

EMS Advisory Board November 9th Meeting Report

President's Report- Virginia has been recognized by JEMS for the work being done to review and develop standards for ambulances. Mike Berg was recognized for his work on this.

Vice Chair- No Report

Dr. Melton- Not Present

OEMS Report- Director Brown welcomed everyone to the 37th Annual EMS Symposium. There we're over 1,700 registrants this year. Frank Cheatham reported on the Strategic Highway Safety Plan and spoke about TIMS training. If you are interested, see meeting schedule on OEMS website.

BOH- Mr. Edwards provided follow-up on Abortion regulatory process. He indicated that a portion of the process had not been handled correctly and therefore no action could be taken at the originally scheduled meeting however, the error was corrected and those regulations are now adopted. The next meeting of the BOH is scheduled for 12/1 and the Regional Council reauthorization will be on the agenda.

FirstNet Presentation- Brent Williams the Senior EMS Advisor for FirstNet provided an overview of what this initiative is and the progress occurring at the Federal level.

Terrorist Attacks Presentation- Chief McGee from Prince William County Fire & Rescue gave a comprehensive presentation on the Terrorist Attacks in Paris.

Executive Committee- Mr. Critzer reported that he was still working on reviewing BOH appointment candidates and encouraged anyone who was interested to submit a CV to him as soon as possible. He also reported on the status of concerns over the future of EMT-Intermediate. A consensus has been developed on next steps. A series of Town Hall meetings will be advertised for Spring 2017. Everyone is encouraged to attend to hear information on the topic and provide input. Dates and locations are TBD.

Nominating Committee- Slate of Officers was presented by committee. Committee's nominations were confirmed and the nominated slate was elected for 2017.

FARC- In process of meeting on Fall grants. Special initiative of EMSTF grant was discussed.

Rules & Regulations- Committee had work session in September. Action Item from committee to move forward with advertisement of regulatory process. Approved by unanimous vote.

Legislative & Planning- State EMS plan, reviewed public comment and developed final draft. Action item from committee to approve to move forward to Board of Health for consideration. Approved by unanimous vote.

Transportation- Went over Federal change orders and discussed remounts at most recent meeting. No action items.

Communications- Have not yet met, no action.

Emergency Management- No report.

Medical Direction- Working with Trauma Taskforce. 1st ever Virginia chapter of EMS physicians meeting scheduled for 11/10.

Medevac- Reported on the #Lanethedrone campaign. Everyone signed larger campaign poster.

TSOM- Review of ACS recommendations and draft Trauma Plan continues being developed and will most likely be presented at the next Advisory Board meeting.

EMSC- National level changes are being made to maintaining EMSFC grants. Looking at prevention of medication errors. Looking to expand pediatrics education at Symposium next year.

Training & Certification- Action Item to approve program and updates to TPAM. Approved by unanimous vote.

Workforce Development- There has been more interest in Standards of Excellence program. EMS Officer I program is being presented for first time at Symposium.

Provider Health & Safety- No Report.

Regional EMS Councils- Awaiting update on EMSTF processes and awaiting BOH approval of contracts.

Public Comment- None.

Unfinished Business- None.

New Business- A concern was raised on fingerprint delays. Mr. Berg reported that they are handled by VSP if they are rejected sometimes the reason is unknown. There is no ability to fit it right now.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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