

Provider Health and Safety Committee Meeting
May 9, 2013
Courtyard Marriott North

Members Present:	OEMS Staff:	Guests:	Absent:
Brian Hricik, Chair	Karen Owens	Marilyn Bourne	Wayne Myers
Steve Elliott	Frank Cheatham		
Bryan McRay			
Dennis Page			
Jack Sullivan			

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Call to order:	Meeting called to order at 1336 hours	
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Dennis Page motion to accept meeting minutes. Jack Sullivan second. Meeting minutes approved unanimously	
Introductions of Members:	Dr. Marilyn Bourne introduced herself as a guest to the day's meeting.	
Committee Chair Report	Committee chair arrived at 1351. Brian H. stated that they were able to schedule a NAEMT Safety Officer Course lined up through Northern Virginia EMS Council. The course filled up in 6 hours.	
Committee Member Report	<p>Steve – no updates</p> <p>Dennis –Henrico County conducted a joint police, fire, joint active shooter training. It involves a discussion of what each brings to the table in the first 30 minutes, followed up with tabletop and then three functional exercises (school, mall, large office building); Tabletops will take place in summer and functional of this year. Steve E. asked where he could get the information on the program. Dennis stated that the slides are in PDF format. It will be presented at FRI. Bryan M. stated how the EMS Emergency Management committee discussed assisting localities in educating schools and responders on the plans that are utilized for response to school. Dennis said that they have found working with police is beneficial and getting their buy-in is important. Jack S. added that Montgomery County Maryland has a good program and we may want to reach out to them.</p> <p>Bryan M. – Really refocusing on the “See something, say something” program. Karen states that we could put this out through social media as a reminder.</p> <p>Frank – He still serves as the OEMS representative on committees focused on Traffic Incident Management. Jack is heavily involved at the National Level. Executive Order 77 is a continuation of training on highway incident safety. There are three workgroups (best practices, responder safety, communications) and each was asked to send names forward. Training is being pushed out through local agencies, most through state police. Need to whittle away at the local agencies because a lot of the jurisdictions have siloed.</p> <p>Karen – provided an update on the Emergency Operations Manager. Stated that we were working for approval to fill the position and hoped to have someone in the spot before the end of summer</p> <p>EVENT – They are standard categories used in Worker’s Comp. Virginia uses same classification. There are four fields. The problem is standardization of reporting. The same incident may be reported three different ways. Only</p>	Jack will provide worker’s compensation data to Karen.

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	<p>as good as the quality of data that goes in. we Consider limiting the fields (maybe top 10). Brian H asked if we want to collect data that is specifically tied to an incident. Bryan M. stated that it should be kept basic. Just because you have an injury at work, doesn't mean it's an at-work injury. Brian H. said that some of the data is removed from the reports but don't know why. Frank suggested we work with Scott and see why some data is removed.</p> <p>EMS Officer – Karen informed the committee that EMS Officer standards are being developed by another State EMS Advisory Board Committee. Bryan M said that as an industry we are just now starting to do this, as EMS only, there is not a lot of specific information for EMS only providers and that it would be nice to see the NAEMT Safety course as part of the requirements. Dennis said you could almost argue that you could add NAEMT course to any of the education requirements. Jack stated that the message of the equivalencies is that OEMS doesn't have equivalent for the requirement. The answer to this is that someone needs to develop the material that can be used to provide training for the EMS community. Dennis said that they should consider adding examples of Education as it opens the office of EMS to have some leeway. Karen expressed the concern that EMTs can't take Fire Officer, which is a major component and that there is very little CISM and resiliency discussion. Bryan H. said that they deserve credit for recognize a need and that having something is better than nothing.</p>	
New Business	<p>Position Papers - Brian H. informed the committee that the Medical Direction Committee has put together a position paper on use of seatbelts in the back of the truck. Bryan M. suggested that in conjunction with the white paper, we need to look at enforcement as a big issue; What about setting up the back of the unit to support ability to continue wearing seatbelt? How do we get people to enforce seatbelt use? Brian H. said that when a violation is seen someone will get disciplined. The paper is more of an encouragement to have the policy. Bryan M. said we need to add some things so we aren't getting the "opinionated provider". Need to put a companion with it that encourages it in a positive manner. Marilyn commented that it is a good starting point. It is hard to enforce, but will provide support, The Medical Direction Committee will do anything that you guys can suggest to encourage enforcement. Jack suggested a position paper that supports the idea of safety officer and safety committee in EMS communities. Bryan M commented that as they continue EMS officer could go with Professional Development to incorporate Safety Officer. Brian H. stated there is already a template for EMS Agency Health and Safety officer</p> <p>Marilyn – The Medical Direction Committee would like to work with the committee on health and fitness</p> <p>Karen – We should consider working with FARC to support funding for health and safety initiatives.</p> <p>Marilyn – What if we looked at adding a competition at the Symposium? Maybe we have a statewide regional percentage weight loss competition. They just completed a research project with Centra. They put in workout equipment and it seemed it didn't work.</p> <p>Karen – We should consider putting together a safety pledge. Once we get it together what can we do it for the recognition. Jack stated that the seatbelt pledge is already a law. Other issues at the management level that needs to be addressed; probably an indication that other things aren't being done; would like to see something a bit bigger picture. It is more important for safety officer/committee for each agency. Karen stated that the safety pledge would be overall, not just seatbelt. Brian H. said he likes the idea of a safety pledge for EMS agencies and said we could also have EMS Officer candidates signing the safety pledge. Bryan M. said that enforcement is always going to be a hard thing</p>	

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Next Scheduled Meeting:	August 8, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.	
Adjournment:	Meeting adjourned at 1500	

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