

EMS Emergency Management Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of EMS
Embassy Suites Hotel
2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
May 2, 2019
9:30 a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests:
Thomas Schwalenberg , Chair	Bryan McRay , VAGEMSA	Karen Owens	Grace Eaton, Centra
Patrick Ashley , VDH, OEP HPP	Daniel Brewer , VDEM	Wanda Street	Kelly Brown, Centra
Robert Foresman , VEMA	John H. Craig, III , VAVRS		Chris Parker, Advisory Board
Mike Player , Regional Council, VA-1 DMAT	Adam Galton , VSP		Pete Svoboda, CVHC
Bubby Bish , VAVRS	Lynette Eanes , ODEMSA		Steve Parrott, CVHC
Matthew Marry , VHHA	Byron Andrews , AFD/VSFA		R. Jason Ferguson, Advisory Board
Judy Shuck , HRMMRS/TEMS	David Hoback , VFCA		
	Easton Peterson , Health & Medical Emergency Response Teams (HMERT)		

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Call to order:	The new chair, Thomas Schwalenberg, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.	
Review & Approval of the February 7, 2019 minutes:	A motion was made by Mike Player to approve the February 7, 2019 meeting minutes. Judy Shuck seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.	The minutes were approved as submitted.
Introduction of Guests and New Committee Members:	Introductions were made before the review of the minutes.	
Presentation:	Tidewater Exercise AAR – see unfinished business.	
Committee Chair Report – Thomas Schwalenberg:	Mr. Schwalenberg's report included the AAR for the Tidewater Ebola Exercise.	
Committee Member/Other Reports:	<p>Matthew Marry, VHHA – VHHA will be having an Ebola Seminar on October 28 at the Hilton Short Pump. Patrick Ashley and Michael Player will be instrumental in participating in the seminar. The push this year is for EMS involvement. Last year, the seminar was sold out at 200 participants. This year we want to accommodate 350. Karen will share on social media when information is forwarded to her. We will bring high-level presentations. On April 22, the Northern Healthcare Coalition did the first run of the long-term care mutual aid plan. DMAS funded the plan and an AAR is being developed.</p> <p>Michael Player, VA-1 DMAT – Virginia-1 DMAT is on call March, June and October 2019. In January, one nursing specialist attended a one-week air medical intensive care course Florida International University Miami. Also, the team's logistics management specialist was invited to join NEMS headquarters staff to</p>	

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	<p>evaluate the logistics load plan and cache for NEMS teams. The week-long project took place in Frederick, MD. On January 1st, the team nurse practitioner was rostered to support the State of the Union address. Members also attend the EMR Application training in Frederick, MD. On March 9, the team celebrated its' 15th Anniversary at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Virginia Beach. VA-1 DMAT also added three additional clinicians.</p> <p>Patrick Ashley, VDH, OEP, HPP – The Community-Based Emergency Response Series (CBERS) classes which was discussed at the last meeting involves an education campaign to increase awareness of the CHEMPACK Program. CHEMPACK is a cache of nerve agent antidotes that are stored at hospitals throughout the Commonwealth. The plan is still in the works, state police has agreed to it and they are still working through documentation and bureaucracy of them fully signing on.</p> <p>Judy Shuck, HRMMRS/TEMS – From an MMRS perspective, we are still waiting to roll out the bariatric trailers because they still have not received the cots from the manufacturer. They are still on back order. They call every month to check on them. They are working with the coalition to see if they can enhance some additional resources along the eastern shore. In March, they did a full-scale exercise on a military contingency. Last weekend was the Something in the Water Festival and it went really well. The amount of violent crime was down. The festival will be held again next year.</p> <p>Bubby Bish, VAVRS – On March 19, there was a bus crash in Prince George County, VA and Prince George Fire & EMS did a tremendous job. Though there were two fatalities, everything went very well. It was mentioned that patient reunification is always a challenge. Karen mentioned that we don't do enough education on what exists for reunification. Per Bubby, Prince George set up a hotline that family members could call to get information about their loved ones.</p>	
Unfinished Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Management Course – Karen Owens Karen stated that the Emergency Management Course that the committee discussed for symposium did not make it into the symposium schedule this year. She stated that it will be submitted for the Virginia Firefighters Conference/VAVRS in August. It will also be submitted for another Fire Chiefs Conference as well. It will again be submitted for the next symposium in 2020. The course is geared toward leadership staff. Karen gave an update on the status of the triage tags. The plan is to print and supply each agency with a certain number of tags per licensed vehicles. It will be a 5-color tag for START or SALT users. She will bring one to the committee for review prior to sending it out for bid for printing. Tidewater Exercise AAR – Thomas Schwalenberg A presentation was shown of the After Action Report of the highly infectious disease exercise that was held in the Tidewater region. Tom shared the lessons learned and identified the gaps in the plan. The purpose of the exercise was to test policies and procedures. As stated at the last meeting, it was an ambulatory patient that was thought to have the flu, but it turned out to be Ebola. He went through 	

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	<p>exercise strengths, recommendations, and policy changes. A formal AAR is available if anyone is interested.</p> <p>The committee discussed what they can do to improve infectious disease awareness and keep safety precautions at the forefront. The measles was again discussed at this meeting. Karen will work on putting some flyers together for symposium. Judy will share links with Karen about immunizations and Karen will gather other flyers/information to link to the OEMS website. This can be taken to the Training Committee and the Provider Health and Safety Committee to pull information together. Judy recommended putting all information together to make sure all information is correct.</p>	
New Business:		
Other Comments/Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Floor 	
Next Scheduled Meeting:	The next meeting is August 1, 2019 at the Embassy Suites Hotel.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m.	