

EMS Emergency Management Committee Meeting
 Richmond Marriott-West
 Richmond, VA
 February 1, 2007
 10:00 am

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Bubby Bish , Governor’s Advisory Board (GAB) Becky Callaway , Old Dominion EMS Alliance Melinda Duncan , Northern Virginia EMS Council Steve Ennis , Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association Terry Herbert , Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) Jim Masten , Peninsula Emergency Medical Services (PEMS) Jeff Stewart , Virginia National Guard		Gary Brown , OEMS Frank Cheatham , OEMS Ken Crumpler , OEMS Jim Nogle , OEMS Karen Owens , OEMS Winnie Pennington , OEMS Wanda Street , OEMS	

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Call to order	Meeting called to order by Chairman Bish at 10:00 a.m. Membership introductions.	
Chairman’s Report	Chairman Bish had no report at this time.	
Member Agency Reports/Updates	Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) Karen Owens – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCI I and MCI II CDs are complete. Will be mailing out and handing out during the T-t-Ts conducted throughout the state. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple HMERT requests have been received including Langley Air Show and Jamestown 400th Anniversary celebration. • Real time triage training – Schools are adding medical emergency response plans to the school crisis management plan – EMS Operations assisting in training • Members of Operations Staff attending Fire Chief’s Association meeting February 21-24 • Winter ID EX NOVA COG – Exercising winter storm scenario to test the federal identification system. • DHS Grant Meeting – Operations members participated in a stakeholder for EMS breakout session, a new web-based PPRC program was chosen as the primary investment for EMS • DMAP training in March sponsored by DMAT- Operations staff attending – provides training on the development of plans for emergency events – March 1, 2007 • Conducting Extrication Training –March in Rockingham Co. and April in South Boston • Lane Reversal Meeting/Exercise – providing support to localities effected by lane reversal (James City and New Kent Counties) – continued planning for concerns regarding patient movement and access 	
	<p>Frank Cheatham-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four HTR trailers transferred to VDFP for use in their training program. Trailers deemed not suitable for rehab task for task forces. Operations is now looking at entering into contracts with motor home vendors for the use of their products during deployment for command and rehab. • Additional comments on lane reversal plan, medical committee addressing challenges of communities in James City, York, and New Kent Counties in meeting day to day requests during event including manpower and the ability to get to patients and get them to a facility for care with a total of 67,000 additional vehicles on the road. Other concerns include use of Task Forces, use of MedEvac and the transport and care of non-injured personnel from broken down vehicles. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitation of the Task Force teams has begun. Two teams, dog therapy and massage therapy have already been visited. He is awaiting call backs for dates to visit other teams. He hopes to have all teams visited by the end of March. 	
	<p>Ken Crumpler-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Communications Directory is complete, now at DGS for formatting. It will be a living document and will be arranged with the ability to easily update it. • Virginia APCO will be sponsoring the development of criteria for Telecommunications Emergency Response Teams (TERT) teams to become statewide resources for disaster assistance. • PSAP accreditation program celebrating its 2 yr anniversary 	
	<p>Winnie Pennington-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRSA working group will meet on March 6 to continue work on planning templates for mutual aid in a surge event. • Winnie will be working with Terry Coy on March EMSAT. Subject will be emergency preparedness. • She continues work with Pandemic Influenza Advisory Committee, Vulnerable Populations Working Group, Mass Transit Evacuation Working Group, and Special Needs Working Group 	
	<p>Jim Nogle-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CISM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carol Morrow now full time CISM coordinator ○ Data base of all providers and instructors will be priority ○ Also will be reviewing group accreditation and inclusion in HMERT • DMAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deployed to Ford funeral and State of the Union Address • Attending NDMS conference in Nashville, TN, March 16-21, 2007 • Operations staff will attend NIMS compliance training March 1 	

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	<p>Gary Brown-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Advisory Board Meeting Friday, February 9, 2007. • General Assembly session has been slow for OEMS, just a couple of bills. • 2006-2008 Biennium Budget Bill restored full Four-For-Life funding to EMS system; with the exception of \$1,045,375 annually from Rescue Squad Assistance Fund to VSP for med-flight operations. • Negotiating contract with Dr. Allen Ye to be state interim OMD until new one can be found and hired. Person will serve as OMD for HMERT also. 	
	<p>Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) Terry Herbert – VDEM Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VDEM has new Deputy Operations Officer – Michael Nelson • VOPEX 06 conducted on December 5, 2006 • Operations participated logistics and security for General Assembly Opening at Jamestown and Vice President Chaney’s visit along with Capital Police, VDEM HAZMAT and VSP • On-going Web-EOC training every Thursday - VDEM looking to conduct T-t-T for jurisdictions to help get them to use the product more. • VERTEX will be 23-27 April – focus will be on recovery • VDEM receiving input from ESFs to complete EOC SOP • Conducting training for VDEM, local jurisdiction, and other state agencies for EMAC deployment – VDEM developing A Teams and C Teams - Once this is developed Virginia will have the largest organized EMAC response capability in nation 	
	<p>Northern Virginia EMS Council - Melinda Duncan –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Virginia through a UWASI grant has purchased busses for stretchers that can take 21 patients each. They can also be used for rehab vehicles also. • NOVA now has 7 mass causality vehicles for 50 patients each. 	
	<p>VHHA – Steve Ennis-</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a joint training project to integrate HICS and ICS. For training purposes the policy standard will be IS-100, 200 and 700 for all personnel likely to fill a command position and other staff as appropriate. • There is a CD being created with a 1 hour over view of HICS which incorporates NIMS compliance. 	
Public Comment	None	
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIMS training for other designated locations- Jim Nogle advised that so far there have been no takers on OEMS' offer to work with other groups • WEB-EOC integration- Steve Ennis reported that 5-6 hospitals regions are successfully testing web-EOC as of Jan 1. Information for jurisdictions still need to be integrated and he will be proposing the hiring of a contractor to assist in that. Jim Matson reported that in his area EMS has seen the use of web-EOC as a step backwards and that the training of the ED staff seems to be a stumbling block. He sees coordinated training of staff as an ongoing battle as after initial training other staff my not be trained on the system or entering the data. Steve Ennis suggested EMS expectations be put down in writing and that information be shared to improve the system. He suggests that Regional Hospital Coordinators establish and monitor training piece needed for hospitals and that a definition be given as to how much training volunteers need. • Update on NDMS and DHS MOU and VA-1 DMAT – Tabled • Update on NIMS compliance training – Tabled 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Masten asked the committee if he could get some help with promoting the use of common language protocols to all first responders. Compliance is a problem in areas where there is no federal or state money. In these areas there is not the incentive to comply completely with the NIMS recommendations. It is becoming a problem when these jurisdictions want or participate in mutual aid response. Jim Nogle suggested that this could be addressed with what the Fire Chiefs are 	

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	<p>doing in intra resource typing and that Ken Crumpler could help address this through VA Association of Public-safety Communications Officials (APCO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Nogle talked about Everyone Goes Home Safe Program. Of concern right now is that it is Fire based. • Jim Nogle reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Program to develop nationwide Fire/EMS mutual aid – Working with VDEM to develop. ○ Third VA-1 DMAT Annex due in March ○ VHHA – Morris Reese presenting program “How to handle trauma when the “big one” hits • Winnie Pennington reported that Tom Schwartz, who was unable to attend the meeting, had sent word that the NIMS 2.3 doc would be available on line Friday, February 2, 2007. IP address is: http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/index.shtm Tom also reported that Eastern Shore will be having a recovery exercise March 14. Anyone wishing to participate should contact him. <p>Winnie also briefed committee on upcoming “Community Based Emergency Response Seminar: Preparing for All Abilities”. This will be a forum for jurisdictional personnel including EMS and citizens to get together and talk realistically about need and response capabilities so that each will know the concerns of the other when it comes to emergencies</p>	
Next Scheduled Meeting	<p>Meetings of the Emergency Management Sub-Committee are now held quarterly on the Thursday prior to the Advisory Board meeting. The committee’s next scheduled meeting will be on May 2, 2007, at the Richmond Marriott-West, Richmond, Virginia.</p> <p>All meetings are from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and lunch is served.</p>	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.	