



Council Reporting ***Minutes of Council Committee Meeting***

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Disaster Committee Meeting
August 12, 2008**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mark Bledsoe, Fredericksburg; Doug Boggs, Spotsylvania; Ed Fuzy, Caroline; Wayne Green, Culpeper; Tom McCoy, Mary Washington Hospital; Eddie Peck, Spotsylvania Sheriff Dept.; Dr. Joe Saitta, Rappahannock Health District; Paula Shaver, American Red Cross; Wendy Shepherd, King George; Bruce Sterling, VDEM; Tina Skinner, REMS Staff

Members Excused: Ray Harvey, Gerald Jaskulski, Eric Lasky, Glen Rudner

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Rappahannock EMS Council Regional Training & Simulation Center by acting chairman, Dr. Saitta.

Approval Minutes: Motion made by **Doug Boggs**, seconded by **Ed Fuzy** and carried to accept the minutes of the June 2008 meeting as presented.

REMS Executive Director Report

Tina Skinner reported that the council's grant concept paper to the Mary Washington Hospital Foundation for the regional NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards Transmitter System was accepted. We may now move forward with a full grant application which is due September 19, 2008. Notification from the Foundation indicated that their average award has been \$24,000 and with the council seeking funding at \$40,000, we may need to show other financial support for the project. The group discussed taking back to their County Administrators, a request to consider up to \$4,000 per locality in the upcoming FY2010 Budget to support the needed project.

The council received written feedback on our Regional MCI Plan from the Virginia Office of EMS. A copy was handed out to each member. A review of the input will be on the committee's September agenda. Tina would like to see any changes made before the third quarter of FY2009

as per our OEMS contract. She also advised that the REMS Board is seeking to move to a quarterly meeting schedule which we need to keep in mind when needing to present action items for their vote.

Jurisdictional Reports

Caroline County

- Completed VOPEX exercise successfully.
- Working with VDH to offer a free flu shot distribution in Fall, 2008.

Culpeper County

- ICS 300 being conducted September 26-28, 2008 at Brandy Station VFD.
- Also participated in the VOPEX North Anna Exercise

King George County

- No Report.

Spotsylvania County

- Completed VOPEX exercise successfully including shelter portion and EOC portion.

Stafford County

- No Report.

City of Fredericksburg

- Completed VOPEX exercise successfully.
- Working with UMW to offer a Campus CERT in late August.

Hospitals:

Mary Washington Hospital

- September 25: participating in a major burn and trauma exercise with moulaged patients, EOC opening, and a SimCell in Northern Virginia.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management:

- Web EOC class held today in Stafford County at the UMW graduate school.
- Busy time of year due to hurricane season.

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- Reminder: IS-300 must be completed by September 30, 2008. IS-400 will have to be completed by September 30, 2009.

Virginia Department of Health:

Counterterrorism Task Force

- Still working with LSU to bring agricultural terrorism course to the area.
- Chempack (nerve agent antidotes) DVDs distributed today.
- **August 26th:** MCB Quantico sponsoring a free counterterrorism class, flyer distributed today.

Pandemic Flu Working Group

- Epidemiologist presented on pandemic flu and seasonal flu to Germanna Community College faculty and staff.
- Health Educator again disseminated educational materials to local daycares (2) on pandemic flu and general hygiene prevention for cold and flu.

Other District Activities

- Epidemiologist (**Elizabeth Lowery**) and Pan Flu Coordinator (**Liane Sowinski**) have both taken new positions outside of the Health District.
- An IS-300 course is planned for **September 3-4-5**, see reference sheet.
- Distributed 1000 KI tabs to parents of Post Oak Middle School students in Spotsylvania County.
- MRC continues to assist with refugee clinics and upcoming school physicals clinics.
- **September 12th:** speaking on “Bioterrorism” at LPN Forum.
- **October 31st:** sponsoring a “health panel” at the Virginia State Chapter of the NAACP’s Convention at Fredericksburg Expo Center.
- Will be receiving more public education materials shortly, including “Public Health Emergencies” and special needs preparedness booklets.

Other Agencies/Organizations:

MCB Quantico

- No Report.

American Red Cross

- No Report.

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

- **September 11th:** monthly meeting at Spotsylvania DSS.

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disability Resource Center

- No Report.

2010 BSA Jamboree Process Action Team:

- Review of documents to continue after today's meeting.
- **Bruce Sterling:** The Virginia EOC's staff is meeting with **Chief Glembot** and other CVDEN staffers about communication issues. **Eric Lasky** will also attend this group's meetings. VDEM will have more capabilities compared to the 2005 Jamboree, including a mobile command post and a TSU. Bruce recommends a "test run" of all equipment set up at the same locations that they will be at the 2010 Jamboree. Also, Virginia EOC will have a more active role than in past Jamborees.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion made by **Paula Shaver** and seconded by **Tom McCoy** to present a plaque to **Mr. Billy Shelton** recognizing his long and valuable service to this committee. Motion carried unanimously. **Tina Skinner** will research obtaining the plaque. The Committee wishes to invite **Mr. Shelton** to one of its meetings to present the plaque to him in person.

New Business:

- There was discussion, initiated by **Ed Fuzy**, about moving the Disaster Committee's meeting day back to the first Tuesday of the month. It was agreed that next month's meeting would still be held on the second Tuesday of September, but that future meetings would be shifted back to the first Tuesday of the month.

Board Action Items: None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **September 9, 2008** at 1:30 p.m. – Rappahannock EMS Council Training Center

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m. on motion of **Wayne Green**, with a second by **Paula Shaver**.

