

EMS Emergency Management Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of EMS
Norfolk Waterside Marriott
235 E. Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510
November 7, 2018
9:30 a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests:
Byron Andrews , Chair	Damien Coy , ODEMSA	Karen Owens	Dreama Chandler, Advisory Board
Patrick Ashley , VDH, OEP HPP		Wanda Street	
Easton Peterson , Health & Medical Emergency Response Teams (HMERT)	Kelly Parker , VHHA		
Judy Shuck , HRMMRS/TEMS	Daniel Brewer , VDEM		
Mike Player , Regional Council, VA-1 DMAT	David Hoback , VFCA		
Adam Galton , VSP	John H. Craig, III , VAVRS		
Bubby Bish , VAVRS	Walter English , VEMA		
	Bryan McRay , VAGEMSA		

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Call to order:	The chair, Byron Andrews, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.	
Review & Approval of the August 2, 2018 minutes:	A motion was made by Easton Peterson to approve the August 2, 2018 meeting minutes. Patrick Ashley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.	The minutes were approved as submitted.
Introduction of Guests and New Committee Members:	Adam Galton reintroduced himself to the committee. He is a special agent with the Virginia State Police and has not attended the meetings in about a year.	
Committee Chair Report – Byron Andrews:	Byron Andrews stated that this is his last meeting as Chair. His position has rotated off of the EMS Advisory Board. A new chair will be nominated for this committee this afternoon. Byron stated that it has been a pleasure working with everyone and he will still attend some of the meetings.	
Committee Member Reports:	<p>Michael Player – VA-1 DMAT – Virginia-1 DMAT has been very active during the 2018 Hurricane Season.</p> <p>In August, one VA-1 DMAT Logistics Management Specialist was included as staff for the Trauma and Critical Care Team Training Course in Anniston, Alabama, and one VA-1 DMAT Information Technology Specialist was included as JPATS (Joint Patient Assessment and Tracking System) Training Course in the US Virgin Islands.</p> <p>In September, two VA-1 DMAT clinicians, a Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Specialist attended an Aeromedical Intensive Care Basic Course at Florida International University, Miami, FL.</p>	

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	<p>In October, VA-1 DMAT personnel responded to Hurricane Michael. Three VA-1 DMAT personnel deployed to Mobile, AL and Tallahassee Florida to Support a medical shelter at Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL. They were demobilized from that mission and then supported another medical shelter in Panama City Beach and a hospital decompression mission at Calhoun Liberty Hospital in Blountstown, FL, just inland of where the hurricane made landfall. A VA-1 DMAT Occupational Health and Safety Specialist was deployed as Safety Officer to Washington, DC as part of the HHS (SOC) Secretary’s Operation Center.</p> <p>In November, a VA-1 DMAT physician was deployed as Chief Medical Officer to Washington, DC as part of the HHS (SOC) Secretary’s Operation Center in support of the NDMS response to Super Typhoon Yutu in Guam and Siapan.</p> <p>VA-1 DMAT will be on-call for the country again in December of 2018.</p> <p>OEMS Report – Karen Owens During one of the recent storms, they called for the evacuation of one of the zones in Hampton Roads and we recognized that nursing home A, B and C all have agency A as their primary evacuation. This is a problem if all three nursing homes have to evacuate. Multiple phone calls were received from multiple locations including the VA Hospital to assist with evacuation of patients. The resources that they had were overwhelmed. Karen has reached out to Virginia Ambulance Association. There was a lack of knowledge about the private agencies that could assist. They realized that they needed a list of these resources and it will be shared with the nursing homes. The committee discussed this in more detail including patients/people with special needs. The resource requests will be coordinated from the Health Department per Karen. Once the resources are located, it is unclear who they will report to at the local level for specific instruction/coordination.</p>	
<p>Unfinished Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey Results – Review and Next Steps – Karen Owens Karen has broken down the survey results by region. The survey results show which regions were more active participants and which were not. At a previous meeting, we discussed what we want to focus on next. We will focus on Mass Casualty/Active Shooter due to the environment that we currently live. The High-Consequence Infectious Disease pillar can go on the back burner for now. What can we do to get people to talk about and understand Mass Casualty/Active Shooter incidents? Easton suggested education at the agency leadership level. Provide a checklist with the following questions: Does all your staff know ICS? Have all of your providers gone through MCI I & II? Do you have a plan? Have you exercised the plan? Do you have triage tags? Do you use triage tags? Have you gone through the NFA EMS Courses? Do you practice regularly with RHCC? This will be a self-assessment type of educational tool. Karen asked the committee to make a list of the questions and send them to her via email. Byron stated that he would like to see an 8½ by 11 training piece that take no longer than 1 to 2 minutes. This should be presented as a best practice tool and not an unfunded mandate. Karen asked Adam if there are any law enforcement active shooter checklists or best practices. Adam stated that they did not have any standardized checklists. • MCI Module I & II Updates – Karen Owens Karen asked Judy how her class went. Judy stated that it didn’t happen due to lack of responses. So she had to cancel. Karen will look into developing an online module. Patrick suggested having multiple delivery methods 	

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	<p>for MCI. Karen agreed. Judy stated that an EMSAT of an overview of START vs. SALT would be helpful. Karen stated that an EMSAT was done two years ago. Karen will work with Education and Training to develop a 30 to 45 minute training module with a test. She would like to give them something that they can upload, have access to and manage.</p>	
New Business:	<p>Karen stated that the Office of EMS is looking at some new initiatives as far as Traffic Incident Management and Move Over laws. We already get this out to the providers. The next goal is to get it out to the drivers. They are putting together a video for the driver's education courses in Virginia. They are also looking at the Waze app and possibly getting the creators to add "Vehicle on right shoulder ahead – move over". This will serve as a reminder that the driver needs to move over if there is a police or a stalled vehicle on the shoulder. If everyone is here on Saturday night for the reception, we will be rolling out a mental health campaign video that will be offered as part of a radio, television, social media and print ad. It is an awareness video to take care of yourself and your people. The video was created with all public safety personnel; however, the language is centered on maintaining your mental health and everyone can relate to it. Karen feels that these topics will be discussed throughout the EMS Advisory Board Committees.</p> <p>Patrick Ashley mentioned the VDH CHEMPACK Program. The CHEMPACK Program is a cache of nerve agent antidotes that are stored at hospitals throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. This plan has not been signed yet and will change the way we do CHEMPACK deployments once it is signed. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management Situational Awareness Unit (VDEM SAU) Center will be the statewide clearinghouse for the CHEMPACK deployments. An education campaign will be done this Spring as part of the Community-Based Emergency Response Series. They will go out to each region to conduct a couple of classes. He asked the committee to provide some opinions about how to tailor the education: deployment plan, recognizing a chemical incident, etc. Judy stated that it depends on the audience. Karen stated that as a provider the important questions are when do I call it and how do I call it?</p> <p>Patrick also shared that there have been some high level conversations about the creation of a Virginia Medical Assistance Team which is the Virginia equivalent of a DMAT. The big picture concept is three staff teams throughout the state. He does not have many details at this time, but there has been discussions. This will be a deployable field medical force. More information to come.</p>	
Other Comments/Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Floor - None. 	
Next Scheduled Meeting:	The next meeting is February 7, 2019. The place is to be determined, pending the contract that is out for bid.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m.	