

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Disaster Committee
March 1, 2005**

Call to order: Billy Shelton called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. at the Mary Washington Hospital First Floor West Conference Room. All attendees were welcomed to the March Meeting.

Members Present:

Joe Saitta-VDH
Tom Mc Coy-MWH
Rob Fines-FEMA
Diana Wills-
Eddie Allen- Fredericksburg Fire
Edward Fuzy-Caroline County
Mark Bledsoe- Fredericksburg Fire
Bruce Sterling- VDEM
Wendy Shepherd-King George County
Doug Boggs- Spotsylvania County
Tina Skinner- REMS
Billy Shelton-REMS Board

Excused:

Carol Shelton-NDW
Kathy Hatter-VDH
Glen Rudner-VDEM

Minutes:

Eddie Allen motioned to approve the minutes as printed and mailed. Accepted unanimously.

MCI Tabletop Exercise:

The consensus was to delay the tabletop exercise to May or even after the Boy Scout Jamboree. There was virtually no interest in conducting the drill in March or April as suggested by the MCI Sub-Committee. Ennis, Saitta, and Boggs were asked to review the scenario for refinement.

Boy Scout Jamboree:

Ambulances are still needed to staff the event; only a few agencies have expressed they will be able to support the event to date – it's still early. The BSA Jamboree will be more secure than in previous years. All units will be required to register in advance. First Army Command has not identified the Army Medical Unit for the Jamboree. BSA now has an SOG that parallels REMS' SOG. The Army Medical Unit will provide the

supplies; this should correct the problems encountered four years ago. Tina Skinner did recommend a contract with Mary Washington Hospital (MWH) to provide medical supplies to offset the Army Medical Unit's Logistics System.

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has established a liaison with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) on the Federal Level in California. MWH needs to be involved closer with the FEDS too. Previous Jamborees have been slow in tracking supplies. Saitta expressed concern with SARS and their local involvement with such cases since this is an international event.

Ed Fuzy suggested that all agencies (Health, Military, BSA, Caroline County, Fort A.P. Hill and Hospital) involved in the Jamboree conduct a tabletop exercise on their functional areas. Tina offered to bring this up at the IPR on March 17-18, 2005 with the BSA Management Team. There is a possibility that CERT could be a resource for Caroline County. The POC is Heather King from VDEM. Tina will also explore this with the Management Team at the IPR.

VDEM has met with Fire Chief Danny Glembot at Fort A.P. Hill regarding preparations for the 911 Center; VDEM is locked in place for the communications aspect. Life Care will also be providing resources.

The military will provide the helicopter support for medical evacuations, but the MWH Landing Zone (LZ) may not accommodate the larger UH-60's due to the weight factor (<12,500 pounds for MWH LZ). James Monroe High School is under construction so the alternate site is not available. Dr. Fines expressed concern on the transport from an alternate LZ; this will require additional ambulances. Tina Skinner reported she has already identified this problem to the military and will work to continue to plan an alternate landing site.

The Jamboree has not been declared a National Special Security Event (NSSE) so the Federal involvement is limited at this point.

Train-the -Trainers for MCI:

Boggs, Bledsoe, and Rudner need to complete the Haz Mat segment. (Action Item for Boggs, Rudner, & Bledsoe.) The suspense is March 10, 2005.

New Business:

The Chempacks arrive at MWH on March 18, 2005 from CDC. Each county needs to decide how much they need and the hospital will color-code their portion. Tom Mc Coy needs this information as soon as possible. Tina will blast fax the jurisdictions for their requirements for Planning District 16. Information on the contents and the appropriate use will be provided by CDC instruction. MARK 1's are provided, but not pediatric. Dr. Fines stated that coordination with the OMD's is vital including an authorized transfer. Saitta reported that Chempacks might be on individual ambulances in the future.

Protocols and goals will have to be prepared. Dr. Garth and Dr. Fines will coordinate with REMS. The Chempaks are stored at the old MWH on the Washington Avenue side loading dock (James Monroe High School Side). The ETR Doctors will be the POC's for any release.

Tina Skinner reported that she would be on extended medical leave beginning March 21, 2005.

Executive Briefing on Bioterrorism will be held at the University of Mary Washington, The Great Hall, Woodward Campus Center on May 4, 2005 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Pre-registration is required through VDH at 540-899-4797 extension 111 or at Joe.Saitta@vdh.virginia.gov by April 18, 2005.

Next Meeting:

May 3, 2005 (No meeting in April due to scheduling conflicts)