

State EMS Advisory Board
August 8, 2014
Meeting Summary

16 New Advisory Board Members were introduced and sat for their first meeting.

OEMS Report:

- Quarterly Report is posted ([Click Here](#))
- Ambulance Standards- Change Order #6 from KKK has been issued without language requiring new cot restraint systems. SAE has recently completed a study on cot restraint systems, so the potential requirement may still become a reality.
NFPA 1917- Version 2 is on schedule for a tentative release date of January 2016.
CAAS GVS2015- A tentative release date for CAAS ambulance standard publication is October 2015.
- State EMS Plan and Fast-track regulatory technical changes were approval by the BOH.

Committee Reports:

- FARC-
 - New E-Gift program is available on-line. Grant period is now open.
- Rules & Regulations-
 - Background Checks- There was discussion during the Thursday committee meeting and in the VAGEMSA meeting about who the information OEMS receives can be shared with. At this time, nothing other than “eligible” or “ineligible” can be released. Addition concern of duplication of efforts on the part of local governments was expressed. OEMS is looking for ways to help streamline and refine the process, but it will not happen overnight.
- Legislative & Planning-
 - A code language bill is being introduced into this year’s legislative session to help clean up code related to EMS. Of important note is that this is only a technical bill, NOT policy. Personnel are strongly encourage NOT to attempt to add policy related items to this bill.
 - HB1010- This bill was tabled during the 2014 legislative session, but is expected to be readdressed in the 2015 session. All committees were charged with being proactive in coming up with alternative options or solutions. The intent is to be proactive to the readdress of this bill.
- Transportation-
 - Videos of ambulance crash tests from NIST and NIOSH will be on the OEMS website for review.
- Communications-

- Accreditation and reaccreditation timetables for EMD has been changed to 3-years.
- Emergency Operations-
 - Triage tag RFP is being issued. Selected vendor will print 187,000 triage tags. Tags will be distributed to agencies and some to regional councils. Future orders may be available, but only after an agreed upon minimum order is reached with the vendor.
 - Exploring a web-based solution for emergency management resource monitoring and allocations. Mutualaid.net from IAFC has been reviewed in conjunction with VDEM and VDFP.
- Medical Directions-
 - Upcoming agenda will address HB1010
- Medevac-
 - Working on review of information on ground versus air transport times.
 - Beginning to track helicopter shopping that continues to occur throughout the Commonwealth
- Trauma-
 - Changing the committee structure (Appendix F of Quarterly Report)
- Professional Development-
 - Committee motions (Appendix A-D of Quarterly Report)

Respectfully Submitted,

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