



Northern Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council

Board of Directors Meeting

4081 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22033

Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2019

DIRECTORS PRESENT (Listed Alphabetically by Last Name)

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GUESTS

Mark Guditus, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Mark.Guditus@inova.org

Bruce Ruggeri, PHI Air Medical, bruggeri@phihelico.com

Council President Rick Bonnett welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

- No representatives from the public were present to address the Board.
- Laura Vandegrift fell at the office this morning on the way to the meeting and hurt her ankle. Craig Evans, Executive Director, went to assist with her at the hospital.

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Treasurer's report

- The Treasurer's report was sent via email for review.
 - Beth Adams made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Brian Hricik.
 - The report was unanimously approved.

President's Reports

- REMS Council has signed an agreement with the Office of EMS to be a satellite office. This is the second Council to do this.
- Past President Brian Hricik, along with some other members of the Executive Board and other Executive Directors from other Councils, met with Virginia Office of EMS and Dr. Janeri, VDH Chief Deputy Commissioner during symposium about the direction the Councils are going. It was a positive meeting and OEMS stressed that the Councils are very important and working on a collaborative relationship. It was an opportunity to talk about opening and improving communication as well as looking at some strategic opportunities that exist going forward.
- Minutes from the NVEMSC Board of Directors meeting held October 10, 2019, were sent for review by email.
 - Byron Andrews made a motion to accept the minutes from the October Board Minutes as written, seconded by Brian Hricik.
 - The minutes were unanimously approved as written.
- 2020 Virginia EMS Symposium Call for Presentations will be open until Jan. 31, 2020.
 - More info is on OEMS website.
- Congratulations to the outstanding winner's of the 2019 Governor's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Award winners recognized from the region. It is a testament to what we do:
 - The Governor's EMS Award for Excellence in EMS – Byron Andrews, III, Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad, Alexandria Fire Department
 - The Governor's EMS Award for Outstanding EMS Administrator (The Kent J. Weber Trophy) – Anne Marsh, Arlington County Fire Department
 - The Governor's EMS Award for Physician with Outstanding Contribution to EMS (The Frank M. Yeiser Trophy) – Dan Avstreich, MD, FACEP, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department
 - This year was the 40th symposium and had over 1,700 participants

Executive Director's Reports

- No report.

STATE AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

AHA Training Center

Brian Hricik submitted the following report for Ray Whatley, AHA Training Center Coordinator

- **2019 CPR and ECC Guidelines updates**
 - Highlights are available at 2019 Focused Updates by visiting the [ECC Guidelines Page](#). For the 2019 Focused Updates, there will be no changes to products and no new materials are required.
 - Science updates include:

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- Extracorporeal CPR for adults
- Use of advanced airways during pediatric resuscitation
- Targeted temperature management
- And more
- Instructor eCards: AHA Instructor eCards are now available. We will be updating our price sheets shortly.
- Editing eCards: Students can now request edits to their AHA eCards. To request edits, students should follow these steps:
 - Go to the [eCards Search page](#)
 - Enter their First Name, Last Name, and Email Address (used to claim the eCard) or the eCard Code
 - Answer their Security Question
 - Students then will be taken to their Student Profile Page, where they will be able to view or edit any of their claimed eCards
 - To request edits, simply click the red Edit button, enter changes and click the Save Changes button
 - The TCC will then receive a notification to approve the edits to the student's eCard.

State EMS Advisory Board

Beth Adams reported the following update:

- Next meeting will be on February 3, 2020.
- There were no significant actions items.
- Chief Brazle from VA Beach gave a presentation on the active shooter situation.

Provider Health and Safety

Brian Hricik reported that they have not met since last meeting and next meeting is in February.

EMS Performance Improvement & Trauma Committee

Beth Adams reported the following:

- The last meeting was December 11, 2019
 - The medical topic was on seizures. The American Epileptic Society has new guidelines that give recommendations for 1st line drug and 2nd line drug treatment if in status epilepticus. The impact on us in the region is the recommended initial dose of Versed 10mg IM, which is higher than most have in their protocols. Most of the agencies are using Midazolam or Ativan also using IN over IM.
 - The systems topic was concealed weapons policy. The group thought the current regulations should be updated to include what constitutes a weapon since it has numb chucks and ninja stars but failed to include machete
 - suggestion to put together a subgroup to put together a regional protocol on managing weapons on patients.
 - The trauma topic was needle decompression/chest tube.
- Next meeting will be on March 12.
 - The next meeting the medical topic is Sepsis, trauma topic- entrapment and systems is public education.

Medevac Committee

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Richard Cohen reported the meeting at the EMS Symposium was canceled and not rescheduled.

Regional Medical Directors & State Medical Direction Committee

Dr. Morgan reported the following updates:

- Regional OMDs met on October 29 and discussed drug shortages, large vessel occlusion stroke regionally.
- State committee is working on white paper statement for vaccinations for providers and also working on physician statement for Blood programs.
- Next state meeting is on January 16, 2020.

Training and Certification Committee

Michelle Ludeman advised they had not met since last meeting.

Other Committees

OLD BUSINESS

- Awards committee will meet in the near future.
 - On the committee:
 - Beth Adams, Keith Morrison, Byron Andrews, Rick Cohen, and Kate Passow

JURISDICTIONAL REPORTS

City of Alexandria Fire Department

EMS Battalion Chief Brian Hricik provided the following update:

- Byron's last day is December 31st; they will be hosting a retirement celebration on January 3rd. An invite will be sent out once finalized. He will be sure it goes to the Council for dissemination and through the EMS Chiefs
- Still working through the Fire Chief's interview process, hoping to have a finalized announcement by the end of the calendar year.
- 2 new Engines went in service this month with two more coming very soon. Also, have 2 medic units on order from Braun.

Arlington County Fire Department

No report given.

City of Fairfax Fire Department

Nothing to report.

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue

Beth Adams provided the following update:

- 146th recruit school started 12/9 with 60 recruits (7 medics)
- FC Butler has declared 2020 the Year of EMS – looking at deployment, etc.
- Workgroups related to merging of Captain I & Captain II ranks are looking at roles & responsibilities

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- Thanks to those who have shared their OMD roles & responsibilities /contract info in anticipation of our developing the RFP for OMD contract in 2020 (original contract award was 5-year contract with up to five 1-year renewals – scheduled process per County Purchasing)
- Kicking off Resuscitation Reunions in 2020
- Welcome Battalion Chief Ry Kendrick to EMS Division

Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division

No report given.

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue

Micah Kiger reported the following updates:

- Recruit Class 39 started in October. Needed 35 recruits, they started with 33 and now are down to 30 or maybe even less than that.
- He received noticed yesterday from his QA folks that a process they have been working on with ImageTrend and Elite is fully functional on the backend with FirstWatch/FirstPass. The process is working and have already received some data back. All agencies across their county will be using it. It was fully functionally as of yesterday. Hope to have more information in the future to share.

City of Manassas Fire and Rescue

Todd Lupton reported the following update:

- One new medic started Monday and still have one vacancy.
- They have implemented at beginning of fiscal year Public Safety pay scale with police department.
 - One of the biggest impacts was change in ALS incentive a from \$10,000 to \$7,500 but added it now to retirement. That was the tradeoff; it is a decrease in pay but added to retirement. In the end, the City calculated an extra \$3.00 per hour that goes towards if you work overtime and retirement. They are interested in seeing how it plays out. The number of qualifying years of service with Manassas City also plays a part.
- They just put out a hiring advertisement.
- Braun Medic unit is on order and with a delivery date in February 2020.
- They were chosen for CMS data collection. He will report on how that goes.

MWAA Fire and Rescue

Rick Bonnett provided the following updates:

- Ordered a new medic unit with final inspections in January. Then ordering a second medic unit not long after that.
- Still short medics and implementing a BLS unit at Dulles starting in late January or February. They will still have a medic unit there.

Prince William County Fire and Rescue

No representation.

City of Manassas Park Fire Department

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Aaron Schutt reported the following:

- Having staffing issues like everyone else.

LifeCare Medical Transport

Wesley Melson provided these updates:

- Back in October, they hosted four paramedics from Germany for EMS exchange Program. This is the 26 year for the program. They attended the Marine Corps Marathon and were here about 2 ½ weeks and ended at the EMS Symposium. VAVRS sponsors this program.
- Rolling out high flow O2 delivery program across the state.
- They also got selected for the CMS survey.

Northern Virginia Community College

Kathy Camp-Deal provided the following information:

- Fall 2019 semester has ended.
- Spring 2020 Semester begins 1/13/20.
- NOVA has a new President – Anne Kress – who will begin 1/2/20. One of her main objectives is more community involvement.
- NOVA has purchased a large multi-purpose educational RV for the Medical Education Campus to send to community events. Will be doing so beginning January 2020

OEMS Program Representative

No representation. Leonard Mascaro has been hired as the new EMS Program Representative for NOVA. Scotty Williams will remain as the secondary point of contact for NOVA.

PHI Aircare

Rick Cohen provided the following updates:

- Bruce Ruggeri, will be taking over his old position.

Physicians Transport

Kate Passow presented the following updates:

- They need medics and EMTs.
- Starting in January they will be hosting an EMT class and at the end of class, they will offer a position to work for them.

HCA Reston Hospital Center

Keith Morrison reported the following updates:

- 2nd cath lab now open, discussions regarding ED bypass in certain situations.
- Education Q1 next year- January 21 and 30 Bariatric/ February cardiovascular / March will be Neuro - large vessel coming soon.
- Reston Hospital Center has successfully been verified as a Level II Trauma Center through October 2022 by the American College of Surgeons (ACS).

HCA StoneSprings Hospital

Pam Leins provided the following update:

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- The EP trailer was moved from the back on the loading dock to one of the three bays where you can pull in and park. This meant she took one of the electrical panels that had to be changed from a 30 amp to 50 amp. Still to slots there.
- NICU past inspection in September. Since the opening they have had at least one or two babies in it every week. This week they had 6 babies in a 5 bed unit.
- Look out for their CE opportunities being offered. Sepsis training in February.
- New VP of Operations starting January 6, 2020 from Florida.

Inova Fairfax Hospital

Mark Guditus reported the following update:

- Recertified as a Level 1 Trauma Center and Loudoun Hospital is working on Level 2.
- Look for e-mail about Flag Football either February 21 or 28. More to come.
- Stoke reevaluated changes in house this won't affect 911 service.
- Redskins raffle ticket will be pulled tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dr. Morgan reported Inova will be making and stocking whole blood in the Emergency Departments in January 2020. It will be the first in the region.
 - The potential of blood products trickling out into the prehospital realm just opened. The most blood consumed in is in the Trauma Centers. We can borrow it for a couple of weeks and bring it back if its not used it and recycle it. This is the model worked out in San Antonio and has been very successful.
 - Encourage blood donations in your local community and local jurisdictions.
 - VA Hospital Center is also looking at whole blood in 2020. Arlington Fire Department, along with INOVA Blood Services, will be doing a blood drive in January at one of their Arlington locations.
 - VA Hospital Center will be a Level 2 Trauma Center in January, 2020.
- Keith Morrison explained Reston Hospital is looking at signing on with the F*ctor Program and have met with Dr. Dan Avestreih. They have a new Chief Medical Officer, and everyone needs to be on board with it.
- An email was sent to the Board members with attachments containing the Continuation of Operations Plan, FY19 Audit and Annual Report 2019 that need to be voted on by the Board today.
 - *Brian Hricik made a motion to approve Continuation of Operations Plan, as submitted; this was seconded by Beth Adams and unanimously approved by the Board members present.*
 - *Beth Adams made a motion to approve the FY Audit, as submitted; this was seconded by Todd Lupton and unanimously approved by the Board members present.*
 - *Byron Andrews made a motion to table the Annual Report 2019, until the next Board meeting. This will give more time for the Board Members to provide feedback. This motion was seconded by Beth Adams and unanimously approved by the Board members present.*

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- Earlier at the EMS OPS meeting, there was discussion related to patient tracking this was in regards Pulsara.
 - Stan from Pulsara did a presentation for Rick Bonnett and James from MWAA last week.
 - Dr. Morgan spoke with Stan about getting on board. The system is very similar to patient tracking and works off of ImageTrend platform.
 - Loudoun and Dr. Morgan will be the guinea pig for the system and building it out. They already have a platform in place by using the patient tracking and handing off to another agency. About 99% of agencies already use ImageTrend. After the phone conversation, they will be modifying Pulsara Model product and adding secure image feature so you can transmit EKG and other images to the ED. Other features to include blast notifications such as STEMI activation.
 - Dr. Morgan has not committed yet but he was told they could work off of an NVERS grant which he was told would be no additional cost to the agency — waiting to see more information and hope to have functionally product in next couple of weeks to play around with and share regionally.

Motion to adjourn 11:33 AM.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held February 13, 2020, at 10:00 am at City of Fairfax Station 403.

The Council provided lunch for the Board of Directors as a way to thank all for their service and dedication throughout the last year.

CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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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 December 12, 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 February 13, 2020, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia EMS Council.

Craig A. Evans
Executive Director
Northern Virginia EMS Council

Date