



**Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.**  
**Joint Nurse Managers and EMS Medical Operations Committee**  
**Minutes – April 13, 2016**

**Attendance**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
Accomack			Woody Gaskins	
Northampton	Hollye Carpenter		MaryAnn Fitchett	
Chesapeake	Thom Schwalenberg, Chair	X	Forest Winslow	
Franklin	Vince Holt	X	Tim Dunn	
Norfolk	Dan Norville, Vice-Chair		Greg DeYoung	X
Portsmouth	Jeff Meyers	X	Amy Ward	
Suffolk	Ray Willet	X		
Virginia Beach	Jerry Sourbeer		John Bianco	X
Isle of Wight	Jeff Terwilliger		Chris Smith	X
Southampton	Brian Steelman		Danny Bolton	
ED Nurse Mangers	Chris Roberts	X		
ED Physician	Frank Dos Santos			
Pharmacist	Diane Araj	X		
Hosp. Administrator	Ralph Rosignolo		Travis Mitchell	X
Public Health			Larry Hill	
Commercial EMS	Russell Blow		Anthony Wilson	X
Special Operations	Dennis Keane	X		
Fed Fire/Navy EMS	Kevin Janney		Anthony Sickell	X
Nightingale	Denise Baylous			
CHKD Transport Team	Jamie Carter		Cheryl Deschaine	
TEMS Staff	David Coulling	X	Jay Porter	
TEMS Staff	Jim Chandler		Judy Shuck	X
TEMS Staff	Dessislava "Dessi" Bradecich	X		
TEMS Board	Kent Weber			
OEMS	Wayne Berry			
EVHC	Glenn McBride	X		
<b>Guests</b>				
<u>Jurisdiction / Agency</u>	<u>Guest's Name</u>		<u>Guest's Name</u>	
Mary view ED	Frankie Hoffler			
DMC	Cori Brander		Kathryn Funk	
Depaul	Andrew Lane			
MMRS	David Long			
TCC	Jason Ambrose		Tom Calogrides	
Sedley Vol Fire	Edward Tuck			
Newsome Vol Fire	Clayton Gastein		Jonathon Hinson	

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Thom Schwalenberg, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12 noon. Introductions were made. The committee approved the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes.
  - ResQCPR presentation by Suzanne Freedman from Zoll.
  - Kathryn Funk and Cory Brander from Bon Secours spoke briefly about the positive outcome in the decrease of stroke times in the ER with the help of EMS.

**Protocol Workgroup:**

- Jason Ambrose reported that the protocols are almost finished and the goal of the group is within the next two weeks to send out an electronic draft to both the OMD and MOC committees to review. The protocol group is also requesting that each agency pick out a few providers to look at the draft as well to make sure that there is some logical flow. The only suggested change from the OMD's after reviewing RSI is to remove Succinylcholine with Rocuronium as the paralytic. Etomidate will remain the induction agent for adults and Versed will be used for pediatrics.

**Awards / Picnic Workgroup:** Dessi Bradecich reported

- Family Fun Day at the Ball Park – Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. "Park Bucks" will be issued to registered attendees for food and drinks. Awards presentation at 12:20 pm. Ballgame starts at 1:05 pm.
- It's time to submit your nominee's for the TEMS Regional awards, the dead line for submissions are midnight May 1<sup>st</sup>. The state has added a new category this year "Emergency Preparedness Award". Please visit our website at [www.Tidewaterems.org/awards](http://www.Tidewaterems.org/awards) for more information.

## Pharmacies

- Diane Araj reported that the shortages have been resolved and the succinylcholine vials are being exchanged for pre-filled syringes that have a longer out of refrigerated date. Drip-set from Baxter is no longer being used. The group briefly discussed communicating product changes within the pharmacy.

## Nurse Managers

- Chris Roberts reported that the group decided unanimously to keep the diversion policy for closure as written in the protocol appendix. It was asked when the hospitals update VHAAS and that when Medical Transport receives that alert that they will report to the agencies the nature of the "Special Diversion" status has been issued by an Emergency Room/Hospital. This is not a closure alert.

## MCI Plan Workgroup and MCI/Disaster Training:

### MCI Work Group

- PEMS-TEMS MCI workgroup meeting conducted on January 26 at the TEMS Office via conference call and use of the on-line workspace.
- Follow-up submission of requested edits, final review and approval of the *Hampton Roads Mass Casualty Incident Response Guide* were submitted via the discussion boards on the on-line work space and e-mail.
- The *Hampton Roads Mass Casualty Incident Response Guide w/ CH-3* was approved Board of Directors of the both the Peninsulas Emergency Medical Services Council and the Tidewater Emergency Medical Services Councils on March 10, 2016, and March 11, 2016 respectively.
- Annex C: Prehospital Position Checklists of the *Hampton Roads Mass Casualty Incident Response Guide w/ CH-3 of March 2016* has been extracted from the MCI Guide and is now available as a separate document.

### HRMMST (Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Strike Team)

- 176 of 213 (83%) of HRMMST positions are currently filled as of April 9, 2016.
- There were no regional responses during the quarter.
- HRMMST Bi-monthly training held at VBFD Fire Training Center and FEMA Warehouse. Logistics personnel conducted training on Western Shelter tents with a trainer from Western Shelter; Law Enforcement personnel conducted training on trauma packs; and the remainder of the team conducted training on medical equipment and new MSA SCBAs. 02/18/16 (**102 attended**).
- Conducted "Annual Maintenance" for HRMMST members; this included, gear inspection, new uniform issue, fit testing of N-95 and SCBA face pieces (140 members attended). March 7 – 9, 2016 (**142 attended**)
- HRMMST will be providing medical coverage for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Airpower over Hampton Roads at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in April. A planning team has been assembled and regularly attending planning meetings and TTXs.

### Mass Casualty Incident & Disaster Response Equipment & Supplies

- Received Award Letter for two State Homeland Security Grants; one for \$58,000 to replace CMS in the SSUs, DMSUs, and HRMMST caches in 2016 and one for \$10,850 to replace PAPR batteries in the HRMMST caches.
- Prepared the consumable medical supplies (CMS) list to replace expiring supplies in the Shelter Support Units.
- Developed the script for the development of an Informational Video on the operation of the Disaster Medical Support Unit and obtained the requisite video and pictures; this project will be completed early in the fourth quarter. 02/2016

### Pharmaceutical Caches

- Exploring the replacement of antibiotics caches at local health departments for first responders; VDH has discontinued this stockpiling antibiotics for the general public.
- Conducted a CHEMPACK planning meeting with Chesapeake Regional Medical Center, Chesapeake Fire Department, Chesapeake Emergency Management, Chesapeake Health Department and Virginia Department of Health regarding CHEMPACK access and deployment.

#### New Business:

- **VHAAS:** Glenn McBride wanted to encourage all hospitals reporting their diversion status to use VHAAS. The group discussed being able to create an event in VHAAS that will notify all agencies and hospitals to make this a seamless process. The group tabled the discussion until the next meeting.
- **MOC Chair:** Nominations to chair the Medical Operations Committee will be held at the June Meeting.
- **TEMS:** Taking Care of Our Own Conference , October 20-23, 2016 at the Marriott Hotel, Chesapeake VA

#### Jurisdiction Reports:

- **MTI:** Rusty Blow will be retiring from Medical Transport July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **PFR:** New Fire Chief Bonnette from Alexandria, VA (Jeff Myer)
- **MMRS:** The weekend of April 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> the Strike team will be involved with Langley doing airpower over Hampton Roads. (David Long)
- **CFR:** Thanks to all the municipalities who supported Chesapeake with backfill coverage so that folks could attend funeral services last week. (Thom Schwalenberg)
- **Announcements / Dates to Remember** – please see [www.tidewaterems.org](http://www.tidewaterems.org)

***The next Medical Operations Committee Meeting will be held June 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 12 noon at the TEMS office.***