



Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.
EMS Medical Operations Committee
Minutes – April 11, 2018

Attendance

Jurisdiction	Member's Name	Present	Alt Member's Name	Present
Accomack	Charles Pruitt		John Greer	
Northampton	Hollye Carpenter			
Chesapeake	Thom Schwalenberg, Chair	X	Forrest Winslow	X
Franklin	Vince Holt	X	Tim Dunn	
Norfolk	Dan Norville, Vice-Chair	X	Greg DeYoung	X
Portsmouth	Jeff Meyers	X	Amy Ward	X
Suffolk	Ray Willett	X	Rainey Dail	
Virginia Beach	Kevin Lipscomb	X	John Bianco	
Isle of Wight	Jeff Terwilliger		Chris Smith	X
Southampton			Danny Bolton	
TCC	Jason Ambrose	X		
ED Nurse Mangers	Chris Roberts		Patti Montes	X
ED Physician	Paul Roszko	X		
Pharmacist	Jessi Sandin	X		
Hosp. Administrator	Ralph Rosignolo			
Public Health			Larry Hill	
Commercial EMS	Anthony Wilson			
Special Operations	Dennis Keane	X		
Fed Fire/Navy EMS	Christopher Payne	X	Anthony Sickell	
Nightingale	Denise Baylous			
CHKD Transport Team	Jamie Carter		Dawn Jennings	X
TEMS Staff	David Coulling	X	Jay Porter	X
TEMS Staff	Jim Chandler		Judy Shuck	X
TEMS Staff	David Long		Mike McMahon	X
OEMS	Wayne Berry			
EVHC	Glenn McBride	X		
Guests				
Jurisdiction / Agency	Guest's Name	Guest's Name		
NCEMS	Ed Leonard			
	2 – VCU Students			

Welcome and Introductions:

Thom Schwalenberg, Chair called the meeting to order. Introductions were made and the committee approved the February 2018 minutes written with the removal of the "e" from the word Taphouse.

"Needs Assessment for EMS Personnel" presentation by Michael King to the group to form a partnership with EMS agencies to format a needs assessment with EMS personnel to help with EMS turnover rates. The MOC committee has recommend TEMS to support this study with all agency participation.

Awards/Picnic Workgroup:

David Coulling reported the deadline for nominations will be April 15th we are still in need of nominations. The awards presentation will be June 15th at Harbor Park at 1820 prior to the baseball game.

ED Nurse Managers:

Patti Montes reported the essential hospital staff have all gathered to workout protocols in an effort to try to maintain the critical supply of narcotics. Montes also wanted to assure the group that Sentara does not have a policy that says everyone who receives Narcan will be deconned. A protocol for the Sentara's ED's have been developed to address how staff should deal with patients coming in with unknown substances so that we are not delaying EMS.

EMS Education Committee:

Ray Willett reported the meeting held March 21st had poor attendance due to the weather, the next meeting is scheduled for April 18th. The Education committee is now hosting a 3 year protocol review instead of erecting a protocol committee group to review the protocols the education committee will continually review protocols for changes. Also, the group plans to review the regional sanctioning process April meeting.

Performance Improvement Committee:

Forest Winslow reported the delay for this month's data pull was a result of the OEMS updating their system. Looking to move away from Mission Lifeline and concentrate more on regional data. May 11 in Chesterfield, VA there is a STEMI VHAC meeting. There is also a Stroke and Heart Summit in Raleigh, NC May 23rd.

OMD Committee:

Mike McMahon reported that Dr. Knapp of NFR agreed to spearhead the RACE score project, pending a prehospital training package. The Stroke project has been approved, however the prehospital form has not been approved. Ketamine was discussed to potentially be a part of the combative patient protocol; the possibly reformatting the protocol to make it less restrictive concrete. The online sanctioning test bank questions are still being tweaked waiting to add the images.

Pharmacies:

Jessi Sadin discussed the latest crisis for EMS being a shortage of IV narcotics; an email has been sent out to all the hospitals regarding reducing the re-stoke level by 50% upon use or expiring of fentanyl and a morphine in the boxes until further notice; the concentrations will remain the same. This is forecasted until 2nd quarter of 2019. Boxes will be marked on the outside to identify changes.

HRMMRS Report

- **State Homeland Security Grants:** David is at the State Homeland Security Grant Stakeholder Meeting in Richmond. The purpose of the meeting is to review and edit the grant grading criteria. The local workshop for grant applicants will be on Tuesday, 24 April 2018.
- **Eastern Shore DMSU:** The DMSU is here (in the parking lot) and is currently being outfitted. Anticipated delivery is the end of April. Once in service this brings the number of DMSUs in the Hampton Roads region to 12. Shelter Support Units: CMS replacement in the SSUs is behind schedule due to changes in HRPDC procurement policies. SSU owners can expect CMS to be replaced in July with the DMSUs to follow in August/September.
- **HRMMST:** The HRMMST is supporting the Langley Air Show on 18-20 May 2018 in Hampton. The Norfolk cache will be available for deployment during this time frame. Please note that there are at least 3 major mass gathering events occurring at the same time the air show is occurring.
- **HRMMRS Antibiotic Cache:** All of the first responder antibiotics cache have been placed with the local Health Departments. (This includes Cipro and doxycycline.) The antibiotics are now being pre-packaged in 10-day dose packs for more rapid distribution.
- **MCI Busses:** These busses were placed in to service in 2009-2010. Agencies MUST be planning the replacement of these busses with their Fleet Managers. All of the interior equipment can and should be removed and placed in the replacement bus. To our knowledge at least three of the busses have had breakdowns. The HRMMRS cannot fund bus replacement costs. However, then HRMMRS can provide subject matter expertise to guide agencies.
- **Disability Awareness Train-the-Trainer Courses:** The HRMMRS received grant funding to conduct two Disability Awareness Train-the-Trainer Courses in the Hampton Roads region. The HRMMRS is looking for agencies to provide two people to complete the 2-day course who then will be assigned to conduct the training to agency personnel within the next 18-24 months. There are NO PREREQUISITES to take the course. This course is for Fire & EMS personnel. Law enforcement personnel are provided a course through DCJS. There is a possibility of making one of these course for 911 Operators, but that has yet to be determined. Please send the names of personnel to David Long.

MCI Work Group

2018 Hampton Roads Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan Development

Publication of the next revision of the plan is temporarily on hold pending the new Eastern Shore (Northampton County) Disaster Medical Support Unit (DMSU) being placed into service and the new HRMMST activation number has been activated. This is anticipated to occur sometime in April and June respectively.

Mass Casualty Incident Response Preparedness Activities

- 13-15 February 2018: Attended and completed the Training Identification and Preparedness Planning Course (MGT 418) in Glenn Allen, VA
- 22 February 2018: Participated in the How to Prepare Communities to "Stop the Bleed" webinar.
- 22 February 2018: Attended the VHHA Education and Training Work Group meeting.
- 28 February 2018: Attended the EVHC Education and Training Work Group meeting. Provided a review of the Improvement Plan recommendations from the 2017 Shakeout exercise, Long Term Care Evacuation & Surge Tabletop Exercise and Acute Care Hospital Evacuation & Surge Tabletop exercise and developed a Consolidated Improvement Plan.
- 09 March 2018: Prepared and delivered MCI drill materials for use in the Regional CERT Rodeo in Hampton.
- 09 March 2018: Attended the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Federal Coordinating Center exercise planning meeting in Portsmouth.
- 11 March 2018: Instructed and MCIM I & II Course at the Isle of Wight Volunteer Rescue Squad, Smithfield. (20 students completed the course.)
- 15 March 2018: Attended the Bi-monthly Long Term Care Meeting. Briefed attendees on the performance results and Improvement Plan resulting from the Long Term Care Evacuation & Surge Tabletop Exercise. Briefed attendees on the exercise plan for the upcoming 2018 Tornado Exercise participation requirements.
- 20 March 2018: Conducted the 2018 Tornado Exercise.

- 23 March 2018: Met with Barton Allen, Emergency Manager, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Federal Coordinating Center to discuss and review Patient Reception Area operations, hangar and flight line access and safety.
- 24 March 2018: Instructed the MCIM-I course. (5 students completed the course.)
- 29 March 2018: Attended the follow-up planning meeting for the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Federal Coordinating Center Patient Reception Area exercise.
- 03 April 2018: Planned and conducted the TEMS COOP exercise.

2018 Eastern Virginia Regional Healthcare Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW)

12 April 2018 at the Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel, 3501 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA. The Workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. TEPW provides the opportunity to collaboratively establish exercise program priorities and develop or update the Multi-year Training and Exercise Plan (MYTEP). Coordination of training and exercise events is important for us to prevent duplication of efforts, ensure resources are not overextended during training or exercises, and maximize the efficacy of training and exercise appropriations. Moreover, schedule collaboration presents opportunities for organizations to fulfill multiple emergency preparedness requirements with a single exercise or training course.

Participants should be prepared to provide input to the exercise program priorities and development of the MYTEP. In order to facilitate productive discussions, participants should be able speak to the following for your facility or agency:

- Summary of facility or agency threat and hazard information
- Corrective actions and/or improvement plans from exercise and real-world events
- Accreditation standards and regulations
- The current Training and Exercise Plan (attached)

Upcoming Training

- 17-18 April 2018: Advanced Disaster Life Support course in Virginia Beach Fire Training Center.
- 18 May 2018: CHKD 3rd Annual Pediatric Trauma Conference, Sheraton (at Waterside), Norfolk.
- 05 June 2018: CBERS Exercise Design and Tabletop Exercise Workshop in Hampton.
- 06 June 2018: CBERS Exercise Design and Tabletop Exercise Workshop in Chesapeake.

Upcoming Exercises

- 06 – 07 April 2018: Overnight Emergency Shelter Exercise for People with Disabilities & Access/Functional Needs Overnight Sheltering Exercise, Norview High School, Norfolk.
- 30 April – 11 May 2018: Vigilant Guard National Disaster Medical System Exercise. Virginia eastern region.
- 15-16 May 2018: Virginia Beach Medically Friendly Shelter Exercise, Field House, Virginia Beach
- 07 June 2018: Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, National Disaster Medical System, Patient Reception Area Full-Scale Exercise (Tentative)

New Business:

- **Handtevy:** Mike McMahon reported pricing for initial setup for ALS units including the training would be \$16,500 to include \$13,000 annual maintenance. Pricing is adjustable if individual agencies wanted to customize the package. The committee approved to move the Handtevy project over to the Patient Provider Workgroup to research as a regional option. The next Patient Provider meeting is scheduled for May 10th at 1pm.
- **Pulsara:** Pulsara allows for better communication from EMS providers to the ER. Providers are able to upload a picture of a case and the case is transmitted to the ER where it can be viewed in which if a STEMI is determined then the Cath team is alerted. The group expressed interest in using Pulsara, however the hospitals would need to buy off on the project. Mike McMahon will contact the Medical Directors and Nurse Managers to further discuss how to proceed.
- **Chair Nominations – June Election:** Thomas Schwalenberg has concluded his term and MOC is seeking nominations to fill his position. No nominations at this time.

Medical Trends and Issues – Group Talk

- The Kent J. Weber EMS Education and Research Fund is guided by an Advisory Board that will develop strategic advice and provide direction to the Board of Directors in all matters related to the Fund. Advisory Board responsibilities include developing Fund goals, fundraising, developing Fund usage guidelines and oversight of any Fund-related activities and programs. The advisory board is seeking one community member to complete the board.

Jurisdiction Reports

- NFR: Through an MMRS grant sponsored Special Need exercise, Norfolk Fire was able to successfully host the exercise.
- VBEMS is presenting a rescue challenge of 14 teams at the end of the month
- PFR continues to hire

- SFR is planning on recruiting fire fighters
- CFD will have an active threat exercise on August 30th, more information to follow. Chesapeake will begin research on techniques to reduce liability in a civil disturbance.

Announcements / Dates to Remember – please see www.tidewaterems.org

The next Medical Operations Committee Meeting will be held on June 13, 2018 at 12 noon at the TEMS office.