

**Rules and Regulations Committee  
Virginia Office of EMS  
Courtyard Marriott  
10077 Brook Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23059  
May 7, 2015  
3:00 pm**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
Jonathan Henschel (Chair, LFEMS) Ed Rhodes – (Vice Chair, At-Large) Anthony Wilson – VAA Greg Woods –Reg. Council Directors Linda Johnson (VPFF-Career) Jennie Collins – VAGEMSA David Hoback – VA Fire Chiefs Karen Wagner – VAVRS	Gary Critzer (At-Large) Gerald Hyland (VACO-VML) Mike Mock (Rural EMS Agency)	Warren Short Michael D. Berg Marybeth Mizell	Sam Dahl

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	3:06pm	
<b>Approval Agenda</b>	Approved - 3:08	
<b>Approved Minutes</b>	Approved February 12, 2015 Minutes - 3:15	<b>Staff to post on Town Hall</b>
<b>Staff Report</b>	<p><b>a. Staff Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Heather Phillips to return May 25<sup>th</sup> – Field Reps up to full staffing</li> <li>ii. <b>New Wage Position</b> - to join staff as of May 18<sup>th</sup> — she will primarily be working with Background Unit and also be back up to Marybeth and also HR when everything is caught up and she’s available.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Ongoing Regulatory Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>RSAF</b>-fast track has been approved by AG’s office and currently resides in the Dept of Planning and Budget where it is review actions to move forward thru the rest of the regulatory process.</li> <li>ii. <b>Affiliation</b> – fast track to add the term “ affiliation” into Section 910 still resides in the Gov. office awaiting staff review and approval. – No timeline.</li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>c. Update regarding FBI Fingerprint checks</b>  Senate bill 997 - passed and goes into effect July 1, 2015 which allows jurisdictions who have ordinances enacted under §15.2 of the <i>Code of Virginia</i>, to allow those jurisdictions to run background checks - based on established criteria by the Office of EMS Rules and Reg., indicate to the office whether the individual is eligible or not eligible for, at this point certification and once certification goes thru whether eligible or not for affiliation. Intent is to have an online process in place, for verification of the jurisdictions ordinance and to create a form document that they can use listing individuals for our office accounting of what agency these individuals are affiliated with. Hope to be done with this by the end of this month. Other Fingerprint info – Still sending incomplete cards, without names, Agency info – READ INSTRUCTIONS AND FAQ’s on the OEMS website. Discussion regarding possibility of posting all those Eligible on Website.</p> <p><b>d. Upcoming Regulatory Activities</b>  Developing – Final Exempt regulatory packet – Legislation passed by GA, that doesn’t require public hearings and other things that come along with the normal regulatory packet. (Can’t actually be submitted until after July 1) – up to 90 days to submit packet for the technical language cleanup HB 1454 and SB 877. In reviewing, 1 or 2 things to be changed in the Regs. definition of Emergency Medical Services. (can only do EMERGENCY) upgrade language (Non-Emergency) to include expansion of mobile integrated Healthcare legally.</p> <p><b>e. Periodic Review</b>  12VAC531 not scheduled until 2016 –  12VAC560 – DDNR - VHHA – Comfort Care measures for individuals  Part A – other durable DNR legally recognized by EMS  Part B &amp; C – Other healthcare practitioners – IV, Nutritional support  VHHA wants to add POST to regulation – already written broad enough  Joe Hilbert, Regulatory Coordinator for VDHH will submit notice by 7/20/15 – 90 days to determine actions if any.</p> <p><b>Training</b>  Reviewing Article 3 of <i>EMS Regulations</i>, looking at any changes that need to be made.</p> <p><b>Quarterly Report</b>  Posted on website – no more hard copies. Will be in electronic format, which includes a lot of information. Including Stats on Reg. &amp; Compliance staff work load.</p>		<p><b>Staff working with OIM to finalize project.</b></p> <p><b>Staff developing regulatory packet.</b></p> <p><b>Staff to work with VDH Regulatory Coordinator on effort.</b></p>
<p><b>Unfinished Business</b></p>	<p><b>a Ambulance Standards</b></p> <p>i. NFPA 1917 – Version 1 still applicable - some objections to version 2  26 suggestions – narrowed down to 3 or 4 notices of intent to make a motion. Committee will meet in June – Version 2 should be available Jan. 1 2016</p>		<p><b>Staff to monitor and inform of any changes. Staff also working with Transportation Committee in developing new ambulance</b></p>

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	<p>Including all updated to SAE standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. <b>CAAS GVS2015</b> – GVS Version I is out for public comment # 2 – Link on our website to the document and how to submit a public comment. May 1 – Jun 30 will meet in July to review comments – on track to be published and effective Oct 1, 2015</li> <li>iii. Current KKK 1822 F Ambulance Standards are set to expire Oct 1, 2015 General Services Admin has pushed back to 2016. Confirmed at Ambulance Manufacturers - down to 19 Manufacturers in US. Allows Transportation Committee to start working on what is needed in the future.</li> <li>iv. <b>Change Order 8</b> – Federal Vehicle Standards on website for review. Incorporates Change order 6 and 7, cleans it up. Includes Cot Retention Systems Equipment Mount Systems and Seats and SAE standards for all 3. Out for Public Comment now and is expected to become effective July 1, 2015. This will not affect current regulations. INFO – ASTM 2020 – will just go away. Anyone that orders an ambulance after July 1, 2015 has to meet new SAE standards</li> </ul> <p><b>b 2015 Legislative Actions –</b></p> <p><b>Naloxone</b> - Heroin overdose / Treatment – Board of Health to promulgate regulations over fire fighters and law enforcement on the administration of Naloxone. Board of Pharmacy to develop protocols in cooperation with the Board of Medicine and VDH. Some discussion regarding availability of EPI</p> <p><b>i. Other</b></p>		standards for Virginia.
New Business	<p><b>a Other Committee’s Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Health/Safety</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hours of work/driver fatigue –Discussion regarding regulating sleep deprivation/ driver fatigue of EMS – Potentially recommend adding regulation stating - EMS requires agency policy. Advise Health Safety Committee - 9 am Fri Thoughts from Transportation Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>ii. Transportation meeting 7/27/15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ambulance Standards – FNPA 1917 - CAAS documents – Work on Direction</li> <li>2. Hours of work/Driver Fatigue – request thoughts</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>iii. Other</b> – discussion regarding Instructor compliance Cases. Dramatic increase in number of Instructor investigations. Whether EMS Training funds, multiple courses with same students, hours of CE given. <b>Major Ethics issue in EMS</b> – Culture of Competency is changing, System based problems – Discussion needed regarding Competency based system. Critical thinking skills.</li> </ul>		Staff to monitor and work with committees on any potential language to address concept.

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<b>Public Comment</b>	None		
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>August 6<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>		
<b>Motion to adjourn</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>		

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