

**Provider Health and Safety Committee Meeting
August 5, 2015
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services**

Members Present:	OEMS Staff:	Guests:	Absent:
Steve Elliott	Connie Green	Chief Ron Passmore	Daniel Wildman, Chair
Dennis Page	Karen Owens		Brian Hricik
Jack Sullivan	Frank Cheatham		Wayne Myers
			Bryan McRay
			Michelle Stone-Agee

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Call to order:	Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.	
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were not approved, due to lack of quorum.	
Introductions of Members:	All members of the committee introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.	
Committee Chair Report	No report from Committee Chair.	
Public Comments	Chief Ron Passmore introduced himself.	
Old Business	<p>Safety Bulletins The committee agreed that the safety bulletins should continue to be developed and disseminated as scheduled.</p> <p>Currently assigned topics list: August – PPE – Bryan and Wayne September - Nutrition – Brian H. October – Cancer Prevention – Karen Owens November - Winter driving – Jack and Dan December – Mental Health – Steve and Dennis</p> <p>Still Open Topics: Shift work Workplace violence Cardiology Provider Fatigue (Jan.?)</p> <p>EMS Provider Fatigue Chief Passmore spoke about the topic of EMS Fatigue. Proactive approach is needed. This topic has had much Exposure in the media of late. The committee agreed that educating the providers and their agencies, and other local officials is essential. Data on EMS provider fatigue in Virginia should be collected through two surveys – an anonymous one for the providers (at Symposium) and one for agencies (electronic). Based upon a review of</p>	<p>Staff will work with committee members on their assigned topics and on collecting and data and feedback.</p> <p>1) Staff will continue to work with committee members to collect and organize information for a white paper and for presentation on the</p>

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	<p>the current literature and the survey results, staff will work with committee members to develop recommendations for dissemination of promising practices and sample policies through the OEMS website. Staff will also attend the October 8, 2015 OMD Committee meeting to discuss the planned approach to this topic.</p> <p>EMS Safety Officer The Committee is interested in pushing forward a requirement for agencies to have a formally designated and trained EMS Safety Officer, separate from the EMS Officer Program. Each agency should have a safety officer. This committee should develop the qualifications and training for safety officer. Job descriptions do exist. Jack reviewed background information and a draft outline of his course for discussion purposes. Will work on developing a training class with multiple modules, do a train the trainer session and make this a technical resource for the agencies. Put in as an 8 hour class next symposium. Jack requested visuals with permissions to use.</p>	<p>website. 2) Committee members will provide multiple choice survey questions to staff by September 25, 2015 for development of the survey for dissemination in November. 3) Staff will attend the October 8, 2015 Medical Direction Committee meeting to discuss the planned approach to this topic.</p> <p>Jack will continue to work with staff to flesh out a draft program for the Committee's additional review.</p>
New Business	No new business.	
Schedule Future Meetings	The future meeting dates were set as: TBD: Before Symposium.	
Next Scheduled Meeting:	TBD for late October at OEMS at 9:00 a.m. A poll will be sent out to members regarding the date (Oct. 28/29?)	
Adjournment:	Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.	