussed the topic, and at our meeting, a motion was made (by Dr. Keegan Bradley) and seconded (by Dr. Brian Springer) and a vote occurred. The vote among the section members present was unanimously in favor of the name change. At this time, Director Rick Murray will now take our proposed Section name change to the Board of Director's meeting that usually occurs in February, where it will be reviewed and decided upon. If they agree with our

proposal, then at that time, our Section will be known as the Section of Tactical and Law Enforcement Medicine.

d) Newly elected leaders:

After the recent Section vote, we are happy to announce the following new leaders and their positions:

Chair – Dr. Brian Springer

Chair-elect – Dr. Keegan Bradley

Secretary – Dr. Dominique Wong

Immediate Past Chair – Dr. John Wipfler

Newsletter Editor: Dr. Jeremy Ackerman

Councilor: Dr Ameen Jamali

Alternate Councilor: Dr. David McArdle

2nd Alt Councilor: Dr. James Waymack

Board Liaison: Dr. Jeff Goodloe

Staff Liaison: Director Rick Murray

XV. New Chairman 2022-2024 Strategic Goals and Vision Brian Springer, MD, FACEP

Message from Dr Brian Springer:

As Section Chair, here are the three critical items I will be focusing on over the next two years:

One: Continue our service to our Section Members. I will work closely with our Section Leadership to maintain our forward momentum and ensure you are all best served by our outstanding newsletter, website, and webinars.

Two: Push for the recognition of Law Enforcement Medicine as a legitimate subspecialty of Emergency Medicine. I still do not know exactly how that is going to look, but we are going to continue to explore all options.

Three: Make sure our name changes to Tactical and Law Enforcement Medicine is meaningful. I want not just our members, but ACEP and other physicians to recognize that we are the experts in a field that entails far more than just SWAT. When questions arise about police officer medical training and capabilities, we need to be the experts consulted. When our college speaks up about mass shootings, we need to be the ones they speak with first to better understand the tactical and medical response to these horrific incidents. When social medicine physicians want to better understand the interactions of the police and the public, we should be their source of information.

I will work tirelessly with our college, section leaders, and with you to make all this happen. If you have any thoughts, questions, or concerns, my virtual door is always open, so please reach out to me.

I look forward to this opportunity to serve you. Enjoy the Bay Area, safe travels home, and I REALLY hope to see you all next year in Philadelphia!

Best, Brian

XVI. Adjourn

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