



Northern Virginia EMS Council  
**Performance Improvement and Trauma Committee**  
Fairfax County Fire Station 440  
4621 Legato Road, Fairfax, VA 22030  
June 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Those present were:

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The PI and Trauma Committee meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Dr. Scott Weir and introductions were made around the room.

Meeting minutes from March 7, 2018, meeting were distributed and unanimously approved with no changes.

**Medical Discussion – Left Ventricular Assist Device  
Guest Speaker Presentation**

Lori Edwards, RN, MSN, from Inova Fairfax Medical Campus Heart Transplant/VAD presented a history and update on LVAD devices.

The group discussed how the agencies handle VAD cases.

- Kate Kramer advised that Arlington County Fire sets a “premise hazard” and once on scene they contact the VAD coordinator for the patient
- Chris Wanka from MWAA advised that Prince George’s County, Maryland, had changed their assignments for VAD responses to include an EMS Supervisor but found that the patients were more often calling for non-VAD related illnesses and injury so they stopped that practice. They also had a problem with the patients moving and not notifying them so they were sending additional EMS responses that weren’t necessarily needed
- Tracy Lane from Loudoun County Fire and Rescue asked how many calls the agencies are seeing for LVAD patients. She stated that since 2017 they’ve run 9 incidents involving 7 patients and only one of those was a major head bleed that was transferred to Fairfax

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- Kate Kramer from Arlington County Fire advised that they've had approximately 4 and one was a stroke taken to Fairfax
- Dr. Weir advised that Fairfax Hospital had a patient with a VAD and signs of non-recent death and was declared dead but because of the infrequency of this, the VAD team interrogated the device to get more information and used it as a learning experience

**Trauma – Geriatric Falls**

- Dr. Edmond Ng from Inova Fairfax Trauma Services provided the data in the absence of Dr. Franco
  - Out of 4033 total falls last year, 1383 were geriatric falls or 34.3%
  - Fairfax's data also included specific types of falls, for example, ground level, floor to floor, fall from standing, fall from a ladder, etc.
- Chris Munz from Reston Hospital reported the following
  - 32% of all trauma cases are geriatric falls
  - Overall 1200-1400 falls annually
    - Approximately 395 of those are geriatrics with 387 being ground level falls
- Carey Vincent from Inova Loudoun Hospital provided the following
  - Of 1142 total falls, 657 or 60% were ground level falls and 434 of those were on anti-coagulants
  - Approximately 75% of their overall falls are geriatrics 65+

Chris Wanka from MWAA asked how closely agencies are following the VDH/CDC trauma decision criteria.

- All agencies responded that they are not mandating use of that criteria.

**Topics for June Meeting**

- Trauma/Systems – Penetrating trauma
- Medical – Childbirth
- Systems – Performance measures and metrics

The next Regional PI/Trauma Committee meeting will be on September 5, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at Fairfax City Fire Station 403, 4081 University Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. A reminder will be sent out before the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

**CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT AND TRAUMA MEETING**

Northern Virginia EMS Council  
7250 Heritage Village Plaza, Ste. 102  
Gainesville, VA 20155

I, Craig Evans, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia EMS Council certify that the above minutes are a true and correct transcript of the minutes of the Performance Improvement and Trauma Meetings of

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the Northern Virginia EMS Council on June 6, 2018. The minutes were officially approved on September 5, 2018, meeting of the Committee.

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Craig Evans  
Northern Virginia EMS Council

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