

**Training and Certification Committee Minutes**  
**Virginia Office of EMS – 1041 Technology Park Dr. Glen Allen, VA 23059**  
**Wednesday, April 4, 2018 – 10:30 am**

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff	Others
Ron Passmore, Chair William Akers Brian McIntosh Craig Evans Christopher Kroboth Larry Oliver Dr. Robin Foster	Kathy Eubank Dr. Charles Lane – Excused	Warren Short Debbie Akers Billy Fritz Dr. Charles Lindbeck	Amy Ashe Donna Galganski Pabst Christine Laurance Amy Orndoff Tony Prata Jason Ferguson Valerie Quick Greg Neiman Steve Powell Megan Young Bill Tosick Michelle Ludeman

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
<b>I. Welcome</b>	The meeting was called to order at 10:33 am by Ron Passmore, Chair.	
<b>II. Introductions</b>	Introductions were made of committee members and guests.	
<b>III. Approval of Agenda</b>	The Committee reviewed the Agenda for today's meeting. <b>(Attached)</b>	<b>Motion by Brian McIntosh. Second by Larry Oliver.</b>
<b>IV. Approval of Minutes</b>	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the January 3, 2018 Quarterly Meeting. Minutes available online: <a href="http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/training-certification-committee-standing/">http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/training-certification-committee-standing/</a> Reminder that committee minutes will no longer be printed but available online.	<b>Motion by Larry Oliver. Second by Bill Akers.</b>
<b>V. Reports of Committee Members</b>	<p>A. Reports of Committee Members</p> <p>1. Chairman Report – Ron Passmore – This will be final meeting as chair of committee. He is working with EMS Advisory Board chair on replacement as chair. He has nominated Mr. R. Jason Ferguson and is awaiting appointment from the EMS Advisory Board in May. Ron has accepted a position with the Office and start April 24, 2018 in Regulation and Compliance.</p>	

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	<p>2. Medical Direction Committee – Dr. Lane - Excused/Dr. Lindbeck – Action item for tomorrow’s meeting is to review Scope of Practice. Additional items to review will include proposed changes to regulation regarding EMS physician certifications, expanded definition of care and non-transport response.</p> <p>3. Committee Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Non-VCCS EMS Program – Billy Fritz – No Report. There will be an effort to work on recruitment for replacement of vacancy.</li> <li>b. VCCS – Bill Akers – VCCS is currently revising EMS curriculum. Removing step-out at Intermediate-99 level and build in step-out for Advanced EMT. Submitted to VCCS system office for approval. Thanks to all of the program directors with assistant and Office of EMS for. Hoping for fall implementation. Discussion of two different suggested pathways for stepping out for AEMT whether it is a contracted class or completed at college.</li> <li>c. VAVRS – Not present. No report.</li> <li>d. Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Craig Evans – No report.</li> <li>e. EMSC – Dr. Robin Foster – No report. Planning meeting cancelled.</li> <li>f. VAGEMSA – Larry Oliver – No report.</li> <li>g. Fire Based Organization – Christopher Kroboth – No report.</li> <li>h. Educators – Brian McIntosh – No report.</li> </ul> <p>B. Office of EMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BLS Training Specialist – Billy Fritz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Welcome William (Billy) Fritz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Learning the ropes and thankful for the warm welcoming.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Status – EC Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Many people in the process with several applications having completed 75% of their mentoring hours.</li> <li>2. Tentative institute to be in June 2018. Waiting for enough candidates until dates are released to ensure enough attendance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Updated – Feedback from Educators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. See the latest schedule on OEMS webpage: <a href="http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/ems-educator-update-schedule/">http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/ems-educator-update-schedule/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>2. ALS Training Specialist – Debbie Akers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In House psychomotor competency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increased interest in accreditation due to availability of in-house psychomotor competency. Added 5 programs to in-house testing. Seeing excellent results from program graduates. Working on objective evaluation tool for program spot-checks to be done by CTS examiners.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Accreditation (<b>Attachment A</b>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two new programs have submitted packets for review. First Letter of Review (LoR) EMT class in. Once first cohort is in a site visit team will be sent. OEMS will be following a CoAEMSP model with LoR followed by site visit.</li> <li>2. All accredited Intermediate-99 programs will expire 12/31/2019. These programs wishing to teach the AEMT program will need to submit for re-accreditation prior to this date. Start this process early to prevent lapse in ability to conduct ALS classes.</li> <li>c. NR Stats (<b>Attachment B</b>) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Report distributed.</li> <li>2. Virginia continues to match the National Registry pass rate. Higher success rate on second attempts.</li> </ol> </li> <li>d. NR had some issues transitioning providers from I99 to AEMT. Transition applications for Intermediate to Paramedic are still good as long as it's completed by March 31, 2019.</li> <li>3. EMSTF – Chuck Faison absent. Reported by Warren Short <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. EMS Scholarship Status <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EMS Scholarship is up and running in collaboration with Office of Health Equity (OHE). Awards have been issued. It takes at least 30 days once the application has been approved for payment to process. Currently a manual process looking for automation for streamlining. Working to correct issues. Next session opened April 1, 2018 for new scholarship period. Reminder that students must be enrolled in program. Educators can accept students into program before start. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Question from audience, “How does an employer know when a scholarship is awarded?” Chuck will have to research. Contract is with students.</li> <li>ii. Question from Bill Akers, “Will a report be issued for funding dispersed?” Yes, Chuck is working on this currently.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. CE Auxiliary Contracts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Contact with the Regional Councils. Questions regarding funding for auxiliary programs should be directed towards Regional Council.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Testing – Peter Brown absent. Reported by Warren Short and Larry Oliver. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Staffing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. CTS Staffing continues to decline. Have received approval for hiring.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Scenario rewrite – Larry <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 14 medical and 8 trauma scenarios reviewed and revised. One medical scenario tabled for further discussion. Considered ease of moulage for trauma scenarios. Random scenarios are up to date with removal of KED. Reviewing critical criteria on checklists before release and reprinting of new forms. Workgroup’s next task will be to add additional trauma scenarios.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. March 1 initiate Pulse Oximetry, ETCO2, Glucometry <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Implementation date pushed back. Expected date of July 1, 2018.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. AEMT/Paramedic Program Directors should have received an email from NR regarding pending implantation date of May 1, 2018 for new skills sheets. Critical failure for competent EMT has been removed. Adult intubation and pediatric intubation not updated due to I-99 no longer being tested after December 31, 2019.</li> <li>iii. No need to purchase devices for CTS. Numeric response to be provided. EMT is not expected to interpret waveform. Questions regarding treatment. Numeric values will be dichotomous.</li> </ul> <p>5. Division of Educational Development – Warren Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. BLS Staff Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Billy Fritz is the new BLS Training Specialist.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. I99 Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. National Registry has issued formal notification that Intermediate 99 testing will end on December 31, 2019. If a testing candidate has not passed by that date, they will have no further opportunities to certify at the Intermediate level. Dual enrolling students in an AEMT program in the event they are not successful on passing the I-99 examination. Program should consider a ‘sunset date’ to ensure student success in testing. Current Virginia Intermediates can maintain their certification through CE. If certification lapses, there is no re-entry mechanism.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Scope of Practice – Dr. George Lindbeck <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Will be discussing allowing EMT’s to draw up epinephrine from a vial with pre-marked fixed syringe and picture comparison charts. MDC has not approved these currently.</li> <li>2. Albuterol, Glucagon, Narcan have been approved by MDC for EMT scope of practice. Will be added to scope of practice once Advisory Board has approved.</li> <li>3. From Debbie, reminder to educators that these are educational minimum, practice maximum. All EMTs should graduate programs with knowledge regardless of not it is current practice in region.</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Office is impressed with VCCS progress on curriculum.</li> </ul> <p>6. Regulation &amp; Compliance – Reported by Warren Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Changes to CPR requirement as prerequisite to entering program pending approval from Attorney General (AG).</li> <li>b. From Debbie – Working on test order change with IT. Goal for implementation is of July 1, 2018. Additionally, working with AG’s office to remove required timeframes from regulation on testing to mirror NR process.</li> <li>c. From Dr. Lindbeck – Recent regulatory issue with EMS physician resulting in suspension. The physician had oversight of several agencies and education a programs. These agencies and programs were taken over by Dr. Lane and Dr. Lindbeck.</li> <li>d. Current regulations under review. Wording update to remove “EMT Instructor”. Testing guidelines should be updated to match current practice. Presentation anticipated in May to Advisory Board for action.</li> </ul> <p>7. Director/Asst. Director – Gary Brown &amp; Scott Winston absent. Reported by Warren Short.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ron Passmore will be the new Regulation &amp; Compliance Manager beginning April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.</li> <li>b. Billy Fritz is the new BLS Training Specialist who started in March.</li> <li>c. New Personnel Analyst Keith Roberts started with OEMS</li> <li>d. Tim Perkins is the new Community Health &amp; Technical Resources (CHATR) division manager.</li> </ul>	
<b>VI. Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Availability of CTS Sites – Bill Akers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Due to accredited programs no longer utilizing CTS for testing there is a concern about the availability of test sites for students from non-accredited programs. Recommended having a time-dependent (non-number expectation of CTS timeframes. Discussion by committee – no resolution. Tabled from January 2018.</li> <li>b. Discussion by committee. Craig Evans reported that Regional Council discussed at last meeting. Contract states Councils are only required to do one CTS per year. Most councils are conducting 12-20 per year. Regional Councils feel this is a communication issue and can be improved with better communication with educators.</li> <li>c. Discussion by Larry Oliver to review this on a regular basis to see if there is an increase in cancellation of CTS.</li> <li>d. Discussion to amend previous meeting minutes to remove workgroup and recommend ongoing discussion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>VII. New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discussion of EC-Candidate Psychomotor Testing – Brian McIntosh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Discussion on psychomotor testing requirement for EC Candidates at CTS. Request to revisit workgroup with Chris Kroboth as Chair.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion by Brian McIntosh to reopen workgroup to review EC process. Second by Chris Kroboth. Motion carried.</b></p>
<b>VIII. Public Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank you to Ron Passmore for 4 years of service to committee.</li> </ul>	
<b>IX. Dates for 2017 Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2018 dates are January 3, April 4, July 11, October 3</li> </ul>	
<b>X. Adjourn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 am.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion by Brian McIntosh. Second by Larry Oliver.</b></p>

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

William J. Fritz  
OEMS Staff Representative  
April 4, 2018



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### Office of Emergency Medical Services

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### Division Of Educational Development

## Training & Certification Committee

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## Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes from January 3, 2018
- V. Reports of Committee Members
  - A. Reports of Committee Members
    1. Chairman Report
    2. Medical Direction Committee - Dr. Charles Lane
    3. Committee Members
  - B. Office of EMS
    1. BLS Training Specialist – Staff, OEMS
      - a. Welcome William (Billy) Fritz
      - b. Status - EC Process
      - c. Updates – Feedback from Educators
    2. ALS Training Specialist – Debbie Akers, OEMS
      - a. In House psychomotor competency
      - b. Accreditation
      - c. NR Pass Rates
    3. EMSTF – Charles Faison, OEMS
      - a. Scholarship Status
      - b. CE and Auxiliary Program Funding
    4. Certification Testing Coordinator – Peter Brown, OEMS
      - a. Staffing
      - b. Scenario rewrite
      - c. March 1 initiate Pulse Oximetry, ETCO2, Glucometry
    5. Division of Educational Development (DED) – Warren Short, OEMS
      - a. BLS Staff Status
      - b. I99 Status
      - c. Scope of Practice

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6. Regulation & Compliance – Scott Winston, OEMS
7. Director/Asst. Director – Gary Brown/Scott Winston, OEMS
8. Other Office Staff

#### VI. Previous Business

1. Availability of CTS – Bill Akers

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#### VII. New Business

- A. Open to the floor

#### VIII. Public Comment

#### IX. Dates for 2018 Quarterly Meetings

- A. Scheduled dates:

- ~~1. January 3, 2018~~
2. April 4, 2018
3. July 11, 2018
4. October 3, 2018
5. January 9, 2019

#### X. Adjourn

**Attachment A to the  
April 4, 2018 TCC Minutes**

**National Registry Statistics**



# EMT Statistics

## As of 04/03/2018

### Virginia:

**Report Date:** 4/3/2018 7:35:48 PM  
**Report Type:** State Report (VA)  
**Registration Level:** EMT  
**Course Completion Date:** 1st Quarter 2015 to 1st Quarter 2018  
**Training Program:** All

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The results of your report request are as follows:

Attempted The Exam	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts	Cumulative Pass Within 6 Attempts	Failed All 6 Attempts	Eligible For Retest	Did Not Complete Within 2 Years
8133	68% (5544)	79% (6446)	80% (6486)	0% (4)	12% (947)	9% (699)

### National Registry Statistics:

**Report Date:** 4/3/2018 7:33:24 PM  
**Report Type:** National Report  
**Registration Level:** EMT  
**Course Completion Date:** 1st Quarter 2015 to 1st Quarter 2018  
**Training Program:** All

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The results of your report request are as follows:

Attempted The Exam	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts	Cumulative Pass Within 6 Attempts	Failed All 6 Attempts	Eligible For Retest	Did Not Complete Within 2 Years
227986	68% (155750)	80% (182461)	81% (184050)	0% (198)	12% (26823)	7% (17048)

Individual Instructor Statistics are available on the OEMS webpage at the following link: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2018/01/12-31-2017-EMT.pdf>

**Attachment B to the  
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**Accreditation Report**

# **Accredited Training Site Directory**

As of April 3, 2018



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**Accredited Paramedic Training Programs in the Commonwealth**

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b>BLS Accredited</b>	<b># of Alternate Sites</b>	<b>Accreditation Status</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
<i>Central Virginia Community College</i>	68006	Yes*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>ECPI University</i>	70017	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
<i>J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College</i>	08709	No	3	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Jefferson College of Health Sciences</i>	77007	Yes	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>John Tyler Community College</i>	04115	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
<i>Lord Fairfax Community College</i>	06903	No	--	National – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Loudoun County Fire &amp; Rescue</i>	10704	No	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Northern Virginia Community College</i>	05906	No	1	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Patrick Henry Community College</i>	08908	No	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Piedmont Virginia Community College</i>	54006	Yes	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Prince William County Dept of Fire and Rescue</i>	15312	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Rappahannock Community College</i>	11903	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Southside Virginia Community College</i>	18507	No	1	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Southwest Virginia Community College</i>	11709	Yes*	4	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Stafford County &amp; Associates in Emergency Care</i>	15319	Yes*	3	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Thomas Nelson Community College</i>	83012	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
<i>Tidewater Community College</i>	81016	Yes*	3	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>VCU School of Medicine Paramedic Program</i>	76011	Yes	5	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP

Programs accredited at the Paramedic level may also offer instruction at EMT- I, AEMT, EMT, and EMR, as well as teach continuing education and auxiliary courses.

- John Tyler Community College under Letter of Review. Initial accreditation visit is scheduled for April, 2018.
- ECPI University has received their Letter of Review to conduct their first cohort class.
- Thomas Nelson Community College under Letter of Review to conduct their first cohort class.
- Loudoun County Fire and Rescue CoAEMSP site visit for continued accreditation conducted in February, 2018. Awaiting report.
- Northern Virginia Community College CoAEMSP site visit for continued accreditation conducted in February, 2018. Awaiting report.
- Stafford County & Associates in Emergency Care CoAEMSP site visit for continued accreditation is scheduled for August, 2018.

**\* Indicates program has been approved for in-house psychomotor competency verification.**

**Accredited Intermediate Training Programs in the Commonwealth**

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b>BLS Accredited</b>	<b># of Alternate Sites</b>	<b>Accreditation Status</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
<i>Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i>	79001	Yes	4	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Danville Area Training Center</i>	69009	No***	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Hampton Fire &amp; EMS</i>	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Henrico County Fire Training</i>	08718	Yes*	--	State – Full	August 31, 2020
<i>James City County Fire Rescue</i>	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Norfolk Fire Department</i>	71008	No	--	State – Full	July 31, 2021
<i>Paul D. Camp Community College</i>	62003	Yes	--	State – Full	May 31, 2021
<i>Southwest Virginia EMS Council</i>	52003	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>UVA Prehospital Program</i>	54008	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>WVEMS – New River Valley Training Center</i>	75004	No	--	State – Full	June 30, 2022

Programs accredited at the Intermediate level may also offer instruction at AEMT, EMT, and EMR, as well as teach continuing education and auxiliary courses.

- All accredited programs whose expiration date was less than December 31, 2019 has been extended until that time based on the end date established by National Registry for I-99 testing. If these programs desire to remain accredited, they will be required to submit an AEMT reaccreditation self-study.

**\* Indicates program has been approved for in-house psychomotor competency verification.**

**\*\* Request has been received for in-house psychomotor competency verification.**

**\*\*\* Request has been received for BLS accreditation to be added to ALS accreditation.**

**Accredited AEMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth**

<i>Site Name</i>	<i>Site Number</i>	<i>BLS Accredited</i>	<i># of Alternate Sites</i>	<i>Accreditation Status</i>	<i>Expiration Date</i>
Frederick County Fire & Rescue	06906	Yes*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2020

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**Accredited EMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth**

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b># of Alternate Sites</b>	<b>Accreditation Status</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
Arlington County Fire Training	01305	-	State – Letter of Review	
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire EMS	71006	--	State – Full	July 31, 2018
City of Virginia Beach Fire and EMS	81004*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2018
Chesterfield Fire & EMS	04103*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2020

- Arlington County Fire Training has been granted Letter of Review to conduct their first cohort EMT program.

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