

*Western Virginia EMS Council*

*Report from the Governor's EMS Advisory Board*

The most recent meeting was held August 12, 2011 in Glen Allen, Virginia.

I am humbled that the Governor has re-appointed me to represent WVEMS on the EMS Advisory Board. My term will expire on June 30, 2014. With the recent appointments, there are ten new members on the Board. I have also been selected to serve on the nominating committee to make recommendations for filling the positions of chairman, vice-chairperson, and committee chairpersons of the Board.

The Board endorsed the OEMS Division of Education Development's proposal to use National Registry of EMT's certification for all initial EMS certifications levels. Currently, only EMT-I and EMT-Paramedic use National Registry. Once implemented, Emergency Medical Responder (EMR, formerly first responder), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) will also use National Registry for initial testing. This is likely to be implemented for courses starting after July 1, 2012.

The 2011 Virginia EMS Symposium will be held Nov. 9-13 in Norfolk, VA. The next advisory board meeting will be held in conjunction with the symposium on Wednesday. If you get the opportunity, plan to attend the Governor's Advisory Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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