

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Public Information & Education Committee Meeting
Minutes**

DATE: Tuesday, June 14, 2005

LOCATION: REMS Council Training Room
2301 Fall Hill Ave., Fredericksburg, VA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Schepmoes – Chair
Beth Addington
Sylvia Sullivan
Karin Bankston

OTHERS PRESENT

Carolyn Marsh – Staff

Jim Schepmoes, called the meeting to order at 0900. The minutes from the March 17, 2005 meeting were approved.

The REMS Council Newsletter was discussed. Need to get this out quarterly and if any members have anything of interest to please submit. Karin Bankston was advised that any items of interest or informational that the hospital needed to get out to the agencies could be addressed in the newsletter.

Regional Awards program is complete and the winners will now be forwarded to the state as nominee. The Regional winners will be in the summer edition of the Newsletter.

The Red E Fox 911 for Kids program was a huge success this year. The program doubled with us reaching 1806 children. If the program continues to grow we will have to recruit a lot more help. In the Council grant we applied for the Red E. Fox costume to enhance the program.

Golf Tournament was very successful. This is an event that needs the support and contribution from the board. Currently the staff does all the work and as it grows they will need more help.

National EMS Memorial Service was discussed. Jim advised that if you have never attended this event you should. We need to work hard to keep this in Virginia. If there was one representative present from each agency that would be approximately 700 in attendance. Carolyn suggested that invitations be sent to each agency president or captain or both and that way if they could not attend they could appoint someone to attend in representation of their agency. Even include an RSVP.

Boy Scout Jamboree coverage is needed for this event. Anything we can do to get agencies signed up would be helpful.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2005 @ 0900 at the REMS Council.

Meeting adjourned at 0945.

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DATE: Monday, March 14, 2005 @ 1900

LOCATION: Fredericksburg Fire Company 2

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Schepmoes - Chair
Beth Addington
Karin Bankston

OTHERS PRESENT

Carolyn Marsh - Staff

Jim Schepmoes called the meeting to order at 1900. Each member received a copy of the meeting agenda.

Future meeting dates were discussed and the group agreed that the committee would meet every quarter. With the next meeting being held on June 7, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. Location will be announced.

LifeEvac Memorial Service was discussed and the learning process involved. This type of event is a function of the PI&E Committee. It was decided by the committee that a representative of the committee would be present at the visitation or funeral of any individual of Fire or EMS in our region if it were a line of duty or natural causes.

Jim gave an update on the progress of the newsletter. He advised if anyone had any data or pictures to please submit them to him, as that would be very helpful.

Regional awards deadline is March 31, 2005 by 5:00 p.m. in the REMS office. Carolyn is working on the awards so refer any questions to her. In addition she is working with a committee to display winners of the awards at Mary Washington Hospital. The Awards Dinner has been scheduled for May 17, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select. The PI&E committee will meet on April 29, 2005 at the REMS Council Training Room at 10:00 a.m. to judge the Awards.

Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 28, 2005, at Meadows Farm Golf Course. We need hole sponsors, teams, and donations for goodie bags. There will be raffle tickets available for a set of Ping Golf Clubs and the cost will be \$5.00.

National EMS Memorial Service is coming up. We need to encourage agencies to have representation at this event in uniform. The two members of LifeEvac will be added this year. Agencies can again this year sponsor a family. This will assist them with some of the expenses to attend.

Red E Fox Program is growing. Last year we reached approximately 900 children and this year it will be 1786 children and 17 schools. Carolyn has made arrangements with a committee within Mary Washington Hospital to display some of the artwork from the art contest. The PI&E Committee will meet on May 6, 2005 at the REMS Council Training Room at 10:00 a.m. to judge the artwork.

The Boy Scout Jamboree is coming up in July. We need the assistance of agencies in getting this event covered. We need five crews during the day and 2 overnight crews. For the Arena show we need 14

crews. Numerous notices have been mailed and faxed to agencies. To date have had very few responses. Consensus was that most felt it was too far in advance to determine if they were available.