

Emergency Management Committee
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Embassy Suites – 2925 Emerywood Parkway
11/14/2024
10:00 am

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Joseph Williams (Chair)	Andy John (VDEM)	Kari Magner (Staff Liaison)	David Long (TEMS)
Michael Player (VA-1 DMAT and Regional Councils)	Dave Hoback (VA Fire Chiefs Assoc/VA FF Assoc)		Steve Southworth (VAVRS)
Robert Lipscomb (GAB)	Adam Galton		Jason Eaton (VDEM)
Stephanie Hackett (HRMMRS)	Easton Peterson (Member at Large)		Peppy Winchel (TJEMS)
Will Drewery (VEMA)			
Melissa Meador (GAB/TJEMS)			
Ray Whatley (VAGEMSA)			
Matthew Allen (VHHA)			
James Moss (VDH-OEP)			

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I. Call to order/Welcome:	The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chair Joe Williams	
II. Introductions:	All staff introduced themselves. Potential new member Steve Southworth (VAVRS) introduced himself to the committee. Jason Eaton (VDEM) introduced himself as the VDEM representative who presented to the committee.	
III. Minutes from August Meeting:	Change the agencies Michael Player represents to Regional Councils and VA-1 DMAT. Motion and second by Michael Player and Ray Whatley. All approved. Minutes accepted with the above noted change.	
IV. Committee Member Reports:	<p>Chair Report – Appreciate attendance and looking forward to continuing moving forward with Emergency Management in EMS</p> <p>James Moss – VDH has been tracking Marburg outbreak in Rwanda, and special considerations that go into dealing with a patient that may require medical evaluation and treatment. Discussed the IV shortage after the Baxter plant was damaged after Hurricane Helene. The conservation efforts have been successful across the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Matthew Allen – Eastern Region is hosting a mercy exercise to test a 10% surge within the region for licensed bed capacity. Other three regions have their exercises planned through end of fiscal year. VHHA hosted annual Leadership Summit in Bath County. Working with VDH regarding the IV shortages and impacts on hospitals. Statewide communications test on December 18, 2024. Will also</p>	

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	<p>host a National Weather Service webinar that day in preparation for winter weather. Preparing for the Emergency Preparedness Summit schedule for April 2025.</p> <p>Stephanie Hackett – The last two medical rapid access transport units and two MCI buses should be delivered to James City and Portsmouth by end of the month. Sentara close to moving forward with Sentara.</p> <p>Michael Player – VA-1 DMAT was on call for the nation in September. Responded to Hurricane Helene with two task forces in NC. Responded IT specialist to Jacksonville and did cache rehab in Frederick, MD.</p> <p>Ray Whatley – VAGEMSA scheduled meeting on November 15, 2024, from 1-3.</p>	
V. Unfinished Business:	<p>Jason Eaton – Explained the Statewide Mutual Aid (SMA) process and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) process to help guide the discussion of resource tracking that was brought up in the August 2024 meeting. Suggestion is to increase education and awareness on the SMA and EMAC process and the use of the CSALTT (Capability, Size, Amount, Location, Type, and Time) acronym to assist localities in understanding the information needed if requests are submitted to the state for assistance. Presentation attached to this document.</p>	
VI. New Business	<p>Question about the state looking back into a reserve/loaner ambulance program. Kari Magner will follow up with Mike Berg (OEMS liaison) with transportation committee to get an update.</p> <p>VA Standards of Excellence Program – is there interest in trying to establish a way to recognize EMS agencies across the Commonwealth who have preparedness plans. Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) process is already established. How does this differ from what EMAP has established and the benefit to an agency getting recognized in this manner. Committee brainstorm on what we would like to see in this type of program and bring ideas to next meeting. Question raised if we should look at preparedness being a licensure requirement and what would that process be.</p> <p>Surge planning coordination between EMS agencies and hospital preparedness for surge situations. James Moss advised the 4 hospital coalitions have robust surge plans which do touch on some pre-hospital setting. These plans are being updated as part of the five-year plan. VDH also has an overarching non-specific surge plan. A white paper addressing best practices would be an option and to share this information with the hospital coalitions as they update their plans. It was also recommended to look at the decompression plans/evacuation capabilities as part of this white paper.</p> <p>VAVRS advised the annual Rescue College has been scheduled for June 6-15, 2025. Course options will be released in the future.</p>	
VI. Public Comment:	None	
VII. Date of Next Meeting:	February 6, 2025	
VIII. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.	

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