



**Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.**  
**EMS Medical Operations Committee**  
**Minutes – December 14, 2016**

**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	X	Forest Winslow	X
Franklin	Vince Holt	X	Tim Dunn	
Norfolk	Dan Norville, Vice-Chair	X	Greg DeYoung	
Portsmouth	Jeff Meyers	X	Amy Ward	
Suffolk	Ray Willett	X		
Virginia Beach	Ed Brazle		John Bianco	X
Isle of Wight	Amanda Pulley		Chris Smith	
Southampton	Brian Steelman		Danny Bolton	
ED Nurse Mangers	Chris Roberts	X		
ED Physician	Frank Dos Santos			
Pharmacist	Diane Buckley		Charles Rawls	X
Hosp. Administrator	Ralph Rosignolo		Travis Mitchell	
Public Health			Larry Hill	
Commercial EMS			Anthony Wilson	
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	X
TEMS Staff	Jim Chandler	X	Judy Shuck	X
TEMS Staff	Dessislava "Dessi" Bradecich	X		
TEMS Board	Kent Weber			
OEMS	Wayne Berry	X		
HRMMRS	David Long			
EVHC	Glenn McBride		Shawn Metzner	
TCC	Jason Ambrose		Tom Calogrides	
<b>Guests</b>				
<u>Jurisdiction / Agency</u>	<u>Guest's Name</u>		<u>Guest's Name</u>	
CFD	John Gosford			
Navy	Paul Roseks			

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Thom Schwalenberg, Chair, called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. The committee approved the October 12, 2016 minutes as posted.

**OMD Committee:**

- Jay Porter reported that the joint meeting with PEMS/TEMS OMD committee went well with little changes in the PEMS region. The TEMS OMD committee reviewed and approved meeting dates for 2017.

**Performance Improvement:**

- Forest Winslow reported that the PI committees are progressing with revamping the policy structure and making sure that there isn't any contradictory terms or overlap within each PI plan.

**Education Workgroup:**

- Jay Porter reported that the Education workgroup is actively working on updating the questions to the regional sanctioning exam question bank. The group is anticipating the rollout of the protocol video before the end of the year. John Bianco reported that a training video for RSI for will be available December 15<sup>th</sup>, anyone interested in a copy to please email John. Jay Porter announced that the Mini-Symposium will not be held in 2017 but TEMS will hold quarterly day-long trainings throughout the region with diverse and high quality training. The first one is being planned in Chesapeake, with more information to be announced.

**Pharmacies**

- Charles Rawls reported that there are no major shortages to report. The pharmacy workgroup is currently working and making sure that we are following all of the guidelines before consolidating all of the short forms into one long form for both the EMS exchange for narcotics. RSI updates for VBEMS show all systems all fine with the 5ml syringes.

## ED Nurse Managers

- Chris Roberts reported that the nurse managers have noticed a lot of EMS data loss over the past month due to providers not printing and leaving their EMS run sheets. After much discussion, EMS is meeting its regulatory requirement, by posting patient information.
- The group discussed the policy of hospital diversions and inconsistent diversion notifications. The group recommended that prior to the February MOC meeting the group will meet via email to review and look at making policy changes to bring back to MOC for consideration.

## OEMS

- Wayne Berry reported that on November 21<sup>st</sup> Health Commissioner announced that opioid usage has now become a public health crisis. All stakeholders have been asked to work together and are encouraged to visit <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS> to make sure you are up to date with state regulatory changes.
- VFIB hospital integration system has now migrated from the Image Trend server to a state server where we hopefully find an improvement in service.
- OEMS is currently working on new licensure and compliance forms, so in the future those who are scheduled for inspection will receive a notification, and get information and forms in the agency portal.
- RSAF grant award recipients will no longer receive letters but will rather be uploaded into the agency's portal when the awards are announced.
- All current Intermediates in the system will be maintained as long as the providers keeps up with their continuing education. There are upcoming meetings to further discuss the future of EMT Intermediate.
- New scanning software is available for PC or MAC to education coordinators after you attend a webinar. It will be available in your portal to download. Coordinators will need to buy a relatively inexpensive handheld scanner.
- There is a federal mandate that everyone is on version 3 by December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The Virginia Department of Health is currently changing to a WordPress website to ensure easier navigation.
- Virginia EMS regulations are currently under revision. One effort is that the state get with the hospitals and EMS to see what a fair delineation of duties is and how to address electronic submission of patient records. Also, all previously approved variances and exemptions will become void once a new version of the regulations goes into effect (but there is no date at this time).

## MCI Plan Workgroup and MCI/Disaster Training:

### MCI Work Group

- The PEMS-TEMS MCI Work Group met on 25 October and 29 November, 2016.
- The next meeting of the meeting will be on Tuesday, 27 December 2016 at 1330 here at TEMS and via Go-to-Meeting. This meeting will continue the review of the Hampton Roads MCI Response Guide 2017 Edition.

### Mass Casualty Incident Response Preparedness Activities Past Quarter

- 13 October 2016 – Attended the Tidewater Community College Functional Exercise MSEL Scripting workshop.
- 19 October 2016 – Attended the Tidewater Community College Functional Exercise Planning meeting at the TCC Portsmouth campus.
- 20 October 2016 - attended the OSHA Designated Infection Control Officer (DICO) Train-the-Trainer and the DICO annual update courses.
- 21 October attended the OSHA Advanced DICO course.
- 26 October 2016 – Participated in the Eastern Virginia Healthcare Coalition Exercise and Training Work Group meeting.
- 04 November 2016 – Met with the Portsmouth LEPC chairman to discuss 2017 objectives.
- 05 November 2016 – Taught the MCIM-I course (16 students completed the course).
- 09 November 2016 – Provided mass casualty patient cards for the Emergency Medical Services Division County of San Benito Office of Emergency Services, Hollister, CA.
- 17 November 2016 – Attended the Tidewater Community College Functional Exercise Controller-Evaluator meeting.
- 18 November 2016 – Served as a controller-evaluator in the Tidewater Community College Functional Exercise.
- 21 November 2016 – Participated After Action Conference for the Tidewater Community College Functional Exercise.
- 21 November 2016 – Provided patient cards and inflatable mannequins for the Virginia Beach Fire Department MCI drill.
- 29 November 2016 - Participated in the TEMS communications meeting and created the TEMS editorial/communications calendar.
- 30 November 2016 – Created and provided the Suffolk Fire Department with a patient card set for Operation Propane Problem full scale MCI exercise scheduled for 03 December 2016.
- 30 November – 01 December 2016 – The ICS-400 course was conducted. 8 students completed the course.
- 01 December 2016 – Attended the Eastern Virginia Healthcare Coalition meeting.
- 03 December 2016 – Served as an evaluator for the Suffolk Full-Scale Mass Casualty Exercise at the Sysco Warehouse.
- 08 December 2016 – Attended the TEMS Board of Directors meeting.

## HRMMST (Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Strike Team)

- There were no regional responses during this reporting period.

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

- 19 September 2016 - Awarded a State Homeland Security Grant (SHSG) of \$59,000 to replace the consumable medical supplies in the SSUs, DMSUs, and HRMMST caches in FY17. Awaiting receipt of funds to begin work on obtaining replacement supplies.

#### **Pharmaceutical Caches**

- 19 September 2016 - Awarded a State Homeland Security Grant (SHSG) for \$85,000 for the replacement of nerve agent antidote and antibiotics to replace the expiring items in the cache in FY17. Awaiting receipt of funds to begin work on obtaining replacement pharmaceuticals.

#### **Planning & Program Management**

- Continued TEMS consultant contract for Program Manager, Mass Casualty Preparedness Coordinator (50%), Program Support Specialist and part-time Program Specialist.
- Supported Hampton Roads Planning District Commission administrative/financial services & regional coordination. Support of HRPDC HRMMRS Regional Coordinator & HRPDC representative participation on HRMMRS committees.
- Supported HRMMRS planning meetings and other consultants and contractors. HRMMRS Committee Meetings (Meeting minutes available in secured area of website or in TEMS office).

#### **Upcoming Preparedness Training in 2017**

- 10-12 January 2017 - PER-212: Operational Level Response to HAZMAT/WMD Incidents at the Virginia Beach Fire Training Center
- 11-12 January 2017 - MGT-348: Medical Management of CBRNE Incidents at Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital, Newport News.
- 24-25 January 2017 – EMS Functions in the ICS Course at TEMS.
- 04 February 2017 – MCIM – I Course at TEMS.
- 15 February 2017 – Basic Disaster Life Support at Peninsulas EMS Council, Gloucester
- 22-23 February 2017 – ICS-300 Course at TEMS.
- 04-05 March 2017 - EMS Functions in the ICS Course at Carrollton Vol. Fire Department, Carrollton.
- 04-05 April 2017 – Advanced Disaster Life Support. Location to be determined.
- 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.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- **Short Exchange Form:**  
Please refer to the Nurse Managers report.
- **OEMS Training Funds:**  
Jim Chandler reported from OEMS - there will be another special interim RSAF grant process for the period of now to June 30<sup>th</sup> to fill the gap for initial certification classes. Afterward all initial certification funding will be via grants to individuals from OEMS modeling a state nursing training program. Continuing education funding will be distributed to the councils to be awarded to the jurisdictions with some type of competitive process. Once TEMS is provided more information it will be provided to all the agencies and educators.
- **Flow-Safe 2 disposable CPAP device:**  
Chris Roberts reported that Sentara will not be stocking these because of the expense. MOC expressed its interest in developing a process to address regional consideration for new exchange items. Jeff and John Bianco agreed to follow up.
- **EMS Strategic Plan/ MOC Dashboard:**  
Forest Winslow reported that the dashboard is still a work in progress with an update pending for the February MOC meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- **EMS Representative, EVHC and AHAC:**

Thom Schwalenberg made a request that the MOC group nominate an EMS liaison for each group. The group named Dan Norville for EVHC and Thom Schwalenberg for AHAC. Thank you!

- **Eastern Region Child Fatality Team:**

Ray Willett volunteered to represent EMS on this team. Thank you!

- **TEMS Newsletter – What Happens Next?**

Jim Chandler reported that financial support for the TEMS newsletter through MTI is no longer available and unable to find long-term support for the Response. We have come to the conclusion that we need to transition to an electronic version of the newsletter and wanted this group opinion on the content and how often. Through an online survey what was suggested was short bullet points, and training notification. Points discussed were similar to input from the Board of Directors. John Bianco suggested a VB social media coordinator may be available to provide advice. Agency leaders supported the idea of forwarding an email newsletter or invitations to providers within each agency at least until providers have an opportunity to individually sign up for the newsletter. The first “new” newsletter will publish in early January.

- **MOC 2017 Dates (February 8<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup>, and December 13<sup>th</sup>)**

The meeting dates were approved by the committee.

- The state FARC had a collective request of 10.1 million dollars, whereas 4.5 million dollars was awarded.

**Medical Trends/Issues/ Jurisdiction Reports:**

- NFR is moving forward with its Active Threat Response plan. NFR would like through the standing mutual aid policy to request to the other jurisdictions to include use of a DMSU and the MCI bus until the request has been met in the active threat plan.
- VB: Former Fire Chief Cover is now the Deputy City Manager of Public Safety and Chief Hutchinson is interim Fire Chief. The January recruit class yielded 37 recruits. The City of Virginia Beach has just started an open data project and has also started a drone project to cover airspace from Norfolk Airport to Pungo.
- Chesapeake: reported on a new cardiac initiate involving churches. Implementing a new Smartphone app.

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

*The next Medical Operations Committee Meeting will be held February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12 noon at the TEMS office.*