

**Rules & Regulations Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of EMS
Courtyard Marriott, 10077 Brook Road,
Glen Allen, VA 23059
August 7, 2014
3:00 p.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Ed Rhodes (Acting Chair, At-Large)	Linda Johnson (VPPF- Career) Excused	Michael Berg	Bruce Edwards
Gary Critzer (At Large)	Gerald Hyland (VACO-VML) Excused	Gary Brown	Dan Norville
Anthony Wilson (VAA)		P. Scott Winston	Dreama Chandler
Greg Woods (At Large, Small Rural)		Adam Harrell	Joel Andres
Karen Wagner (VAVRS)		Warren Short	Kelly Southard
Jennie Collins (VAGEMSA)		Wanda Street	Gary Samuels
David Hoback (VFCA)		Dennis Molnar	Jason Ferguson
		Tim Perkins	Matt Tatum
			S. Denene Hannon
			Edward Brazle
			Daniel Wildman
			Jose Salazar
			Byron Andrews
			Sam Dahl

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to Order:	Mr. Ed Rhodes called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. Mr. Rhodes thanked Gary Samuels for his service and dedication as Chair of the committee over the past few years. As of now, he is the Acting Chair.	
Welcome & Introductions	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Approval of current agenda & minutes dated May 8, 2014:	Today's agenda was approved as distributed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was moved by Anthony Wilson and seconded by Ed Rhodes. The May 8, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.	The May 8, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.
Staff Report:	a. Staffing Update:	

	<p>Michael Berg reported that the Rules & Regulations Division is at full staff. However, approval has been granted for a part-time, wage position to handle the background check investigation documentation. Michael hopes to have someone on board within the next month.</p> <p>b. Ongoing Regulatory Activities</p> <p>i. RSAF – This fast track packet is at the Attorney General’s Office waiting for their review.</p> <p>ii. Practitioner’s Signature – This fast track packet is at the Governor’s office waiting for review and signature.</p> <p>iii. Affiliation – This fast track packet has been submitted to VDH administration for their review and the Commissioner’s signature. Once approved, it should be submitted to the State Board of Health for review and approval, scheduled for September 18, 2014.</p> <p>iv. BOP (Board of Pharmacy) – The Board of Pharmacy changed their regulations based on legislation that was passed during the last General Assembly. They looked at their regulations relative to Emergency Drug Kits for EMS agencies. They put together a fast track packet for the changes and are awaiting the proper approvals. Jennie explained that Schedule II –V drugs will be in the kit and Schedule VI drugs would be on a one-for-one exchange basis.</p> <p>c. Update regarding FBI Fingerprint checks The State Police own this program. The FBI Fingerprint check system has been progressing well. From May 13 to July 30, 643 requests had been processed. In June, 240 requests were process and in July 334. Michael reported that the background check is very thorough and has detected some disturbing information on a few recent applicants. Jennie expressed concern with the <i>Code</i> language and that agencies need to be able to see the full background report of an individual. She expressed that two records are now being run instead of one. Other committee and audience members voiced concerns as well. Legislative changes may need to be made. Michael stated that if anyone has questions or concerns, information can be found on the OEMS webpage. A meeting is scheduled with State Police and Michael & Ed will keep everyone updated.</p>	
<p>Unfinished Business:</p>	<p>a. HB 1010 This is the EMT 80 hour bill. Per Gary Critzer, committees are discussing options and alternatives on how to address this. More information will be forthcoming.</p> <p>b. Ambulance Standards</p> <p>i. NFPA 1917 The Transportation Committee and the Provider Health & Safety Committee met two weeks ago and a</p>	

	<p>presentation was done. A link of the presentation will be put on the OEMS webpage for viewing. There are 50+ public comments on version 2 of the NFPA standards. The intent is to have version 2 ready in 2016. The end of this month Michael will be going to California to meet with the NFPA Automotive Ambulance Technical Review Committee (NFPA 1917) to review the submitted public comments.</p> <p>ii. CAAS GVS2015 Michael has a meeting on Monday with CAAS to work on GVS2015. This will go out for public comment on September 1 and they will meet again in December to review the public comments. The plan is to publish the document in January 2015 with an implementation date of October 1, 2015. This is when the GSA K Specs expire.</p> <p>iii. Change Order 6 This change order became effective July 1, 2014. It <u>did not</u> include the COT Retention System Standard. The Society of Automotive Engineers SAE J3027 was not published at that time, so the Federal Government could not include it. Since then the standard has been published, therefore, it will potentially be called Change Order 7.</p> <p>c. Other – None.</p>	
New Business:	<p>a. Executive Order 17 – due 2016 The new Governor’s administration has issued Executive Order 17 which deal with the regulatory process. The timelines for the review processes have been adjusted. One thing that remains the same is that all existing regulations need to be reviewed every 4 years. OEMS regulations will need to be reviewed in 2016, since they were last reviewed in 2012.</p> <p>b. Other Mr. Rhodes asked Gary Brown to mention the funding for Regional EMS Council Directors. The Office of EMS had pending questions in the AG’s office since 2006. They are finally getting around to answering some of them. Gary explained that, basically, funds going to a Regional EMS Council should be distributed to licensed, non-profit EMS agencies. It is not to be used for operational purposes.</p>	
Public Comment:	None.	
Next Meeting:	To be determined.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:21 p.m.	