

**EMS Emergency Management Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of EMS
Richmond Marriott Short Pump
4240 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen, VA 23060
August 3, 2017
9:30 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests:
Chief David Hoback , Chair	Michelle Oblinsky , VEMA (Excused)	Karen Owens	Kenneth Smith
Kelly Parker , VHHA	Damien Coy , ODEMSA (Excused)	Winnie Pennington	Byron Andrews
Patrick Ashley , VDH, OEP HPP	Adam Galton , VSP (Excused)	Wanda Street	
Michael Player , Regional Council, VA-1 DMAT	Morris Reece , VHHA (Excused)	Samuel Burnette	
Easton Peterson , Health & Medical Emergency Response Teams (HMERT)	Bubby Bish , VAVRS (Excused)		
Judy Shuck , HRMMRS/TEMS	Bryan McRay , ODEMSA (Excused)		
Daniel Brewer , VDEM			

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mike Player who was sitting in for Chief Hoback.	
Review & Approval of the May 4, 2017 minutes:	A motion was made to review and approve the May minutes. The motion was moved by Judy Shuck and seconded by Patrick Ashley. The minutes were approved as submitted.	The minutes were approved as submitted.
Introduction of Guests and New Committee Members:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Committee Chair Report – Chief David Hoback:	Chief Hoback was not in attendance at the beginning of the meeting, but arrived later. Karen stated that Chief Hoback will be cycling off as the chair of this committee and we have not heard who the next chair will be.	
Committee Member Reports:	<p><i>(All committee member reports must be submitted to the committee in writing before or at the scheduled meeting).</i></p> <p>Michael Player, VA-1 DMAT report: Mr. Player thought that by this time, they were going to be finished with the HHS reorganization, but they are still in the midst of it, so nothing has changed as of today. However; there, is a new CON OPS for the DMATs and that has a much reduced footprint. Once the reorganization is finalized he will report the changes to the committee.</p> <p>Karen Owens, Emergency Operations report:</p>	

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	<p>Karen has sent four emails to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) since April and has not received any replies from any of the individuals emailed. There is a FICEMS (Federal Interagency Committee on EMS) meeting on August 15 and Karen is attending and will voice her concerns during the public comment period about the lack of responsiveness. There are still no answers about where we are getting the gray tape from and there are no teaching tools. This was all supposed to come out at the pilot that was tested in Texas and other places, but nothing has been released. However, if you take the Active Shooter Courses and other federally sponsored courses, they are teaching SALTT and MUCC and they are teaching gray along with the other four colors. Virginia is still using START until further updated. It was suggested to send multiple emails or send a letter from the committee.</p> <p>A motion was made to draft a letter to NHTSA requesting information on the timetable and roll out of MUCC and SALTT, including lack of access to equipment and standardized training. The Chair of the committee will review and approve the letter. The motion was made by Easton Peterson and seconded by Judy Shuck. All committee members were in favor.</p> <p>Judy Shuck HRMMRS report: Judy gave a preliminary report on the four-alarm fire that occurred at the Chesapeake Crossing Senior Apartments on Saturday, July 14, 2017 at 4:34 a.m. It was determined that the fire was caused by a lightning strike and three buildings were affected. About 125 to 150 residents were affected by the fire. There were six injuries (four residents and 2 firefighters) and 3 casualties. Mutual was present from Norfolk, Virginia Beach and North Carolina. The hospitals that were alerted were Norfolk General, Virginia Beach General and Chesapeake Regional. A Strike Team (Type 3 Team) was deployed to assist at the emergency shelter at Indian River High School. About 80 residents needed emergency shelter services and the strike teams worked 12 hour shifts. The residents were moved using both the Chesapeake and the Sentara mass casualty buses. The committee discussed the EMS pre-planning side of events such as this.</p> <p>Once an after action report has been completed, this committee could send a letter to the National Fire Academy and ask that some resources be put towards investigating the management of senior living facilities for mass casualty events and incorporating EMS. Karen also suggested that this type of letter be sent to the head of NASEMSO (National Association of State EMS Officials). Karen stated that the committee can draft a white paper for the Advisory Board to endorse. It goes into the advisory board meeting minutes and it's published and it shows an entire group of people who agree and want to focus on this issue.</p> <p>A question was asked about the best approach to the EMS pre-planning and whether a workgroup should be formed or if OEMS will do it. Karen stated that the best approach is to draft a white paper, send it out for the committee to review, bring it to the next meeting in November for approval and present it to the Advisory Board. The next steps will be to research to see what is already out there and to put a template together. It was also suggested that the Regional Councils should get involved. It needs to be in a one page, bulleted, easy-to-read format.</p> <p>A motion was made to format an EMS pre-planning white paper for senior living facilities. The draft</p>	

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	<p>white paper will be sent to the committee for review and feedback, then brought to the November committee meeting for approval. It will then be submitted to the Advisory Board.</p> <p>The motion was made by Judy Shuck and seconded by Michael Player. All committee members were in favor, none opposed.</p>	
<p>Unfinished Business:</p>	<p>Mobile Triage Update – Kelly Parker Karen stated that a meeting was held yesterday with Cam Crittenden of the Office of EMS to discuss the communication of the mobile triage with ImageTrend. During the meeting Cam stated that the system will likely not work as it stands right now. She also stated that by regulation in a mass casualty, you only need one call sheet. There are also security issues. They also discussed taking on the reunification process part of the project. Easton explained how the Cloud works and stated that it is a one-way communication, data is not sent back and forth. The committee also discussed the pros and cons, funding issues, measures of success, etc. It was also discussed to use it with an MRC. It was suggested to remove the state from it altogether and start a pilot in the Southwest in David Hoback’s area.</p> <p>Karen recommended that Kelly and Chief Hoback work together with the coalitions to start the pilot program. Chief Hoback agreed and they will put some measurements and benchmarks in place. They will also do a survey and in a year they will report the progress to the committee.</p> <p>A motion was made that the committee recognizes that there will be a pilot program in the Commonwealth of electronic reporting and periodic updates will be made to the committee of its progress. The motion was moved by Judy Shuck and seconded by Chief Hoback. All committee members were in favor, none opposed.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>Vaccination Training – Karen Owens Karen stated that the vaccination training is available for providers on TRAIN Virginia at www.train.org. It has to be supported by their OMD and their skills have to be verified prior to vaccination clinics to participate as vaccinators.</p> <p>EMS Survey – Karen Owens Michael sent Winnie and Karen the National Association of EMT Survey on Emergency Preparedness. This is done every year. It was suggested that the committee do this to gauge where providers feel they are in regard to being prepared for emergency responses. The survey will be emailed to the committee to get your opinions and feedback. It allows us to gather Virginia specific data of our providers.</p>	<p>Winnie will send the survey out to the committee.</p>
<p>Other Comments/Questions:</p>	<p>Committee members gave brief updates of what has been happening in their area.</p>	
<p>Next Scheduled Meeting:</p>	<p>The next meeting is November 8 at Norfolk Waterside Marriott at symposium.</p>	
<p>Adjournment:</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:37 a.m.</p>	