



**Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.**  
**Joint EMS Medical Operations Committee & Nurse Managers Meeting**  
**Minutes – April 12, 2017**

**Attendance**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
Accomack	Charles Pruitt		Woody Gaskins	
Northampton	Hollye Carpenter		MaryAnn Fitchett	
Chesapeake	Thom Schwalenberg, Chair	<b>X</b>	Forest Winslow	
Franklin	Vince Holt	<b>X</b>	Tim Dunn	
Norfolk	Dan Norville, Vice- Chair	<b>X</b>	Greg DeYoung	<b>X</b>
Portsmouth	Jeff Meyers		Amy Ward	<b>X</b>
Suffolk	Ray Willett	<b>X</b>		
Virginia Beach	Ed Brazle		John Bianco	<b>X</b>
Isle of Wight	Amanda Pulley		Chris Smith	<b>X</b>
Southampton	Brian Steelman		Danny Bolton	
ED Nurse Mangers	Chris Roberts		Frankie Hoffler	
ED Physician	Frank Dos Santos			
Pharmacist	Diane Buckley		Charles Rawls	<b>X</b>
Hosp. Administrator	Ralph Rosignolo			
Public Health			Larry Hill	
Commercial EMS			Anthony Wilson	
Special Operations	Dennis Keane			
Fed Fire/Navy EMS	Jason Kinlaw	<b>X</b>	Paul Roszko	<b>X</b>
Nightingale	Denise Baylous			
CHKD Transport Team	Jamie Carter		Cheryl Deschaine	
TEMS Staff	David Coulling	<b>X</b>	Jay Porter	<b>X</b>
TEMS Staff	Jim Chandler		Judy Shuck	<b>X</b>
TEMS Staff	Dessislava "Dessi" Bradecich	<b>X</b>		
TEMS Board	Wayne Shank			
OEMS	Wayne Berry	<b>X</b>		
HRMMRS	David Long	<b>X</b>		
EVHC	Glenn McBride		Shawn Metzner	
TCC	Jason Ambrose	<b>X</b>	Tom Calogrides	
<u>Jurisdiction / Agency</u>	<u>Guests</u>		<u>Guest's Name</u>	
MMC	Frankie Hoffler			
VBEMS	Kevin Lipscomb		Robin Breshnahan	
SBVRS	Joan Davis			
PACHVRS	Patrick Henry		Andrew Robertson	

**Welcome, Introductions, and Minute Approval:**

- Thom Schwalenberg, Chair, called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. The committee approved the February 08, 2017 minutes as posted.

**OMD Committee:**

- Jay Porter reported that Medical Directors have agreed to permanently remove Dopamine from the red drug box. There were protocol conflicts in the chest pain protocol. The OMD's agreed to approve EMTs and AEMTs to administer ASA on standing orders. The committee has approved the changes to the Difficult Airway Course to reflect the changes to the RSI protocol update. The OMD committee approved, with no changes the following Appendixes B, F, and G. The EMS PI plan has been rewritten to allow for the EMS PI Committee to become the oversight committee for 4 other subcommittees (Patient/Provider Safety, Trauma, STEMI and Stroke); all of the plans have been updated to reflect a standardized

format. Trauma PI plan was changed to reflect the 2011 National Trauma Triage Decision Scheme update; STEMI plan is in the process of being rewritten and will be presented to the OMDs at the June meeting for final approval; The Stoke plan had a minor change in wording from Stroke patients will be transported to a Primary Stroke Center to Stroke patients will eventually be transported to a Primary Stroke Center which reflects what is actually being done in the region currently.

#### **Performance Improvement:**

- Thom Schwalenberg requested representation from the agencies to rejuvenate each committee.

#### **Education Workgroup:**

- Jason Ambrose reported that the protocol sanctioning exam now consists of over 200 questions in its databank with another 100 questions to be submitted. The group hopes to complete the question writing phase within the next few weeks. The next step is to release the questions back to the council to figure out distribution, categorizing, and finally validating the test.

#### **Pharmacies**

- Charles Rawls reported that the major shortage of sodium bicarb in syringe and vials will not be resolved quickly. Pharmacy shortages that may occur are Atropine syringes and Calcium Chloride. There has been difficulty in acquiring Lorazepam for the drug boxes. David Long requested that the pharmacy group consider a 100% overall CYANO kit exchange.

#### **Awards**

- Dessi Bradecich reported nomination for the EMS awards are open with the awards ceremony to be held at Harbor Park on June 04, 2017 with the deadline for awards submission to be May 1<sup>st</sup>. If any agency knows of any high school EMS programs, please have them contact TEMS for more information about the high school scholarship award. David Coulling mentioned to the group about the passing of Kent Weber, long standing TEMS Director and Treasurer; there have been internal talks of possibly renaming the excellence award to the Weber/Daily Award of Excellence or possibly some other award to recognize Kent and his many years of service and dedication to the council.

#### **OEMS:**

- Wayne Berry reminded the group that there is an EMS Initiative system award funding grant opportunity that is open from April 4<sup>th</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a no-match grant which allows nonprofit EMS agencies to be reimbursed for enrollment cost associated with initial EMS certification programs. OEMS is conducting an audit and are checking to see which agencies have been compliant with submitting their fingerprint cards and background information.

#### **MCI Work Group**

- The PEMS-TEMS MCI Work Group met on 24 January 2017 and on 21 February 2017
- Release the Hampton Roads MCI Response Guide 2017 Edition on 31 March 2017.

#### **Mass Casualty Incident Response Preparedness**

- 08 February 2017 - Participated in the Emergency Department Nurse Managers Meeting.
- 08 February 2017 - Participated in the Medical Operations Committee meeting.
- 09 February 2017 – Taught START/JumpSTART Triage EMT Refresher Training for Portsmouth Fire-Rescue. (21 students attended)
- 22 February 2017 – Completed the inflatable MCI manikin inspection and inventory.
- 22 February 2017 - Participated in the EVHC Exercise and Training Work Group Meeting.
- 23 February 2017 - Participated in the VHAA Education Work Group Meeting.
- 28 February 2017 –Moulage instructor meeting with Ms. Doris Foster.
- 02 March 2017 - Attended EVHC monthly meeting.
- 04-05 March 2017 – Conducted the EMS Functions in the Incident Command System course at the Carrollton Volunteer Fire Department. (14 students completed the course.)
- 09 March 2017 – Attended the EVHC Quarterly Long Term Care Meeting.
- 09 March 2017 – Attended the TEMS Board of Directors Meeting.
- 15 March 2017 – Created the draft of the 2017 Hampton Roads MCI Pocket Guide.
- 22 March 2017 - Participated in the EVHC Exercise and Training Work Group Meeting.
- 23 March 2017 - Participated in the VHAA Education Work Group Meeting.
- 24 March 2017 – Updated the contents of the MCI Section of the TEMS Website.
- 28 March 2017 – Created the 2017 Virginia State-Wide Tornado Drill Exercise Plan for Long Term Care Facilities.
- 03 April 2017 – Attended the Eastern Virginia Medical Center Full Scale MCI Exercise Planning meeting at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

- 03 April 2017 - Met with the Sentara Norfolk General Hospital Emergency Department Director to discuss possible roles for the Transfer Centers during a response to an MCI.
- 06 April 2017 - Attended EVHC monthly meeting.
- 06 April 2017 – Participated in the RHCC response to the storm damage to Rappahannock General Hospital.

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

- There were no regional responses during the quarter.
- HRMMST Bi-monthly training held February 16, 2017 at Hampton Fire Training Center and York County Fire & Life Safety Fire Station #2. HRMMST members trained on the following; Radiation Detection - Ludlum Response Kits and Portal Monitors, QuickTrach II device, Zoll Power Infuser, Glidescope and Ultrasound, and 12-patient Mobile Acuity Monitoring System. Logistics members worked on load plans for the F750 Box truck and Dodge 3500 (106 attended).
- Conducted “Annual Maintenance” for HRMMST members; this included, gear inspection, fit testing of N-95 and SCBA face pieces (140 members attended). March 1 - 15, 2017 (154 members attended)
- HRMMST provided medical coverage for the Yuengling Shamrock Marathon March 17 – 20, 2017 (30 members participated)
- Reimbursed HRMMST member sponsors for authorized personnel expenses including overtime & backfill as funds are available
- Maintained, repaired & replaced expired/worn equipment & supplies in HRMMST equipment cache and vehicles. Includes maintenance, repairs, fuel & insurance for HRMMST vehicles & scheduled vehicle & equipment cache checks, BGAN/aircard subscriptions.
- Renewal of subscription and paid usage fees for MIR3; HRMMST notification system.

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

- Received Award Letter for two State Homeland Security Grants; one for \$59,500 to replace CMS in the SSUs, DMSUs, and HRMMST caches in 2017 and one for \$80,565 to replace Pharmaceuticals (DuoDote, Ciprofloxacin and Doxycycline)..
- Prepared a budget for these two grants and submitted to HRPDC for entry into eGMS.
- Prepared the consumable medical supplies (CMS) list to replace expiring supplies in the Shelter Support Units.
- Developed the script for an Informational Video on Repacking the Shelter Support Unit; this project will also include creation of a QR code that will be affixed to the SSU during resupply in 2017.

#### **Pharmaceutical Caches**

- HRMMRS is exploring the replacement of antibiotics caches at local health departments for first responders; VDH has discontinued this stockpiling antibiotics for the general public. Craig Parrish is providing pricing and assisting with the purchase.

#### **Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Training in 2017**

- 22-23 April 2017 – EMS Functions in the ICS Course at Kilmarnock-Lancaster Vol. Rescue Squad.
- 26-27 April 2017 – ICS-400 Course at TEMS.
- 11 May 2017 - CHKD Pediatric Trauma Conference, Norfolk
- 03 June 2017 – MCIM – I Course at TEMS.
- 21-22 June 2017 – ICS-300 Course at TEMS.
- 23-24 August 2017 – ICS-400 Course at TEMS.
- 25-26 October 2017 – ICS-300 Course at TEMS.
- 04 November 2017 – MCIM – I Course at TEMS.
- 06-07 December 2017 – ICS-400 Course at TEMS.
- 08-12 November 2017 - Virginia EMS Symposium, Norfolk.

**\*To see more classes go to the Training Calendar on the TEMS website.**

**New Business:**

- **Pharmaceutical Caches :**
  - David Long questioned the group regarding the function of the current distribution of stockpiled antibiotics in the health departments in the case of an event, to include all essential public safety responders.
- **Training Funds**
  - Jason Ambrose reported that all of the initial certification funding will be moved into a scholarship program for the students. Basically the students will apply for a scholarship toward tuition and the money will be awarded directly to the student based upon need. There has been a delay in implementation of this plan until January 2018 after that there will be no more funding to the agencies for initial certifications. Due to the drastic budget cut, expect by July 2018 a tuition hike in the community colleges.
- **Medical Trends/Issues/ Jurisdiction Reports:**
  - CFR: Thom Schwalenberg shared on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm TCC Chesapeake there will be a vendor presenting a 2 hour demonstration on virtual education.
  - VBEMS: John Bianco reported that Ventricle Assist Device (VAD) training is being updated and a video will be available soon. VBEMS is currently working on a protocol for short distance transfer from an assisted living facility to the hospital. VBEMS has discontinued their Air Medical program due to maintenance costs. SVBGH will be expanding starting June 2018.

**Announcements / Dates to Remember – please see [www.tidewaterems.org](http://www.tidewaterems.org)**

**The next Medical Operations Committee Meeting will be held June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12 noon at the TEMS office.**