



Northern Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council

Board of Directors Meeting

4081 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22033

Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2019

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Council Vice President Anne Marsh welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

- There was a short presentation from Dr. Mark Domanski on hand and finger replantation and reperfusion surgeries. He is pleased to present the concept of these surgeries and the ability to be performed at Inova Alexandria Hospital. A handout was provided and a copy is attached to the minutes.
- No representatives from the public were present to address the Board.
- Minutes from the NVEMSC Board of Directors meeting held December 13, 2018, were sent for review by email and there was one change requested by Brian Orndoff from the City of Fairfax

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Fire Department as follows: The minutes incorrectly reflected that CFFD is moving away from Braun ambulances to Horton, however, they are moving to Braun ambulances.

- Todd Lupton made a motion to accept the minutes from the December Board Meeting with the changes above made, seconded by Brian Hricik.
- The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Treasurer's report

1. The Treasurer's report was sent via email for review.
2. At the last meeting, they did a budget review for the upcoming year and just made a few minor tweaks. The budget will be sent out for review ahead of the April 2019 Board Meeting. Per the presentation at the last meeting by our accountant Jennifer Burke, there are some changes to take place with the contingency funds due to a tax law change and this will only change the way the assets look on paper. There will be an upcoming meeting to further discuss this.
3. Per Anne Marsh, at the Executive Committee meeting, they went through some strategies for investing the nest egg and what we can do to make it work best for us. Craig Evans advised that they interviewed three financial planners who all provided presentations to the group. They have decided to go with Ameriprise Financial. Currently there is \$50,000 in a CD, \$141,000 in money market. Ameriprise presented a buffered structured note which has a 6% rate of return and although there is some risk, it's being invested in the S&P500. They want you to scale into it because it's a 24-month commitment, so if you invested \$100,000 you would actually go in at \$5,000 every month for 24 months as to not put all your money into one next egg. They guarantee up to a 10% loss, so if the S&P500 loses 8% on that note, you still earn 6%, however, if it loses 11%, you lose all 11%.
 - a. The Executive Committee agreed to put \$100,000 into an investment like detailed above, \$50,000 into a CD and \$40,000 cash for other expenses such as a new Council vehicle, or other immediate expenses.

President's Report

Vice President Anne Marsh provided the President's report as Rick Bonnett was unable to attend the meeting.

1. As a reminder, each jurisdiction gets three voting seats on the board and hospitals, private transport, law enforcement, aeromedical and education partners get one voting seat on the board with an equal number of alternates. There are some vacancies and it would be a good idea to look at your individual agencies for members who can fill those vacancies. We really need full participation to be an effective Council. If you can identify people in your organizations that are younger, up and coming, players to be the next wave of the EMS Council, this is a great opportunity. Currently, we see the same members each meeting but in 10 years when the entire board has rolled over, at least a few times, who do you see being the faces of the Board and the Council? People with a passion for EMS, providers that you recognize as the future of EMS, people looking for professional/career development, this is a great opportunity to get them involved and they don't have to be ranked officers to be part of the Board.
2. There is no update from NOVA Chiefs as President Bonnett was not able to attend that meeting.
3. The FY2020 budget is being finalized and will be sent out ahead of the April 2019 Board Meeting for review and approval at the meeting.
4. Northern Virginia Regional EMS Award nominations are now open through May 1, 2019. Please take a look at your calls, personnel, etc., and submit nominations to the Council. You may now

submit your full nomination online, include supporting documentation and photographs. You can go to northern.vaems.org and pull down the “Awards” tab, then choose “Submit a Regional Award”. The site also details categories and prior winners as well as a flyer you can print and post for your stations. All Regional Award winners are submitted to the state for entry into the Governor’s EMS Award in their respective categories. Last year we had nominations in all 12 categories and we’d love to do the same this year and have full representation at the Governor’s EMS Awards in November.

5. Mission Lifeline is now open. Arlington and Alexandria are pulling and sending data. The City of Fairfax Fire Department is also trying to do Mission Lifeline and use ImageTrend
6. EMS on the Hill is coming up. This is a great opportunity for legislative input. There is briefing April 9, 2019, and the EMS on the Hill day is April 10, 2019.
7. EMS Today is February 19-20, 2019 at National Harbor for those interested.
8. Arlington County Fire has a new EMS Education Specialist Claire Burley

Executive Director’s Report

1. At the recent Regional Directors meeting, they discussed that Central Shenandoah EMS Council has been restructured. They have not had an Executive Director since April 2018, and are down to 15 board members and have changed the structure from being EMS and hospital partners. They continue to be a non-profit organization and a designated EMS Council. All staffing has been turned over to OEMS and an MOU is in place. Their staff has to interview for their positions and are paid by OEMS as any other OEMS employee.
 - The rest of the Council Executive Director’s don’t feel that this is the best model for running a Council however, it may work for CSEMS Council.
 - Brian Hricik advised that Gary Critzer who is the current President of CSEMSC said they have been struggling in the last year and reached out to OEMS to see how they could help. They signed MOU in January for 5 years that states what their new Program Manager will do. This is the position that replaces the Executive Director position. The Program Manager will work in the office under the direction of Gary Brown but is also responsible for answering to the Board as an ED would. The MOU is good for up to 5 years but is reviewed each year.
 - Per Craig, the Regional Directors have asked for a copy of the MOU but have not yet received it.
 - The regional directors are forming a group called EMS Council 2050 to set forth a vision of what EMS Councils will look like 30 years from now
2. Billy Fritz’s last day with OEMS is today and he’s returning to Prince William County Fire & Rescue as the coordinator for their paramedic program.
3. RSAF Grant cycle is underway and the deadline is March 15, 2019. 2019 Regional EMS Awards program.
4. The FACT*R Blood Program is going well and being implemented around the region.
 - Dr. Weir added that at their recent OMD meeting it was received in a positive manner.
 - Jamie Cooper from Loudoun County advised that Dr. Morgan has been working with Fairfax and Loudoun County’s dispatch centers to add CAD coding which is now BLOODF. The technical side of that is all worked out so it doesn’t matter who calls to start the process.
 - Dr. Morgan was at the hospital recently and there was a call that sounded as though they may need blood in the field. Although the program has been implemented just four days prior, he initiated the call to start the process and

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- they had blood just around the 6 minute mark ready to go into the field.
Thankfully it was not needed and returned to circulation.
- Dr. Weir advised that they have also tested their process and even on weekends the times have been fantastic. Thankfully it's never needed to be used yet for a real call.
 - Craig presented the FACT*R Blood Program to the regional trauma managers and the non-Inova hospitals present were interested in being a part of the program as well.
 - The other positive of this program is that if there is a blood surge in the area, we can transport blood between hospitals as needed through this protocol.
5. The 2019 Northern Virginia Regional EMS Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at the George Washington Masonic Memorial at 101 Callahan Drive in Alexandria.
- Conference presentations will be in the main auditorium which can hold approximately 350 people.
 - There will be a cadaver lab on-site that will have both EZ-IO and airway options. Those labs will be running all day long and conference participants can sign up for those in addition to the regular conference for no additional fee.
 - Inova Loudoun Hospital will be doing an "Everything OB" presentation with break out groups to go over normal deliveries, complicated deliveries, etc. This will also be included in the normal conference fee.
 - This year we will include the Northern Virginia Regional EMS Awards Presentations and Banquet with a catered lunch for nominees and conference participants in the Atrium.
6. The Council submitted for a UASI Grant through NVERS for the IAFF Peer Support Program to train peer mental health support providers. If approved, there will be funds available to train those interested around the region.

STATE AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

AHA Training Center

Ray Whatley, AHA Training Center Coordinator, submitted the following report

1. New price sheet attached effective 2/15/19. We only increased the price difference between the prior cost and new cost. This impacted instructor cards and BLS, ACLS and PALS provider eCards only. No increase to Heartsaver cards.
2. ECC Regional Conferences posted on ECC Beat.
 - 5/22-23/2019 Chicago, IL
 - 10/22-23/2019 Dallas, TX

2019 Conference Topics

Presentations to include:

- **Innovative Educational Strategies & Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners**
 - Discuss innovative educational strategies from AHA's Resuscitation Education Statement that can improve learning and ultimately performance during a cardiac arrest.
- **Use of Continuous Evidence Evaluation**

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- Faster review of the science means quicker dissemination to the public. Learn how the most recent and relevant data and science will be incorporated into the Consensus on Science with Treatment Recommendations (CoSTR).
- **Improving Resuscitation Programs in Your Facility**
 - Walk away from this session with actionable items that your hospital or system can implement to improve their resuscitation program.
- **Psychological & Social Aspects of Cardiac Arrest Survivorship**
 - A closer look into the mind of a cardiac arrest survivor and what life looks like post-event.
- **Controversies in Adult and Pediatric Resuscitation**
 - Set the record straight in this discussion of controversial topics in resuscitation training for both age groups.
- **Panel Discussions with the Pros**
 - You have questions and the AHA experts have answers. Participate in open dialog regarding late-breaking science, technology, and education.
- **Highlights from ReSS 2018**
 - If you weren't able to make it to the AHA's Resuscitation Science Symposium (ReSS) in November, learn about hot topics discussed at AHA's leading resuscitation seminar.

May 22 – 23, 2019, in Chicago, IL @ Hyatt Regency O'Hare

Full Conference Early Bird - \$185 (Ends April 22nd at 5:00pm CST)

Full Conference - \$200 (Effective April 22nd at 5:01pm CST - May 15th at 5pm CST)

October 23 – 24, 2019, in Dallas, TX

Full Conference Early Bird - \$185 (Ends Sept. 23rd at 5:00 pm CST)

Full Conference - \$200 (Effective Sept. 23rd at 5:01pm CST - Oct. 16th at 5pm CST)

State EMS Advisory Board

Brian Hricik provided the following update in Deputy Chief Jose Salazar's absence:

1. There was a discussion about Central Shenandoah EMS Council as Craig had discussed earlier.
2. There was a presentation on Stop the Bleed by Central Virginia Healthcare Coalition. They have provided all the Councils with literature to disburse to their agencies and partners and some received equipment for training, however, NVEMSC did not receive their equipment yet.
3. They are restructuring the Governor's Advisory Board and have added a trauma branch. There is a subcommittee under trauma for acute care, post care, etc., so this adds 5 new Board seats just under trauma.
 - Byron Andrews advised that the Board hasn't grown yet because it requires both legislative approval and changes to the bylaws but this was presented in August of last year and he was still sitting on the Board at that time. He expressed his concerns at that time about adding 5 new people and what is the next shoe to fall to make the Board a significantly larger than it is now with 26 before adding the 5 new seats. He doesn't disagree that it's an important component but this came about from a study on how to improve trauma in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Some of this duplicates some of the actions already occurring on the Board through either Medical Direction or Trauma Services or Outreach and Education.

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4. The OMDs have removed Versed as the sole drug for sedation to facilitate intubation from the Scope of Practice, doing away with drug-facilitated intubation. It can be used in conjunction with other drugs in an RSI protocol, but just not as the sole drug.
 - They are also trying to define what a critical transport definition is.

Workforce Development Committee

Deputy Chief Byron Andrews provided the following update in Deputy Chief Jose Salazar's absence:

1. There was a lengthy discussion surrounding the education requirements, primarily around the paramedic programs and the Capstone program. There were many concerns about the length of the hiring processes, onboarding, then the time spent on paramedic training, and internships. There was no resolution but they are looking at that.
2. Officer 1 Program is being moved from a pilot program to an official program and it's in the process now.

Provider Health and Safety

Chief Brian Hricik reported the following update:

1. The mental health campaign has been awarded. They are in the process of publishing in-station posters that can be branded with each department's patch/logo.
 - They will look at the number of stations within each agency so each station gets one.
 - They should be mailing those out in early March.

EMS Performance Improvement & Trauma Committee

Dr. Weir provided the following update:

1. The last meeting was December 5, 2018
 - The medical/systems topic was mental health and ECOs and TDOs
 - i. A Field Guide for ECOs and TDOs was provided and that will be distributed to all providers.
 - ii. Processes for these types of orders are different from jurisdiction to jurisdiction so not everything provided by Chief Magistrate Willard will cross jurisdictional lines and each area should be familiar with their own processes
 - The trauma topic was traumatic brain injury and head injury
 - i. Meaningful data was presented on geriatric and ground level fall numbers
 1. The majority of fatalities were either geriatric patients and/or ground level falls. Please see the meeting minutes for further information.
2. Next meeting is March 13
 - The medical topic is sepsis
 - Trauma topic is the use of TXA and the evolving opinions on the use of TXA based on transport times
 - i. Transfusion numbers and percentages of those who receive a transfusion

Medevac Committee

Rick Cohen provided the following information:

1. There were two house bills being looked at
 - The first one was on informed consent for EMS patients, this was EMS HB777 and that's dead
 - HB780 passed and it says hospitals have to receive informed consent for non-emergent routine helicopter transports. They are using the CDC definitions so essentially to

qualify as a non-emergency routine helicopter transport, as an example, would be at Reston Hospital and live in New York and ask to be transported to New York by helicopter.

Regional Medical Directors & State Medical Direction Committee

Dr. Weir provided the following update:

1. The last meeting was on January 3, 2019.
 - a. Gary Brown briefed the group on legislative issues to be watching
 - i. One concern is the risk or threat to trauma system funding with a potential decreased due to a decrease in DUI reinstatement fees.
 - b. DEA and Board and Pharmacy are still in discussions on drafting new rules. If anyone sees them published or presented for public feedback, please notify Craig and he can forward it to the group
 - c. They discussed the grid for Scope of Practice and as previously mentioned DFI was removed.
 - i. There was a discussion on a small population that could benefit from awake intubation or intubation without being paralyzed. It was felt that return on investment would be low and that was stricken from the grid.
 - d. There was a group that met after the MDC to discuss interfacility transport and specifically critical care transports
 - i. They discussed the appropriate level of care for patients with certain devices such as Impella or a balloon pump.
 1. There was representation from both interfacility transport providers as well as physicians and they looked to the existing CMS definitions and they don't call it Critical Care Transport, they call it Specialized Care Transport which is a subset and ill-defined.
 - a. There was a discussion on additional training and certification of appropriate providers which would be followed up by testing and attestation by an OMD before being allowed to transport these patients.
2. The OMD CE workshop is March 6, 2019, at Fire Station 403 at 11 am
3. The next regional OMD meeting is May 7, 2019, at Fire Station 403 at 9 am

Training and Certification Committee

Michelle Ludeman advised of the following update:

1. In October 2018, OEMS changed the requirement and students no longer have to take the psychomotor exam before the cognitive exam, they can be taken in either order. Virginia has now exceeded the NREMT first-attempt pass rate by 1% and 91.7 % are passing the cognitive on the first attempt when taking it before the psychomotor
2. NREMT testing is valid for two years beginning November 1, 2018. Any candidate who completes their program on or after November 1, 2019, will be able to take advantage of the change
3. Tom Olander is working on the new scenario reports and OEMS is updating the PEG which is supposed to be released next month.
4. The new certification form for testing will be green instead of blue starting in March 2019
5. The Council is holding EMT Evaluator Training classes. One has been done in Loudoun already and there will be 6 more coming up.

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- Whether a new or experienced evaluator, you must take this course in order to remain on the Council's list
 - All current evaluators have been sent notice by email. If anyone knows of new evaluators, they can contact the Council to get on the email list for future updates and to get information on the current evaluator classes
6. OEMS is reviewing the EC process and has proposed removing the practical testing from the EC test. This request has not yet been approved by the Governor's EMS Advisory Board.
 - There is also discussion about the EMT testing and rules and regulations that are changing and how that affects EMS education
 7. OEMS is discussing ECs and first night paperwork and having it all done online. If you have not yet done that, you can call OEMS and they can help walk you through it.
 8. OEMS is also looking into the ability to allow online Course Approvals
 9. Tom Olander advised there has been a noticeable number of failures in the EMT tests lately because the students are being taught local protocols and that doesn't match the VEMSES or National Registry test scenarios
 - Additionally, please have your students register for classes and testing with the name on their photo ID. If their Authorization to Test letter and ID don't match, they won't be allowed to test
 10. Michelle advised there is still an issue with OEMS for students who are taking the cognitive exam first and then failing the psychomotor. The retest letters are not showing up in their OEMS portal and they are being emailed to the candidates but if they do not receive the letters they will need to contact Debbie Akers at OEMS to have their letters emailed to them. OEMS is working to get this corrected

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Deputy Chief Byron Andrews provided the following update:

1. The group that was adamant previously about the use of MUCC and SALT is now finding after post-incident documentation that many providers when faced with a mass casualty situation use their gut instead of an algorithm or defined plan and they're going to do research now to determine which is the best way to handle it. The formal programs have merit but what are the providers actually doing when they're faced with that situation?
2. In May or June 2018 a survey was sent to the local agencies to determine their readiness level for MCIs based on 5 pillars of emergency preparedness, more specifically on multi-patient incidents whether mass gathering, multiple patient events, preparation for surge issues. The group will start working through those surveys and providing feedback. What has been identified is that MCI training and triage was found, in some areas, to have poor knowledge of their local plan for these types of incidents, not just in Northern Virginia but across the state.

LEGISLATIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Deputy Chief Byron Andrews provided the following update:

1. The statewide plan which is led by the legislative planning committee for the Advisory Board has distributed drafts to the stakeholders for what the statewide plan is. In June or July, there will be a 30 day review period and an opportunity for the public to respond.

OLD BUSINESS

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1. An awards committee needs to be formed to field and review all nominations and then choose the winners in each category. The members of the awards committee for this year are as follows:
 - o Brian Hricik – City of Alexandria FD
 - o Brian Orndoff – City of Fairfax FD
 - o Jamie Cooper – Loudoun County Fire & Rescue
 - o Keith Morrison – HCA Reston Hospital Center
 - o Tom Olander – Fairfax Volunteer FD
 - o Wesley Melson – LifeCare Medical Transport
2. A Bylaw Review Committee needs to be formed. They were last updated in 2015 and need to be reviewed to see if any changes are needed based on the way we currently practice. The members of this committee are as follows:
 - o Brian Hricik – City of Alexandria FD
 - o Tom Olander – Fairfax Volunteer FD
 - o Cheryl Long – Arlington County FD
 - o Chris Schaff – HCA StoneSprings Hospital

JURISDICTIONAL REPORTS

City of Alexandria Fire Department

EMS Battalion Chief Brian Hricik provided the following update:

1. DC Byron Andrews is moving to the training division but will remain as a Board of Directors representative for the Council until December. BC Hricik has stepped into the DC position during this transition.
2. Recruit school is in session and they have several ALS providers in internships.
3. They just completed a protocol revision and their CEU cycle starts this month. This is published on the Council training calendar for those interested.
4. They are changing their CPR program from a compression to ventilation ratio of 50:2 back to 30:2 with a max of 3 epinephrines during a code.

Arlington County Fire Department

Anne Marsh reported on the following updates:

1. They recently had a productive meeting at Virginia Hospital Center working on some collaborative projects. The new Fire Chief wanted to get face to face with their CEO, the ED director, facilities manager, etc. Some items they want to collaborate on with them are:
 - o Encouraging telemedicine especially with their fixed facilities such as jails to reduce the non-emergency transports and reduces the risks associated with transporting inmates for everyone.
 - o They are partnering with the hospital for a medically observed detox room because the jail facility is no longer able to handle that and Horizon Healthcare who is contracted in the jail is no longer able to facilitate it. This also helps with determining any underlying medical or mental health conditions extraneous from their current intoxication and doesn't just put them in a hall bed or the previous "drunk tank" for them to sleep it off. It will also allow for more appropriate social services and resources to be provided if they are interested.
 - o Their Hands to Heart program which has been very popular is now, with the Chief's approval, being offered to all county employees.

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2. They are rolling out with social media and other communication outlets their “Make the right call” campaign on the proper usage of 911 on when to call vs. when not to call. This will also include TV advertising and door hangers for all residents, similar to the smoke detector program.
3. FACT*R Blood Program training is starting for APOs and an awareness of the program for other employees on how to request and get that dispatched.
4. They also had a meeting with Alexandria Hospital ED on expectations. Collaborations and partnerships to help reduce friction between EMS and receiving providers at Alexandria ED
5. The medic unit cycle has moved forward and all units except for Medic106 has a PowerLoad system on board. They are hoping this will reduce provider injury
6. They are looking to increase the number of Education Coordinators within the agency and hopefully reduce the strain on the training officer when it comes to CEs
7. They are also reviewing medical protocols and may change to the Loudoun County method of using algorithms.
8. Kate Kramer advised of the following:
 - o VHC is pursuing trauma center designation and their goal is to be a Level II by December and are looking at Comprehensive Stroke Center status in partnership with George Washington Hospital
 - o There is an APO class coming up in April to train 6 more officers
 - o They have launched a program with their dispatch center to train them in the First Responder model so they have some more in-depth medical knowledge. They’re about 2/3 of the way through now.
 - o They have a Physician Assistant Fellowship Program starting in April and will have a certified PA who is entering into a fellowship in EMS/Disaster Management. We may see her in the region because she’s very interested in medical direction, protocol writing, etc.
 - o They are holding a Be the Help Until Help Arrives train the trainer class in April which is already full. They are trying to launch two more in May and June and if you’re interested contact Nate Hiner with Arlington. Nhiner@arlingtonva.us

City of Fairfax Fire Department

Brian Orndoff provided the following update:

1. Their new City Manager Robert Stalzer has started and has made away around to different departments to introduce himself. It’s been very positive feedback.
2. The new Police Chief Erin Schaible will be starting later this month. She comes from Fairfax County Police Department.
3. They just hired two new paramedics and plan to hire three more. They currently have a few paramedics in internships as well
4. They are also doing a review of protocols, which they do quarterly but they’re taking a harder look now and seeking the feedback of other agencies on what they do
5. They’re putting a larger emphasis on QA/QI and data collection which they have been a little weak on in the past. They are looking more into Mission:Lifeline and how to track through ImageTrend
6. They are also looking at accreditations such as Mission:Lifeline and the Standards of Excellence through VDH to further highlight their agency
7. They are getting out into their community more and offering more public courses such as CPR, Stop the Bleed, and Be the Help Until Help Arrives once they are trained on that.

Essentially they're trying to be more a part of the community instead of just reactive to the community needs but due to funding and staffing that can be difficult.

8. They are working to be a FACT*R Blood Program agency along with Fairfax and Loudoun Counties. They are hoping to get that by the end of this month but their OMD is not 24/7 so that presents a challenge with activating the system. Since they work so closely with Fairfax County Fire & Rescue, they want their providers to be comfortable with the equipment until they are fully trained to use it themselves.
 - o Jamie Cooper from Loudoun County advised that there is a discussion of a plan to allow any OMD, not just your individual agency's OMD, to be able to initiate the process, so it may not be such a constraint on their agency in the future
 - o Dr. Weir advised that there is a discussion that an OMD could designate an alternate OMD for coverage when they are away but that is still in the works at this time

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue

Dr. Scott Weir provided the following updates in the absence of Deputy Chief Zosh:

1. They are completing an internship class at the end of March
2. They have completed their FACT*R Blood Program training and are ready if there is a need for its use
3. They recently hired two part-time nurses to act in a co-responder model for intra-agency collaboration with one in care planning resource management and one in quality assurance
4. They also have a new uniformed position geared toward follow up of identified cases that are referred by front line providers, cases are reviewed by a multi-disciplinary team and seek to provide case management and follow up for some of the more frequent EMS users who could be better served by other means
 - So far it's been somewhat successful in the reduction of their identified patients and brought to bear some concrete benefits in their overall care

Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division

Paul DeHaven reported the following update:

1. They have had several Narcan administrations by their patrol officers as well as some TECC responses by their patrol officers.
2. Their team has received FACT*R Blood Program training for all of their medics. They also have a transport capability to be able to deliver blood throughout the region if needed with weather or traffic considerations and they are committed to helping facilitate the transport as needed.
3. Their Tactical Medic team had an incident at Fairfax Hospital recently where a patient shot himself in his hospital room. There will be a debriefing soon on the incident. Two important pieces of information that came out of that incident are whether there is a need to develop a hospital-based equivalent of Rescue Task Force to work with hospital staff on administering care with law enforcement protection and how the patient was able to get a gun into the hospital. The patient was admitted to the hospital for medical reasons which were determined to be terminal in nature. He asked a family member to bring a bag of his belongings and he had already pre-positioned a gun in the bag so it is apparent that he had pre-planned this event. It's definitely an eye-opener for all providers to consider when transporting that while a weapon may not be out in the open, they may have it concealed in a backpack or purse or other bag when being transported so everyone should take that into consideration.
4. They have completed some TECC workplace violence classes for their civilian employees in the public safety headquarters building. There were approximately 160 employees and it was very

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well received. They may expand that to out county government buildings in the future if there is enough interest.

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue

Battalion Chief Jamie Cooper reported the following updates:

1. Assistant Chief Matt Tobia has left Loudoun County to go Harrisonburg, VA. Kevin Wright is the active Assistant Chief and the process for finding Chief Tobia's replacement is open and the Chief is eager to fill the vacancy quickly.
2. They have recently completed their second Crisis Intervention Team training class with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. While it is primarily law enforcement based, they are seeing success and positive feedback with fire and rescue personnel going through the training. It's a week-long training class and they have just finished their second class and are going to start another soon. Then they're going to select a small group to go into a train the trainer class.
 - o They recently sent out a survey to those who have gone through the class asking how often they use the skills they learned and it's was an overwhelmingly large number who stated they use it at least weekly between calls and station life.
3. They have a recruit class that will finish up in May with approximately 30. They have another recruit class that just started with 29 recruits.
4. They are also adding power cots to their fleet and have just purchased 7 in addition to 26 video laryngoscopes and 125 automated defibrillators

City of Manassas Fire and Rescue

Deputy Chief Todd Lupton presented the following updates:

1. Capt. Matt Fox is going back to the field March 11 and will no longer be attending Council meetings but will remain the third on the Board representation. Andy Carver will be taking his place.
2. They currently have 5 ALS interns.
3. They are fully staffed at this time.
4. Their patient care manual is in its final stages of being re-written
5. ESO for both fire and EMS records management was implemented on January 1, 2019, and is going smoothly so far. They hope to have integration with Novant by March which will provide full patient feedback from the hospital and the hospital will be able to pull in their run reports, so it operates in both directions
6. In 2018 they decided to expand the Pilot RSI Phase that they had been in for approximately 18 months. They made the decision to open it up and it is not the standard of care for all providers yet but they hope it will be at some point when all providers in the system are comfortable with it
7. They are working through their budget process now

City of Manassas Park Fire and Rescue

No representation

MWAA Fire and Rescue

No representation

Prince William County Fire and Rescue

No representation

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LifeCare Medical Transport

Wesley Melson provided the following update:

1. They currently have two big projects going on.
 - About 30 days ago they had a request to transport a suspected Ebola patient. They have now reclassified that as a “highly contagious disease transport” and they have a team to be deployed as needed, which is only one of three in the state for interfacility transports.
 - They completed over 150 mental health transports in January 2019 alone and over 90% of them went to facilities 300 or more miles from their original facility. Because of payer issues, they are having big challenges but working through it.

Northern Virginia Community College

Kathy Camp-Deal provided the following update:

1. Their Advisory Board Committee meeting was canceled and rescheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

OEMS Program Representative

Scotty Williams provided the following update:

1. The Office of EMS is currently located in two separate offices in the same business complex and are consolidating to one office starting this week. They will all be located at 1041 Technology Park Drive. During the transition, there will be downtimes with phones and internet/email access so please try to be patient in reaching them during that time.

PHI Aircare

Rick Cohen provided the following update:

1. They have had some staffing issues in the last year and haven't been able to attend many meetings but are back to up better staffing numbers now and should be more present
2. They have been carrying whole blood for the last 4-5 months but they don't have good statistics on it yet and are hoping to by the end of the year or early next year
3. They are also willing and able to transport blood throughout the region as needed
4. Each helicopter currently has 2 units of whole blood, each in 600cc bags

Physicians Transport

No Representation

HCA Reston Hospital Center

Keith Morrison provided the following updates:

1. The ICU opens next week
2. The new inpatient rehab opened last month
3. The EMS entrance is still not open due to weather delays
4. February 27th there are two training opportunities
 - Trauma Grand Rounds from 1200-1300
 - Cardiovascular STEMI from 1900-2000
 - You will get to hear from the ED physicians, cardiac surgeons, ICU, and the patient will also discuss it from their perspective

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5. They have 5 hand surgeons with replantation and revascularization capabilities available at Reston Hospital Center. Keith will review with them their full capabilities and will let the group know.
6. Keith is the NVHA Emergency Management Chair and they are having discussions about the use of plain language in manuals across facilities and with Inova hospitals
 - o As an example, there are approximately 7 different ways to say Active Shooter in the Northern Virginia hospitals. Some hospitals used code phrases that could mean different things at different facilities and this is confusing for police, fire/EMS, etc.

HCA StoneSprings Hospital

Keith Morrison provided the following update for Chris Schaff:

1. Their new CEO Matt Mathias started in January
2. They are moving closer to being able to take STEMIs but no definitive date yet

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Trauma Triage Plan was sent out via email prior to the meeting for review and comment. It was reviewed by the Trauma/PI Committee last year and any changes from prior years are reflected.
 - There were no comments or changes from the floor
 - A motion was made by Byron Andrews and seconded by Brian Hricik to accept as written
 - The Board unanimously approved the Trauma Triage Plan as written
2. The Regional Stroke Triage Plan was sent out via email prior to the meeting for review and comment. It was reviewed by the Stroke Committee last year and any changes from prior years are reflected.
 - There were no comments or changes from the floor
 - A motion was made by Byron Andrews and seconded by Brian Hricik to accept as written
 - The Board unanimously approved the Stroke Triage Plan as written
3. The Regional MCI Plan was sent out via email prior to the meeting for review and comment.
 - There were no comments or changes from the floor
 - A motion was made by Byron Andrews and seconded by Brian Hricik to accept as written
 - The Board unanimously approved the Regional MCI Plan as written
4. The EMS Strategic Plan was sent out via email prior to the meeting for review and comment. It needs to be reviewed this year in full. It has previously been reviewed by the Executive Committee. It was suggested by Brian Hricik that it remain with the Executive Committee for review and then will be sent out with a summary of change for comment by the Board of Directors. There was no opposition by any member of the Board.

Motion to adjourn 12:26 PM

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held April 11, 2019, at 10:00 am at City of Fairfax Station 403.

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CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Northern Virginia EMS Council
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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 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 February 11, 2019, 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 April 11, 2019, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia EMS Council.

Craig A. Evans
Executive Director
Northern Virginia EMS Council

Date