



Functional Group Meeting

January 21, 2026 (Wed)

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/QA5rdLwJSYC8or-3Uk7-mA>

I. EDUCATION

<p>10:00 am - Lunch N Learn</p> <p>Cartels, Drug Trafficking, and Violence: Implications for EMS</p> <p>Ken St. Clair</p> <p><i>Strategic Intelligence Analyst</i></p> <p>Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)</p>	<p>11:00 am - Topical Focus</p> <p>EMS Regional Operations Consistency Committee (ROCC)</p> <p>Cori Hayes</p> <p><i>Assistant Fire Chief</i></p> <p>Mesa Fire and Medical Department</p>
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II. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS 11:15 am

A. General Report Ryan Southworth, DO

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
2. AEMS Announcements
 - a. Annual Renewal of Functional Group Voting/Guest Member Status MUST RENEW by end of today.
<https://aems1975.wufoo.com/forms/w1edicm8095349a/>
 - b. 2026 Membership Dues
Organizational - <https://aems.org/membership/renew>
Individual - <https://aems.org/donate>
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. State Report

C. Patient Management Report Ryan Southworth, DO, Chair

1. Categorization – *Marty Murphy STATUS*
<https://aems.org/images/pdf/categorization/categorization-status-report-current.pdf>
2. RED Book – *Ryan Southworth, MD*
 - a. Central AZ Regional EMS Guidelines - *Franco Castro-Marín, MD*
3. Phoenix Stroke Center Coalition - *Garth Gemar, MD*
4. Pediatric - *Mickey Kovach, RN*
5. Other Reports

D. Adjournment

B. Planning & Outreach Report

1. Education
 - a. Pediatric Simulation Training - Spring 2026
 - b. EMS Odyssey Conference - June 11, 2026
 - b. EMS CE Fall Forum - December 10, 2026
2. Outreach
 - a. IMPORTANT UPDATES NEEDED:
Agency/Hospital/Fire Contacts

NEXT MEETINGS:

AEMS Functional Group - March 18, 2026

AEMS Board of Governors - February 18, 2026

Functional Group 2025 Voting Members

Planning & Patient Management

Michelle Angle
Kevin Bailey
Garth Gemar, MD
Martin Murphy
Sandy Nygaard
Roy Ryals

Barbara Schaffer, RN
Ryan Southworth, DO

Planning Only
Dawn Polkabla
Olivia Brothers, RN
Kim Reger, RN
Patient Management Only
Shari Brand, MD
Mickey Kovach, RN

You Must Register to Participate

Upon registering you will receive access link directly from Zoom.
You may join the meeting via computer or smart phone.

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