

EMS Task Force

On April 14, 2011, the Illinois House of Representatives passed **House Resolution 230** <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?GAID=11&SessionID=84&GA=97&DocTypeID=HR&DocNum=230&LegID=61391&SpecSess=&Session> that created the House Task Force on Emergency Medical Services Funding. The Task Force consists of 24 representative members (see below). The House EMS Task Force is co-chaired by Rep. Lisa Dugan of Kankakee and Rep. Don Moffitt of Galesburg.

The Goal of the Task Force is to determine “recommendations concerning ways in which Emergency Medical Services functions in this state” and how “it can be assisted and improved.” From Sept 2011 through December 2011 the Task Force held multiple public meetings at various locations throughout the state to hear statements on issues pertaining to the administration of EMS in Illinois. Many issues were discussed at these meetings in areas such as education, licensing, availability, funding and the functions of Resource Hospitals. The deadline for the Task Force to submit its recommendations in a report was January 1, 2012. This deadline has been extended and the Task Force is now plans to complete its work and report later this year, possibly by April 2012.

Members of the IEMTA attended most of the public meetings and are in the process of reviewing notes from these meetings and are developing positions statements on the prominent issues in anticipation of any upcoming Task Force recommendations. These topics will be listed on the IEMTA website with as much information as is currently available. You are invited to submit your comments or questions to Vicki Gallaher at rescuems@frontiernet.net.

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