

Western Virginia EMS Council
Report from the Governor's EMS Advisory Board

The most recent meeting was held in conjunction with the 34th annual Virginia EMS Symposium in Norfolk, Virginia.

The final version of the 2012 EMS Needs Assessment is now available for review. The assessment report contains an Executive Summary followed by a more detailed analysis of the results. The assessment report is posted on the OEMS Web page at http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Files_Page/OEMS_general/2012EMSNeedsAssessment.pdf

The Board approved an action plan to meet the requirements of HB1856 that asks the Board to “review the training for emergency medical services personnel throughout the state to identify and address disparities in the delivery of training to and the availability of training for emergency medical services personnel.” The plan asks OEMS to work with regional councils to identify service gaps and report back by May 2014.

Congratulations to Zachary Beckner on receiving the Governor's EMS Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS Telecommunications.

Elections were held with Gary Critzer remaining as Chairperson and Dale Wagoner as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Committee Chairpersons from our region includes David Hoback – Emergency Management Committee, Matt Tatum – Transportation Committee, and Billy Altman – Financial Assistance Review Committee.

Thank you for your confidence in me to represent the Council on the Advisory Board. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Wagoner