

**Rappahannock EMS Council
REMS CISM Team Meeting
February 24, 2010**

Attendance: Patricia Copeland, Brett Locklair, Angela Fines, Dale Dickinson, Heriberto Rodriguez, Melissa Krebs, Martin Gardner, Robert Eves, Paul Peterson, Darrell English, Christopher Jett, Mary Jo Blake, Melissa Wood, Mark Kuechler, William Hyer, Jayne Toellner, Lisa Ringle.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. All attendees were asked to sign the sign-in sheet and put down any new information.

First on the agenda was to discuss the team, and how it would proceed without Charlie Robertson. The members present discussed who would chair the team now that Charlie was gone and Trisha Copeland stated she would. It was suggested that Melissa Krebs and Chris Jett be the other coordinators. It was also suggested that either Patrick Kelley or Darrell English (Stafford Sheriff's Department) become the liaisons for the law enforcement part of the team. They have all been part of the team for quite a few years. The team agreed with this suggestion. Also discussed how to get more team members involved, since some felt they were never used.

A Yahoo Email Account for the team has been set up. The address is:
remscismteam@yahoo.com. Any correspondence that the Chair or any of the other coordinators have would come through there. The coordinators and Debby Loveless at REMS have the password. This way everyone's addresses and phone numbers could be kept up to date and used by all coordinators. Also all correspondence could be kept as well.

There was also a long discussion with the Fredericksburg Police Department, who were under the impression that they were a stand alone team. It was explained to them that they were part of the REMS team since it is an accredited team. Their team members were unaware of this, and asked to get membership applications.

Also discussed an idea about putting everything on a REMS CISM website. That way people could go on to a secure site and update their information (certifications, training, addresses, phone numbers), look for training opportunities, know where people are located, so that you can call the closest team members for callouts, plus, if possible, be able to put their availability for call-outs online. As explained, this would reduce the work of the coordinator of calling people who are not available. The members present thought this was a great idea and said to proceed with it.

On March 17, we were scheduled to have Strike Team training. Trisha had spoken with Karen Owens from the OEMS and she said that they were in the process of redoing the Strike Team class, and asked that we wait until the new class has come out. The team discussed if they would still like to have the meeting or just wait. They agreed to go ahead and have the meeting, so that the team could be brought up to date on the website and any other changes the Team, or REMS, would like to make. So the next meeting is scheduled for March 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the REMS Training Center.

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The general meeting lasted approximately one hour. After the meeting, Melissa Krebs, an Instructor at the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Academy, gave a presentation on Suicide Prevention which she had used previously at the Academy. It was an excellent presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.