

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2006

VAVRS Headquarters, Oilville, Va.

1:00 PM

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Chair Don Taylor.

Members present;

Don Taylor
George Lankford
Denny Kinkaid
Bob Montminy
Russ Blow
Warren Winner
Chip Decker
Al Smith
Mathew Embrey

Staff present;

Michael Berg
Jimmy Burch

Motion was made by Warren Winner, seconded by George Lankford to approved the November minutes as written. Motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Taylor informed the Committee that Steve Simon has resigned from the Committee for family health reasons. Ben Sojka from the Charlottesville area and Al Smith from the Danville area have both been asked to become members.

Matt Embrey from Spotsylvania County has been asked to serve as an alternate until such time as all previous members have confirmed there intent to continue. If there are still vacant seats Matt will become a regular member.

Old Business:

Replacement guidelines for the replacement of ambulances from RSAF funds was again discussed. Members suggested that more emphasis be placed on the local grading to include Regional Council and area Program Representative input. Also suggested was the establishment of minimum guidelines for replacement using a scoring system based on mileage, hours, age and repair cost of the vehicle being replaced. It was suggested that guidelines would relate only to mechanical need and not financial need. The Committee will compile a list of criteria to be considered at the next meeting. Mr. Taylor will discuss this with Byron Andrews of the FARC Committee. Jimmy will discuss with OEMS grant

staff to determine what programming changes to the current application would be needed and how long it will take to make the changes.

EVOC Program requirements. Mr. Berg has asked that the committee review the current EVOC definition to determine any needed change. DFP and VAVRS have been meeting to develop a program that will be acceptable for all parties. They continue to meet. Mr. Berg will review current DOT standards and report back at the next meeting.

Permitting of alternative transportation vehicles. This matter was previously discussed by the committee. It was suggested that any vehicle that does not travel routinely travel in a public highway and is not licensed by DMV would not require an EMS permit. These vehicles which include all terrain vehicles, bikes etc. could only be used in the event a permitted vehicle could not reasonably reach a patient such as at large events, rescues from rough terrain etc. Should these vehicles be used for transport they could only transport to an onsite medical facility or a permitted transport vehicle.

Current vehicle equipment requirements. Mr. Taylor presented information from a questionnaire he had sent to several EMS agencies. This list along with any other concerns members have will be presented to Regulation and Compliance for review. Jimmy asked that members who receive further suggestion please forward to him.

Copies of current sales reports form both ambulance contract vendors were given to each member for review.

New business:

Senate Bill 24 was read to the committee. This bill is being presented to allow agencies in the South Hampton Roads area to pilot a program to use motorcycles as quick response vehicles. The committee recommends that any agency that would like to pilot this project could do so under the current regulations with some exceptions to the equipment and vehicle marking requirements. Any variance to these portions of the regulations should be considered by OEMS. Driving requirements for this program should follow already approved law enforcement motor cycle programs within the Commonwealth. The Committee will review all request for a pilot program and assist agencies as needed. Projects will need to have measurable and defined objectives. In addition, timelines to report information as to the programs success would also be established.

Ambulance classifications, Critical Care. Current regulations do not address this classification of transport. Mr. Berg will forward draft regulations from the Medi Vac Committee that address this issue to the committee for review. Mr. Blow has information form several states that have regulations for review also. The committee will gather as much information as possible and address this at the next meeting.

Bariatric transports. Mr. Berg informed the committee that OEMS would like for this group to assist with developing guidelines for the transport of obese patients. The

committee suggested that members of this group would be willing to be part of a workgroup to address the mechanical aspects of these transports. Members felt that since these patients often have unique medical problems as well that medical personnel should be involved in this process as well.

Mr. Taylor requested the committee to consider selecting a Committee Vice-Chair. George Lankford nominated Warren Winner for this position. Motion was seconded by Russ Blow. Motion passed 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM