

EMS Council and Committee Membership

Approved by the EMS Council on 10/1/2026

Appointments should be rotated every two years, with the option to continue for one additional two-year period, unless otherwise noted.

Elected Officers of the EMS Council

The EMS Council shall elect from its membership, every two years, one chairperson and one vice chairperson; one must be an emergency physician member and one must be elected from the non-physician membership. The appointments are rotated.

1. Chairperson: Susan Long (Allina Health EMS) first term ends in April 2026
2. Vice Chairperson: Peter Tanghe, MD (North Memorial Health Ambulance Service)

EMS Council Executive Committee Chairpersons

3. EMS Medical Directors Committee Chair – Peter Tanghe, MD (North Memorial Health Ambulance)
4. Medical Care and Standards Committee Chair – Nick Simpson, MD (Hennepin EMS) first
5. Operations and System Communications Chairperson – Tony Martin (Hennepin County Sheriff's Office)
6. Quality Standards Committee – Michael Morelock (North Memorial Health Ambulance)
7. Ambulance Service Personnel Subcommittee of the EMS Medical Directors Committee - *Vacant*

Healthcare systems in Hennepin County that operate at least one 24-hour emergency department or stand-alone ED and operate a 9-1-1 EMS Provider with a Primary Service Area (PSA) in Hennepin County (one vote per system, with an emergency physician serving as either the regular or alternate representative; two-year rotation is optional, at the discretion of the healthcare system)

8. Allina Health Hospitals – Megan Elsenheimer Plutt, DO (reg.) and Wendy Baumgardt (alt.)

9. Hennepin Healthcare HCMC – Vacant (reg.) and Gregg Jones, MD (alt.)
10. North Memorial Health Hospital – John Lyng, MD (reg.) and Elizabeth Robinson, MD (alt.)

Healthcare systems in Hennepin County that operate at least one 24-hour emergency department or stand-alone ED (one vote per system, with an emergency physician serving as either the regular or alternate representative)

Two-year rotation is optional, at the discretion of each healthcare system

11. Children’s MN – Emma Fisher, MD (reg.) and David Hirschmann, MD (alt.)
12. MHealth Fairview – Nik Vuljaj, MD (reg.) and (alt.) Robert Tanouye, MD
13. HealthPartners Methodist Hospital – Jill Donofrio, DO (reg.) and Megan Grewe (alt.)

Healthcare systems that operate a 9-1-1 EMS Provider with a PSA in Hennepin County (one vote per system, with an emergency physician serving as either the regular or alternate representative; two-year rotation is optional, at the discretion of the healthcare system)

14. Ridgeview Medical Center – Mike Perlmutter, MD (reg.) and *Vacant* (alt.)

EMS Providers with a PSA in Hennepin County and licensed to operate 9-1-1 service (Two-year rotation is optional, at the discretion of the EMS Provider)

Allina Health EMS

15. EMS Medical Director – Charles Lick, MD
16. Administrator – *Vacant*

17. Edina Fire EMS

18. EMS Medical Director – Paul Nystrom, MD
19. Administrator – Shaun White

Hennepin EMS

20. EMS Medical Director – Nick Simpson, MD
21. Administrator – Marty Scheerer

North Memorial Health Ambulance Service

22. EMS Medical Director - Peter Tanghe, MD

23. Administrator - Brent Custard

Ridgeview Ambulance Service

24. EMS Medical Director – Autumn Ties, MD

25. Administrator – Mark Anderson

Additional Representatives

Two-year rotation is recommended for the following seats

26. Paramedic (employed at a licensed 9-1-1 EMS Provider with a PSA in Hennepin County)

Jeremiah Steele, EMT-P (Edina Fire EMS)

27. Paramedic (employed at a licensed 9-1-1 EMS Provider with a PSA in Hennepin County)

Angela Pesta, EMT-P (Hennepin EMS)

28. Ambulance Dispatch Center (at a licensed 9-1-1 EMS Provider with a PSA in Hennepin County)

Victoria Vadnais (Allina Health Ambulance Dispatch)

29. Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in Hennepin County

Tony Martin (Hennepin County Sheriff's Office)

30. West Medical Resource Control Center (West MRCC)

Dan Klawitter

31. Hennepin County Chiefs of Police Association

Vacant

32. Hennepin County Fire Chiefs Association

Vacant

33. Public representative without EMS industry affiliation (either a citizen of Hennepin County or an employee of a public health department in Hennepin County)
Cynthia Myntti (Hennepin County resident)
34. A representative from organized labor representing hospital-based EMS
Sam Erickson (Hennepin County Association of Paramedics and EMTs [HCAPE])
35. A representative from organized labor representing firefighters
Vacant
36. Hennepin County Director of Public Health Dept. (non-voting, ex-officio member)
Sara Hollie

Executive Committee of the EMS Council

Chair: Susan Long (first term ends in April 2026)

1. EMS Council Chair – Susan Long (Allina Health EMS)
2. EMS Council Vice Chair – Peter Tanghe, MD (North Memorial Health Ambulance)
3. EMS Medical Directors Committee Chair – Peter Tanghe, MD (North Memorial Health Ambulance)
4. Medical Care and Standards Committee Chair – Nick Simpson, MD (Hennepin EMS)
5. Operations and System Communications Chair – Tony Martin (Hennepin County Sheriff's Office)
6. Quality Standards Committee Chair – Michael Morelock (North Memorial Health Ambulance)
7. Ambulance Service Personnel Subcommittee Chair – *Vacant*

EMS Medical Directors Committee of the EMS Council

Chair: Peter Tanghe, MD (first term ends in April 2026)

1. Allina Health EMS – Charles Lick, MD
2. Edina Fire EMS – Paul Nystrom, MD
3. Hennepin EMS – Nick Simpson, MD
4. North Memorial Health Ambulance – Peter Tanghe, MD
5. Ridgeview Ambulance Service – Autumn Ties, MD

Ambulance Service Personnel Subcommittee of the EMS Medical Directors Committee

Chair: *vacant*, must be an EMT-P

1. Allina Health EMS, EMT or EMT-P – *vacant*
2. Edina Fire EMS, EMT or EMT-P – *vacant*
3. Hennepin EMS, EMT or EMT-P – *vacant*
4. North Memorial Health Ambulance, EMT or EMT-P – *vacant*
5. Ridgeview Ambulance Service, EMT or EMT-P – Kristin Lange, EMT-P
6. EMS Medical Director – *vacant*
7. Emergency physician from a hospital in Hennepin County that operates a 24-hour emergency department - *vacant*
8. One labor representative – Sam Erickson, EMT-P (HCAPE Vice President)

Medical Care and Standards Committee of the EMS Council

Chair: Nick Simpson, MD (first term ends in Oct. 2025)

1. Allina Health EMS Medical Director – Charles Lick, MD
2. Edina Fire EMS Medical Director – Paul Nystrom, MD
3. Hennepin EMS Medical Director – Nick Simpson, MD
4. North Memorial Health Ambulance Medical Director – Peter Tanghe, MD
5. Ridgeview Ambulance Service Medical Director – Autumn Ties, MD
6. An emergency physician from a hospital in Hennepin County that operates a 24-hour emergency department that is not affiliated with a licensed 9-1-1 EMS Provider with a PSA in the County – Owen Anderson, MD (HealthPartners Methodist Hospital)
7. An emergency physician from a hospital in Hennepin County that operates a 24-hour emergency department that is not affiliated with a licensed 9-1-1 EMS Provider with a PSA in the County – Emma Fisher, MD (Children’s Hospital)
8. An emergency physician from a hospital in Hennepin County that operates a 24-hour emergency department - Todd Joing, MD (MHealth Fairview Southdale Hospital)
9. A paramedic from a licensed 9-1-1 EMS Provider with a PSA in Hennepin County – Hailey Kennedy, EMT-P (Hennepin EMS)
10. A hospital administrator from a hospital that is not affiliated with a licensed 9-1-1 EMS Provider with a PSA in Hennepin County – Lisa Pearson (MHealth)

Fairview University)

11. A communications representative from an ambulance dispatch center of a licensed 9-1-1 EMS Provider with a PSA in Hennepin County or from West MRCC – Dan Klawitter (West MRCC)

Operations and System Communications Committee of the EMS Council

Chair: Tony Martin (first term ends in April 2026)

1. Allina Health EMS Operations – *Vacant*
2. Edina Fire EMS Operations – Shaun White
3. Hennepin EMS Operations – Charles Sloan
4. North Memorial Health Ambulance Operations – Brent Custard
5. Ridgeview Ambulance Service Operations – Mark Anderson
6. Emergency physician from a hospital in Hennepin County that operates a 24-hour emergency department – Peter Tanghe, MD (North Memorial Health Ambulance)
7. West MRCC – Dan Klawitter
8. Primary PSAP in Hennepin County – Tony Martin (Hennepin County Sheriff's Office)
9. Ambulance Dispatch Center at a licensed 9-1-1 EMS Provider with a PSA in Hennepin County – Victoria Vadnais (Allina Health EMS)
10. Hennepin County Fire Chiefs Association – *vacant*
11. Social worker who works in Hennepin County – Tammy Doll (Hennepin County COPE)

Quality Standards Committee of the EMS Council

Chair: Michael Morelock (first term ends in April 2026)

1. Allina Health EMS Clinical Quality – Christie Traczyk
2. Edina Fire EMS Clinical Quality – Shaun White
3. Hennepin EMS Clinical Quality – Kristie Royce
4. North Memorial Health Ambulance Clinical Quality – Brent Custard
5. Ridgeview Ambulance Service Clinical Quality – John Berkholtz

6. EMS Medical Director from a licensed 9-1-1 EMS Provider with a PSA in Hennepin County – Aaron Robinson, MD (Hennepin EMS)
7. EMS Medical Director from a licensed 9-1-1 EMS Provider with a PSA in Hennepin County – Zach Finn, MD (North Memorial Health Ambulance)
8. Emergency physician at a hospital in Hennepin County that operates a 24-hour emergency department – *Vacant*
9. Emergency physician at a hospital in Hennepin County that operates a 24-hour emergency department – *Vacant*