

**State Medevac Committee Meeting
Office of Emergency Medical Services
Courtyard Marriott
10077 Brook Road, Glen Allen, VA
February 14, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Allen Yee , Chair	Denise Baylous , Nightingale, Excused	Tim Perkins	Barbara Brown
Ed Brazle , Virginia Beach EMS		Wanda Street	Ron Reid
Chris Shaffer , PHI Medical/AirCare		Michael Berg	Allan Belcher
Susan Smith , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard			Garrett Wymer
Mark Smith , Fairfax Co. Police			Gary Critzer
Devon Clary , Air Methods			Bruce Edwards
Dave Hurley , US Park Police			Anita Ashby
Marilyn McLeod , Centra Health/Adv. Board Member (BREMS)			Kim Nash
Mindy Carter , CJW Medical Center			Harinder Dhindsa
Jay Cullen , Virginia State Police			Bert Bogue
			Todd J. Van de Bussche

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by the Chair, Dr. Yee.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the November 7, 2012 minutes:	A motion was made to approve the previous minutes. The motion was moved by Mark Smith and seconded by Ed Brazle.	The minutes were approved as submitted.
Chair Report – Dr. Allen Yee:	Dr. Yee acknowledged that Bob Possumato retired in January and thanked him for his service on the Medevac Committee and his service to the Virginia State Police.	
OEMS Report – Tim Perkins/OEMS Staff:	<p>Tim stated that there were 25% more symposium class submissions for Medevac. There is a great mix of topics and he thanked everyone for their submissions. He feels that this will be a great track in November.</p> <p>Dr. George Lindbeck and Tim have been placed on the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) Air Medical Committee. The committee meets on March 6 in Washington, DC.</p> <p>Tim will resume the site visits this Spring by visiting the agencies he did not get to see last year.</p> <p>Tim resigned his position of Public Information Officer for the EMS Memorial Bike Ride so he will not be soliciting funds for that but would like committee members to donate to other worthwhile charities such as those who were affected by the storm Sandy or other charities.</p>	

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	<p>Tim still serves on the Board for the National EMS Memorial Service and the meeting will be held in June in Colorado.</p> <p>Bruce Edwards, State Board of Health representative, reported that Dr. Maureen Dempsey has resigned as of today. A new Health Commissioner has been appointed, Dr. Cynthia Romero. The next Board of Health meeting is in April.</p> <p>Michael Berg reported that the General Assembly is winding down and he briefly mentioned a few of the bills pertaining to Medevac. He also reported that there are a couple of OEMS vacancies that are requiring approval. There is a vacant Fiscal Tech position and a position in the Training Division that was held by Chad Blosser. Chad is now an Executive Director at the Central Shenandoah EMS Council. There are also a few vacant wage positions. Michael continues to hold sessions with agencies and interest groups about the regulations and a PowerPoint presentation done at symposium is available for viewing on the OEMS website. The program that Michael did with Orange County Fire and EMS will probably post today on YouTube.</p>	
Project Synergy Work Group Update – Susan Smith/Anita Ashby:	There are no updates at this time.	
Helicopter EMS Program – Tim Perkins:	<p>In the fourth quarter of 2012, there were 475 entries. For the year, there were just over 1800 entries. This is an increase over the 1750 entries in 2011. This is a fantastic cooperative effort of all the agencies.</p> <p>He also encouraged everyone to continue to submit information for the LZ Directory.</p>	The agencies are encouraged to submit information and photos for the LZ Directory.
Program Announcements:	<p>Jay Cullen, VSP – Jay announced that he has replaced Bob Possumato who recently retired. Jay is Lieutenant of the Aviation Unit. He appreciates the opportunity to work with the committee again.</p> <p>Ed Brazle, Virginia Beach EMS – No report.</p> <p>Mark Smith, Fairfax County Police Dept. – FCPD has been doing some fatality training.</p> <p>Dave Hurley, US Park Police – USPP has two new pilots, one of which was a former Army pilot. They also have a new Commander who used to be a rescue technician.</p> <p>Devon Clary, Air Methods – No report.</p> <p>Chris Shaffer, PHI Air Medical/AirCare – No report.</p> <p>Barbara Brown, MedStar – No report.</p> <p>Allen Belcher, Centra One – No report.</p>	

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	<p>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard – No report.</p> <p>Dr. Marilyn McLeod, CentraOne – No report.</p> <p>Anita Ashby, Wellmont One/MedFlight II – No report.</p>	
Unfinished Business:	<p>Dr. Yee asked “Where are we on the CDC NHTSA document/joint statement?” It was reported that product has been developed and NHTSA has it currently.</p> <p>At the November meeting, Tim talked about the coordinating a planning session to update the Medevac section of the State EMS Plan and the Medevac Strategic Plan. It will either be held here at the Courtyard or at the Office. This will be an all day meeting. The committee will also discuss updates to the Regulations.</p>	Tim will schedule a Medevac planning session.
New Business:	<p>Dr. Yee asked about how everyone is doing their drug exchange. Is every agency buying their own medications? Some agencies reported that they are buying it through the hospitals. He wants to know how it is being disposed of upon expiration. The hospital exchanges the expired drugs. Dr. Yee instructed the committee to be sure to follow correct procedures.</p> <p>Dr. McLeod asked a question about the Regulations. She wants to know about a scene call being a paramedic and they had an incident where a paramedic called in sick and they had to be pulled off the call. Can a flight nurse replace him or her? Is there a way to get a waiver in a case like this? This is under the section called Mission Specific. Michael Berg will address this when he arrives. Upon his arrival, Michael clarified 12VAC5-31-880 Air Medical Service Personnel Classifications. Mr. Berg stated that the Regulations do allow for exemptions if minimum staffing is not met. Please document this; however, agencies are not to routinely staff flights incorrectly.</p> <p>The committee briefly discussed 12VAC5-31-890 concerning invasive pacemaker and other required critical care equipment.</p>	
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:52 a .m.	The next meeting is May 9 at the Courtyard Marriott, Glen Allen.