

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA EMS COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING
April 6, 2017**

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Council President Brian Hricik welcomed all in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

- No representatives from the public were present to address the Board.
- Amendments to the minutes from the February 9, 2017 meeting announced by Marcia Pescitani.
 - Kate Kramer provided a title correction for Assistant Chief Reshetar. The minutes had his title as Battalion Chief. Changes have been made.
 - Email from Dr. Weir RE: NVCC partner referred to EMS field students as “Capstone Component”. The email was read to the Board and will be added as an addendum to the minutes.
- Minutes from the Northern Virginia EMS Council held February 9, 2017 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s report

Anne Marsh – nothing to report. The February Financials was unanimously approved.

- Marcia Pescitani added that the March Financials was not yet distributed due to death in the family of the accountant for the Council. The data, once reviewed by the accountant, will be distributed for review and then approval at the June Board meeting.

President’s Report

- Welcome Judy St. George. She is at the Council temporarily filling in as administrative assistant.
- Attended first annual Hero Bowl – sponsored by Inova Hospitals.
 - Day 1 - 10 teams from around Loudoun, Fairfax County, Fairfax City, and Prince William County.
 - Day 2 – Lower turnout; but, the competition was strong. A total of 3 teams from Fairfax and Prince William Counties played.

- Congratulations to Prince William Fire and Rescue Department for winning the 1st Annual Hero Bowl on both dates. Brian will provide some photos to be included in the Annual Report and website (once updated).
- Working with the OEMS on the Return of Localities use of funds for Council Assessments as well as covering the lobbyist (Ed Rhodes); clarification is forthcoming by Gary Brown who will have these items considered by the AG's office.
- Draft budget to be presented to fire chiefs for input. Budget will be ready to vote on at the June 8 board meeting.
- Update for Executive Director – candidate identified and negotiations in progress. Formal announcement forthcoming. Marcia Pescitani is available to transition new Executive Director.
- Search for Regional Coordinator to begin; look out for advertisement for this position soon.
- June 8 board meeting – along with the annual awards, we will honor Marcia for her service to the Council.
- Employee Handbook has been updated by the Executive Committee and will be submitted to SESCO for final review and should be finalized for the June meeting.
- April 21 – Deadline to provide any additions or comments to Captain Rauch on the latest draft of the NOVA EMS Drug Form. This document is being reviewed once every six months; this one will go into effect June 1.
- April 25 – EMT “I” Town Hall will be hosted by the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company 501.
- April 25th is the last date to apply for newly released grant for initial EMS certification from the OEMS. This is for non-profit agencies whose courses started on or after January 1st, 2017 and before June 30th, 2017. You will only be funded based on OEMS pricing structure.
- April 25 – EMS on the Hill Day – registration closes on April 10. Traditionally, Virginia has not shown well. There is a briefing on April 24 on how to approach Senators and Congressmen in the time allotted, etc. Alexandria will have two representatives to discuss EMS issues with national leaders. Please encourage others to participate.

Executive Director's Report

- February - Attended EMS Today in Salt Lake City.
 - Asked to continue on as a Program Committee Member and will represent the NV EMS Council for at least one more term. If you have instructors you would like to get in, let her know.
 - May 17 - Committee meeting in Charlotte to begin putting together next year's program.
- February 14 – participated in hiring interviews for replacement.
- February 15 – attended Executive Committee meeting; worked on 2018 FY budget. Several accounting changes made to the Chart of Accounts to align more closely with current operations.
- February 15 - The State RSAF Grant cycle opened.
 - Notices sent; Council received six grants to be presented after the board meeting.
- February 28 - Interim Executive Director retired.
 - Continues to perform essential duties until leave is used up in June.
- The office staff has spent considerable time assisting Fairfax County Public Schools with their high school EMT class at West Potomac High School assisting them with testing logistics for their students which lately has been problematic. They have been instructed to work directly with Debbie Akers at OEMS.
- March 6 – Second half of FY16 audit distributed to board members; final draft approved at last board meeting.
- March 6 – Final Annual Report published, submitted to the Board, Regional Councils, OEMS and approved at the last board meeting.
- March 31 - Council hosted OEMS Operational Medical Director training, City of Fairfax Station 403.
 - Well attended with 17 OMDs (max for that space); good to have Council president attend.

- Michelle will handle future OMDs; Fridays being best day for training.
- OMDs are required to have two current face-to face sessions per year.
- April 5 – Michelle Ludeman and Tom Olander attended State Training and Certification Committee Meeting.
- April 5 – Sent Hospitals donation requests.
- Council hosting a series of EMT Evaluator training classes:
 - April 24, 26 and 28. (2 evening, 1 day to accommodate career and volunteer candidates).
 - Tom Olander and Pat Mercer will be teaching.
- FY 17 third quarter deliverables will be posted prior to the April 30 deadline.
- May 8 Deadline – Applications for NV EMS awards.
 - No applications have been received. Please submit before deadline
 - Brian Hricik to form committee.
- Challenge coins were distributed today – good branding for EMS Council.

STATE AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

AHA –CTC

Ray Whatley provided the following updates:

- Heartsaver® Pediatric First Aid CPR AED eLearning
 - Teaches cognitive information needed to respond to and manage illnesses and injuries in a child or infant in the first few minutes until help arrives.
 - Upon online completion, students must complete hands-on skills with an AHA BLS Heartsaver® instructor.
- AHA has launched its first Alexa Skill for the Amazon Echo.
 - Features hands-only CPR instruction and heart attack and stroke warning signs.

EMS State Advisory

Nothing to report. Committee has not met since last board meeting.

Provider Health and Safety

Brian Hricik - Nothing to report. Committee has not met since last board meeting.

NV Performance Improvement and Trauma

Nothing to report.

Medical Direction

Nothing to report. The committee is meeting today (April 6).

State Medevac

Nothing to report. The committee is meeting today (April 6).

State Training and Certification Committee

Tom Olander provided the following updates:

- Funds for EMT courses to transition from grants to a scholarship program. More info forthcoming.
- The Intermediate ("I") level is not going away according to Warren Short. Last of Instructor Institutes to become Education Coordinators will be June 24-28 in Richmond – OEMS is still working on a new mentor program for ECs; they will take tests like all EMTs cognitive and practicals.

- EMT testing statistics have improved over last year; of 5,440 taking written registry test, 68% passed on first attempt. Virginia is in line with NR statistics. Three percent that fail the first time do not retest.
- Hot bills – Glucagon – still being studied on who can give it and training around it.
- EMT Evaluator class pre-requisite – must have completion of the online Evaluator Training Course for BLS Psychomotor Class in 2017 in addition to other requirements.

NVERS Pharmacy Meeting

Nothing to report.

Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS) Committee

Have not met since our last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

JURISDICTIONAL REPORTS

Reports that were received for this meeting are added at the end of each agency's info.

Alexandria

Byron Andrews provided the following updates:

- Engine 205 has gone into service as an ALS engine; staffed at about 95% ALS.
- Compression of EMS shifts to three Northern Virginia shifts in progress, slated to begin July 1st.

Arlington County

Nothing to report.

City of Fairfax

Nothing to report.

Fairfax County

Jason Jenkins provided the following updates:

- March 31 – Recruit class graduated
- April 17 – Mixed crew class (both around 30 to 40 candidates).
- May 22 – Fairfax EMS Symposium; all are welcome.
- Two heavy rescues went ALS on April 1; two outstanding to go ALS later in 2017.

Fairfax Police Helicopter

Nothing to report.

Loudoun

Jose Salazar submitted the following report:

- Recruit school: 34 in progress with 27 students. Two other classes scheduled for later this year with 30 students each.
- Completed last Daytime Intermediate class. Seven new providers currently presenting.
- High performance CPR will be implemented county wide in May.
- Termination of resuscitation went into effect in March.
- All BLS providers will be trained and will carry Narcan.

City of Manassas –

Todd Lupton provided the following updates:

- City school division will start an EMT program in the 2017/2018 school year.
 - Look for announcements for EMT instructors.
- May 20 – *Operation Staying Alive* (hands-only CPR event)
 - Goal – train 1,000 citizens in one day – if met, will be the largest hands-only CPR training event held in the Commonwealth to date.
 - Eventbrite to register.

Manassas Park

Nothing to report.

Airport

Rick Bonnett provided the following updates:

- Still trying to hire.
- April 18, 19 – patient tracking video filming; hanger reserved in case of inclement weather.

Prince William

No representation.

Lifecare

No representation.

Northern Virginia Community College

Kathleen Camp provided the following updates:

- Summer school registration is open as of March 28; first semester Intermediate courses will be available this summer.
- May 2 – Fall registration begins. Full EMT, Intermediate, Paramedic courses available as usual.
- May 19 - National Registry ALS psychomotor test – paramedic/intermediate. Contact Jim Rucks.
- April 12 – NOVA EMS Advisory Board meeting; 11:30 a.m. at MEC campus; open meeting
- Under the National Accreditation process preceptors on internships - training must be documented (for ambulance training) - Three ways to do this:
 1. Platinum Tracking System - Online YouTube video (preceptor access to Platinum Tracking System is free; requires an email address with registration).
 2. Signature on the NVCC Internship tracking form that is signed and given to the student for submission.
 3. Preceptor manual developed by Jim Rucks – to be distributed to our participating agencies in the near future.

OEMS Program Representative

No representation.

PHI

No representation.

PTS

Nothing to report.

Reston Hospital

Keith Morrison provided the following updates:

- Construction has been moved back to June.
- May – pushing out information on the new Stroke Program and will have training with Fairfax and Sterling.
- June – spoke about hand capability (hand & thumb re-implantation) information at our PI/Trauma committee meeting last month. We will evaluate at the June meeting and plan to iron it out the first week in June.
- Trauma Program – complex pelvis; another addition to their Program.

StoneSprings

No representation.

Sentara Northern Virginia

No representation.

Inova Loudoun Hospital

Johanna Kushan provided the following updates:

- April 18 – submitted application for Level 3 Trauma, site visit at Inova Loudoun Hospital.
- Program initiated to decrease the amount of Dilaudid used in ERs.
- April 11 - Training – Head Trauma (Part 1)
 - 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., LCFR Training Academy, no RSVP required.
- April 18 – Training - Autism Recognition for professional first responders.
 - 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., LCFR Training Academy, limited space. RSVP required.
- May 25 - Inova Alexandria Hospital will be hosting their annual EMS Appreciation Breakfast.

At the next PI/Trauma meeting there will be a follow-up on trauma and hand thumb re-implantation. Dr. Serani has asked someone Union Memorial Hospital to speak.

New Business:

- Minutes from the Regional Performance Improvement and Trauma Committee held on March 1, 2017 were unanimously approved by the Board.
- The current Trauma and Triage Plan was unanimously approved by the Board until OEMS has had opportunity to review the plan.
- Appoint Awards Committee
 - Jason Jenkins, Chair
 - Kate Kramer
 - Ray Whatley
 - Rick Bonnett – Alternative
- There was discussion about creating an ImageTrend NOVA group. Fairfax and Fairfax City are already on board with this.
 - Rick Bonnett – Chair
 - E-mail Rick (Richard.Bonnett@MWAA.com) if interested. This group can demonstrate benefits across the region for all agencies.
- April 20 – Technology meeting in Richmond deals with ImageTrend, Bryan Hodges from OEMS will be there.

Announcements:

Bryon Andrews reported the National EMS Memorial moved back from Colorado Springs to DC – desire to build a Memorial in DC – ceremony last year in Crystal City – no one from Washington metro area at the event – lack of communication. Email received from one of their directors asking for volunteers.

May 20 – National EMS Memorial – Hyatt Regency, Crystal City – call to volunteers to assist with this event. Not clear on what they need. Information forthcoming.

Ray Whatley – Events around the Memorial the week prior and bike ride on May 19. Ray will reach out for accurate information on this event. More to come.

RSAF Grant Reviews and Grading:

AGENCY NAME	GRANT NUMBER	# Items	ITEM REQUESTED	Funding Level %	State Funds \$	Match \$	Score
City of Manassas Fire & Rescue	NV-C01/06-17	1	Stryker Power Load System	50/50	11,666.59	11,666.59	1
Ashburn Vol. Fire & Rescue Dept.	NV-C02/06-17	1	Deluxe Difficult Airway Trainer	50/50	1,150.69	1,150.69	3
Ashburn Vol. Fire & Rescue Dept.	NV-C02/06-17	2	Video Laryngoscope	50/50	3,154.25	3,154.25	2
Purcellville Vol. Rescue Squad	NV-C03/06-17	15	EMS Safety Gear	50/50	10,303.00	10,303.00	2
Fairfax County Fire & Rescue	NV-C04/06-17	234	ALS/Airway Bags	50/50	48,605.31	48,605.31	2
Loudoun County Fire & Rescue	NV-C05/06-17	9	Monitor/defibrillators	50/50	192,789.05	192,789.05	1

Motion to adjourn approved at 12 p.m.

Next Board meeting will be on June 8, 2017 at 10:00 am, City of Fairfax Station 403.

CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING

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I, Marcia Pescitani, Interim Executive Director of the Northern Virginia EMS Council certify that the above minutes are a true and correct transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia EMS Council held at the City of Fairfax Fire Department, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030 on April 6, 2017, and that the meeting was duly called and held in all respects in accordance with the laws of the state of Virginia and bylaws of the corporation and that a quorum was present. The minutes were officially approved at the June 8, 2017 meeting of the board.

Marcia Pescitani
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NV EMS Council

6/8/2017
Date