

**Communications Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of EMS
Courtyard Marriott
10077 Brook Road, Glen Allen, VA
February 15, 2013
9:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests:
Gary Critzer, Chair		Ken Crumpler	Chris McIntosh
Richard Rubino		Karen Owens	Bruce Edwards
Dorothy Spears-Dean		Frank Cheatham	
Vic Buisset		Amanda Davis	
Pokey Harris		Wanda Street	
Hershel Kreis			
Connie Purvis			
Richard Troshak			

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:00 a.m.	
Approval of the minutes dated May 18, 2012 and August 10, 2012:	A motion was made to approve the previous minutes as listed. The May minutes were available electronically. The motion was moved by Connie and seconded by Pokey. All committee members were in favor of approving the minutes as submitted. The minutes were approved as submitted.	The minutes were approved as submitted.
Nationwide Public Safety Broadband – Chris McIntosh:	<p>Plans & Challenges Emerge for Nationwide Public Safety Broadband</p> <p>Chris explained the legislation behind the D-Block 700 MHz broadband spectrum of Public Safety. STARS vehicle repeaters need to be re-banded. There have been a lot of meetings going on in Washington. The bill created an entity called National Telecommunication and Information Agency (NTIA) which is an executive agency under the President. Within this agency is an entity called First Net. There is no state representation on the First Net board. At this point there is not a defined course of action, everything is in negotiations. However, there is a provision in the legislation for opting out of this broadband network. The law also gave First Net a loan for \$2 billion and a futures note for \$5 billion. Chris' job is making sure the costs are not filtered to the jurisdictions. The ultimate goal is to replace radios and add additional data capability. However, the radios will still be around for a long time. On Thursday of last week, NTIA released the first part of the state /local implementation grant program. This grant is solely for the State to develop and build the state and local government structure. They will only accept 56 applications and Chris is writing Virginia's grant application. The grant is \$2.8 million over a three year period and a 20% match in which Chris is responsible for finding. This is not a lot of money for what needs to be done. The deadline is March 19. Funding should be available no later than July 15. The bottom line is to pay attention and be aware that nothing concrete has been decided yet. Chris' goal is to get the most affordable model for the State of Virginia. All questions from constituents should be directed to Chris. The 2013 Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) is going up for signature today. It will be posted on the Virginia Office of</p>	Ken will ensure that the

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	Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (VOVAHS) website. Once it is posted, Ken will make sure the link is put on OEMS website.	SCIP link is posted on the OEMS website.
Committee Chair Report (Mr. Gary Critzer):	<p>The EMD White Paper is complete and has been published. Gary thanked everyone for their hard work on this project.</p> <p>The National Interoperability information should be posted on the OEMS website. Ken will ensure that the link gets on the website. It can also be put in the OEMS newsletter as well.</p>	Ken will ensure that the National Interoperability link is on the OEMS website.
OEMS Communications Coordinators Report (Ken Crumpler):	<p>PSAP Accreditation Presentations Ken has made recent PSAP presentations at Lynchburg, Bedford, Amherst, etc. He is pleased that more agencies are becoming accredited.</p> <p>There will once again be a mini Communications Track at Symposium this November. Ken will send out an email with the instructor and class information at a later time.</p> <p>Dorothy announced that Buster Brown has joined VITA in January for the Roanoke Region, Division 6. He has a wealth of public safety experience. He is also the incoming National NENA President. He may also be attending the PSAP Managers meeting in Abingdon on the 28th. Ken added that Buster has a very strong EMS background.</p> <p>The new Rules and Regulations, which went into effect October 2012, have been published and hard copies can be obtained from Michael Berg of the Office of EMS.</p> <p>Ken attended the winter APCO Summit this week and spoke briefly about the EMD accreditation program. He also gave information about RSAF grants.</p> <p>Later this month, he will attend the PSAP Managers meeting in Abingdon on February 28th. One of the topics of discussion will be Medevac services.</p>	Ken will send out an email of the symposium Track information.
Unfinished Business:	None.	
New Business:	<p>Communications Committee representation and membership The Chair stated that this topic has been reviewed and the committee has good representation at this time.</p>	
Public Comment:	<p>The Chair reported that after the Connecticut shooting incident in December, the National Academies of Emergency Dispatch (NAED) has put out a free Active Assailant (Shooter) protocol.</p> <p>Also there has been some literature about delayed dispatch times and ways to enhance EMD protocols to avoid delay on the NAED website.</p>	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:09 a.m.	The next meeting is May 10, 2013 at 9 a.m. at the Courtyard Marriott in Glen Allen.