

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Disaster Committee Minutes
August 4, 2009**

Call to Order: Dr. Joe Saitta called the meeting to order at 1330 hours.

Members Present:

Mr. Steven Lynd, King George County
Deputy Chief Mark Bledsoe, City of Fredericksburg
Deputy Chief Ray Harvey, MCB Quantico
Assistant Chief Gerald Jaskulski, Stafford County
Mr. Eric Lasky, Chancellor F/R, Spotsylvania
Dr. Joe Saitta, RAHD, VDH
Mr. Tom McCoy, Medicorp
Mr. David Pearce, RN; Medicorp

Others Present:

Zac Corrigan, NVHA
Frank Cheatham, OEMS, VDH

Members Absent/Excused:

Doug Boggs, Spotsylvania County; Richie Burke, Rappahannock County; Dr. Robert Fines, MWH, Eric Haas, Stafford County; Kathy Hatter, Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District; Wayne Green, Culpeper County; Lt. Eddie Peck, Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office; Glen Rudner, VDEM; Paula Shaver, American Red Cross; Bruce Sterling; VDEM, Region 2 Coordinator; Tracy Turman, Fauquier Hospital.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Mr. Tom McCoy, seconded by Chief Ray Harvey and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

REMISC Executive Director Report:

No Report

Reports:

Guest Report: Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance's Mr. Zac Corrigan presented a PowerPoint side show of what the Northern Region's hospitals (including Medicorp's Mary Washington Hospital and Stafford Hospital Center) are doing to prepare for H1N1.

Counties and the City:

Caroline County
No report

Fauquier County

No Report

City of Fredericksburg

No Report

King George County

The County will be notifying Medicorp of an upcoming event, Aquapaloosa.

Spotsylvania County

Training Chief **Doug Albrecht** will be retiring.

Stafford County

A Mass Casualty Support Unit at a County cost of \$170K and a Medicorp cost of \$150K will come before the County Board of Supervisors for approval on August 18, 2009.

Hospitals:

Medicorp: Mary Washington Hospital (MWH/Stafford Hospital Center (SHC))

The NOAA weather station has a dual MOU that needs to be approved. Meanwhile, power and telephone lines are hooked up.

There is an exercise on September 26, 2009.

The SHC Medcom unit will be in service on September 1, 2009.

Fauquier Hospital

No report.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management:

No report.

Virginia Department of Health:

OEMS will have sections moving shortly. More at the next meeting.

October 23rd: Seasonal flu shot exercise in Stafford t the Regional Airport.

H1N1 preparedness plans continue to develop.

Other Agencies/Organizations:

MCB Quantico

Thanks to **Eric Lasky** for the MCI class in July.

There will be a CBRNE capabilities and response exercise on July 22nd. Glen Rudner, VDEM, was involved as was Stafford County and others. Many good recommendations came out of the exercise.

American Red Cross

No report.

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

No report.

disability Resource Center

No report.

Others Present

No report.

2010 BSA Jamboree Process Action Team:

Mr. Eric Lasky advised of the following:

The BSA has taken an active and positive role in working with EMS, public health, and emergency management.

The PAT is working on tailoring the REMSC operations guidelines into the jamboree's EMS guidelines.

A letter will be sent out soon asking area chiefs for volunteers.

A Brigadier General Nolan, USAF, will be heading up the JTTF-Jamboree.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Board Action Items: None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **October 6, 2009** at 1:30 p.m. – Rappahannock EMS Council Training Center

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Disaster Committee Minutes
October 6, 2009**

Call to Order: Dr. Joe Saitta called the meeting to order at 1330 hours at the Rappahannock EMS Council Regional Training Center.

Welcome and Introductions

Members Present: Ms. Tina Skinner, Mr. Eric Lasky, Chief Doug Boggs, Mr. Wayne Green, Mr. Bruce Sterling, Chief Mark Garnett, Lieutenant Steve Lynd, and Dr. Joe Saitta.

Others Present: Mr. Jim Nogle and Mr. Frank Cheatham of the Office of EMS

Members Absent/Excused: Ms. Tracy Turman, Mr. Glen Rudner, and Chief Gerald Jaskulski

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Mr. Bruce Sterling, seconded by Mr. Wayne Green and carried to accept the minutes of August 4, 2009 as amended.

REMISC Executive Director Report:

H1N1 EMS Group: Will continue to share and send out information to our EMS agencies. There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow (October 7, 2009) with Medicorp to continue working on their proposed project to offer free H1N1 vaccinations to the EMS community that transports to Mary Washington Hospital.

Ms. Skinner asked Mr. Cheatham from OEMS to comment on recent communications about personal protective equipment. Mr. Chatham noted that N95 masks and surgical masks will be shipped from the Virginia Department of Health to departments shortly. Quantitative fit-testing is required and fit-testing kits are available through the Regional EMS Councils.

Reports:

Counties and the City:

Caroline County

The State Fair ended on October 4th: the event went very smoothly. The next even to be held at the Meadow Event Center is a Celtic Festival.

Fauquier County

No Report.

City of Fredericksburg

No Report.

King George County

The Aquapoloosa after action report will be provided to the County's Board of Supervisors. There may be some cost recovery for services rendered by the County.

Spotsylvania County

Recently completed the hostile action drill with North Anna Power Plant.

Next event: Stonewall Jackson 20 mile run.

The County has recently received surgical masks.

Stafford County

New disaster trailer being ordered.

Culpeper County

No report.

Hospitals:

Medicorp: Mary Washington Hospital(MWH/Stafford Hospital Center (SHC)

No report.

Fauquier Hospital

No report.

Spotsylvania Medical Center

No Report.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management:

The NOAA weather radio installation process continues: the MOU between Medicorp, REMSC, and NOAA is under final development and will be signed shortly.

Virginia Department of Health:

Dr. Joe Saitta will be retiring on October 16, 2009.

H1N1 preparations continue.

A note: H1N1 FluMist and seasonal flu versions of FluMist cannot be given to the same person at the same time.

Other Agencies/Organizations:

MCB Quantico

No Report.

American Red Cross

No Report.

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

No Report.

disability Resource Center

No Report.

Others Present

No Report.

2010 BSA Jamboree Process Action Team:

On October 9th Ms. Skinner and Mr. Lasky will travel to BSA Headquarters in Texas for an EMS and Medical summit as planning for the upcoming Jamboree continues.

The BSJ organizational chart continues to grow. Monthly meetings will commence in November. After that meeting they will occur on alternating months, some times at night.

In December Mr. Lasky will conduct a BSJ update presentation at the REMSC BOD meeting.

The Communication equipment and process is under development. Mr. Sterling will check within VDEM to determine the current status of the process.

A BSJ Process Action Team meeting will be held immediately after this meeting.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Since Dr. Saitta is retiring, he has resigned from his position as Chairman of this committee. However, he will complete his term on the REMSC BOD.

Ms. Skinner recommended Chief Garnett as the new chair of the Disaster Committee. Chief Garnett is considering the position.

Board Action Items: Mr. Lasky will be making the BSJ update presentation at the December BOD meeting.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1355 hours.

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Disaster Committee Minutes
December 1, 2009**

Call to Order: Mark Garnett called the meeting to order at 1335 hours.

Members Present:

Mark Garnett, Chair – Caroline County
Eddie Allen (For Mark Bledsoe) – Fredericksburg
Ray Harvey – Quantico
Eric Lasky - Spotsylvania
Tom McCoy – Mary Washington Hospital
Bruce Sterling - VDEM

Others Present:

Tina Skinner, Executive Director
Jimmy Watters, MWH
Mike, VDEM

Members Absent/Excused:

Doug Boggs - Spotsylvania County
Wayne Green – Culpeper County
Gerald Jaskulski – Stafford County
Steven Lynd – King George
Glen Rudner - VDEM
Tracy Turman – Fauquier Hospital

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Bruce Sterling, seconded by Tom McCoy and carried to accept the minutes of October 6, 2009 as presented.

REMSC Executive Director Report: Tina Skinner

The Council presented a plaque last month to outgoing committee chair, Dr. Joe Saitta. Mark Garnett has agreed to serve as the new Disaster Committee Chair, and will be officially appointed by the Council President.

The Council has received two fit test kits as well as both the sensitivity and testing solution to conduct approximately 150 fit tests. The Training Division is planning a Train the Trainer for the region to ensure all of our agencies and localities have appropriate fit testers. In receiving these kits from the Virginia Office of EMS, it is the goal to ensure that our agencies have access to fit test kits when needed. The council will establish a loan program.

Reports:

Counties Present to Report:

Caroline County

Since the last meeting the Celtic Festival was held at the State Fair Grounds in Caroline. Was a low key event for emergency management. The County also has been working closely with the schools on the H1N1 vaccination and transported several children with reactions during regular clinics.

City of Fredericksburg

Planning for coverage of the City Christmas Parade to be held December 5th. Assisted with two H1N1 clinics at the City schools and also had transport of an allergic reaction from 1 student.

Hospitals:

MediCorp: Mary Washington Hospital (MWH/Stafford Hospital Center (SHC))

MediCorp facilities have been under "Restricted Visitation" during normal visiting hours for children 18 years of age and under with the current flu and H1N1 season. Will continue to monitor the H1N1 and track such needs through statistics captured; MediCorp set up an EMS H1N1 Flu Shot Clinic with 300 shots available and only 3 EMS providers took advantage of the announced opportunity at the FreeStanding ED; MediCorp's Associate Wellness will be conducting another EMS clinic in King George County on December 7th and they hope to reach more providers from that area and Caroline; Public Safety personnel from the University of Mary Washington received the H1N1 vaccine through MediCorp; Tina and the committee expressed thanks to the hospital for reaching out with the H1N1 vaccine for our EMS system; Planning has begun on the 2010 Marine Corp Marathon which runs through the hospital campus; N95 supply of masks at the MediCorp facilities is now at a critical point and they will be moving to another model.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management:

The NOAA Weather Transmitter has been installed onsite at Mary Washington Hospital. There is still some minor work to be done to complete the project and the system must be tested for 30 days to ensure no interference with other frequencies. VDEM is working with REMS and others to plan a public event with press to announce the new system for the region, in later December or early January. Tina noted there was a fund balance from the donation by VDEM through the City towards the project. The committee will seek to make recommendations to the Board of Directors at their March 2010 meeting on how to expend those funds (ideas included maintenance costs, public relations event and materials, the purchase of NOAA radios for the localities, etc.) as they are not tied to the MediCorp Foundation Grant.

VDEM will be hiring a planner to work on extending the Evacuation Plan of Northern Virginia Region II, and also look at expansion of the Hampton Roads Hurricane Plan. The goal is tie them all together and work with other state agencies and localities.

Other Agencies/Organizations:

MCB Quantico

Received recent approval and funding to reconstruct the Quantico Smoke Tower in 2010 for training. Finally installed the CSX tank car for training this coming year; will be available for others who wish to use it. Noted that A.P. Hill opened a new burn training center and is seeking to host an ICS class this week (moved from King George).

2010 BSA Jamboree Process Action Team: Eric Lasky

The REMS Council BSJ Team met two weeks ago. Continue monthly meetings by telephone conference with BSA and others. OEMS met with the BSA's legal representative and Tina Skinner last month and advised they would not be certifying any of the BSA volunteers who will be supporting the EMS services on site. The state will treat the Jamboree just as any other special event and such providers who do not hold Virginia EMS certification may practice under the direction of the event at A.P. Hill only. They will not be allowed to provide patient care off site. Both Eric Lasky and Tina Skinner attended the November IPR at A.P. Hill with the Boy Scouts and military. Working through communications plan, finalizing staffing plan, and support a joint effort between REMS, A.P. Hill and the BSA for the EMS coverage during the event. Eric will be giving the REMS Board of Directors a brief presentation on the 2010 Jamboree EMS Plan and needs at their December 2009 meeting.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Mark Garnett indicated he would like to evaluate the Disaster Committee's current charter and goals and seek to identify any changes for the coming two years. Will add to the February meeting agenda.

Mark noted concern with the switch of wideband to narrowband frequency which will be occurring in the region. This issue has been discussed briefly at the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance level, which Mary Washington Hospital participates. Mark would like the Disaster Committee to begin looking at how such a transition will occur locally and requested that any input should be shared.

Board Action Items: BSJ Report at December Board Meeting

Next Meeting: **February 2, 2010** (Tuesday) at 1:30 p.m. – Rappahannock EMS Council Training Center

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Disaster Committee Minutes
February 2, 2010**

Call to Order: Mark Garnett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mark Garnett, Chair – Caroline County
Doug Boggs – Spotsylvania
Ray Harvey – Quantico
Eric Lasky – Spotsylvania
Tom McCoy – Mary Washington Hospital
Eddie Peck – Police Representative
Bruce Sterling - VDEM

Others Present:

Tina Skinner, Executive Director
Frank Cheatham, OEMS
Eddie Allen, Fredericksburg
Jim Vitaletti, Rockhill Rescue
David Moody, King George

Members Absent/Excused:

Mark Bledsoe, Fredericksburg
Wayne Green – Culpeper County
Gerald Jaskulski – Stafford County
Steven Lynd – King George
Paula Shaver, Red Cross
Tracy Turman – Fauquier Hospital

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Bruce Sterling, seconded by Ray Harvey and carried to accept the minutes of December 1, 2009 as presented.

REMISC Executive Director Report: Tina Skinner

Thanked the committee for their input and annual review of the Regional MCI Plan.

Reported that committee member, Glen Rudner of VDEM has taken a new position and as such will not longer be serving on the Regional Disaster Committee.

Reports:

Counties Present to Report:

Caroline County

Reported on activities related to the recent significant winter storms. A mass casualty drill is being scheduled in May 2010 with an invite to be extended to their adjoining jurisdictions.

City of Fredericksburg

No Report.

King George County

A mass casualty drill with the county's Sheriff's Office is being planned for the Spring/Summer of 2010. More information will be shared at a later date.

Spotsylvania County

Reported that a large Re-enactment Event will be held in the county in May 2010 which emergency services is preparing for. Will also have a 6K run, large scale event.

Hospitals:

Mary Washington Healthcare:

MediCorp has announced a name change to “Mary Washington Healthcare” and continues to serve three facilities in our region (Mary Washington Hospital, Stafford Hospital and the Freestanding Emergency Department).

The hospital will participate in the upcoming Stafford drill being planned.

There will be a 24 hour long exercise in the Fall of 2010 to test the hospital’s Incident Command system and personnel.

The Chempack remains on site at Mary Washington Hospital for our region. Currently have completed a manual and guidelines set up for disbursement requests/needs. Will coordinate a MOU for handling the transport of the chempack to areas needed. VDH recommended working with the City of Fredericksburg to coordinate such transports.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management:

A regional exercise is being planned for the Fall of 2010 which will include a wildfire scenario. All 17 localities in our VDEM region will be involved in the exercise. More information to follow.

Due to recent adverse weather, it was reported that the Virginia EOC was activated for the past three weekends.

Other Agencies/Organizations:

MCB Quantico

Reported that a HazMat Technician course is being conducted in Quantico to add to their team.

Law Enforcement

Active Shooter Training Stimulus Funds are available and being sought. Many of the upcoming drills in our region will be shooter based and law enforcement plans to participate.

2010 BSA Jamboree Process Action Team: Eric Lasky

The presentation to the Board of Directors in December went well. Planning continues for the 2010 event. Recently was announced that the Joint Taskforce will have command and control of the Jamboree egg and event, while A.P. Hill will cover the rest of the base. The third IPR will be held at A.P. Hill this week. The letter to our localities and Chiefs

will be going out in the coming weeks seeking EMS support for the event. Scheduling software will be utilized for agency sign up. Met with our region's Air Medical Services recently on how they might be able to participate and support the event. Next regular meeting of the local BSJ Planning Committee is this afternoon.

Unfinished Business:

Committee Chairman reported that he plans to meet with the Council President in the near future to discuss the Committee's Charter and goals.

New Business:

MCI Plan Annual Review - The committee reviewed and discussed the current Regional MCI Plan with the following input:

- Appendix F: Update hospital resources for region
- Update regional MCI assets to include new Stafford MCI Trailer
- Consider adding contact numbers in plan for 911 Centers, hospitals, etc.

Tina Skinner reported she has not received any feedback from the Office of EMS to date on their annual review of our current plan. Frank Cheatham advised he would follow up with his office. Once received, she will share with the committee.

Chairman requested any further input or revisions be submitted through the council office no later than February 22, 2010 so that the revised document may be presented to the Board of Directors at their March meeting for action. **(Action Item)**

NOAA Project Fund Balance – As previously discussed there is a balance in the NOAA Weather Transmitter Project Fund of \$4,296.50. The council has met all of the requirements for the grant funds provided by Mary Washington Foundation and this balance is from those funds provided by the City of Fredericksburg through VDEM and Dominion Power. The committee discussed ideas on how to utilize the remaining balance to include purchasing NOAA radios for our localities, a media campaign, and interface equipment for our Dispatch Centers. Discussion ensued regarding negotiation a bulk purchase price for radios and consider a cache to issue to local governments within a 30 mile radius of our new transmitter. Consider looking at population numbers to determine how many to purchase for each appropriate locality. Motion was made by Eric Lasky, seconded by Bruce Sterling and carried to recommend to the Board of Directors to utilize the fund balance to purchase NOAA radios for localities as discussed.

(Action Item)

Mark Garnett reported that a Post Mitigation Grant is available and could be applied for by the localities with an application deadline of June 30, 2010.

Board Action Items: Annual review and update to Regional MCI Plan / March 2010

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Next Meeting: **March 16, 2010** (Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m. – Rappahannock EMS Council
Training Center

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Disaster Committee Minutes
April 6, 2010**

Call to Order: Mark Garnett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mark Garnett, Chair – Caroline
Doug Boggs – Spotsylvania
Wayne Green – Culpeper
Ray Harvey – Quantico
Kathy Hatter – Rappahannock Rapidan Health District
Eric Lasky – Spotsylvania
Tom McCoy – Mary Washington Hospital
Emily Smith – Rappahannock Health District
Bruce Sterling - VDEM

Others Present:

Tina Skinner, Executive Director
Frank Cheatham, OEMS
Zac Corrigan, NVHA
David Pearce, Stafford Hospital
Jim Vitaletti, Stafford
Bob Wilburn, RAHD

Members Absent/Excused:

Mark Bledsoe - Fredericksburg
Steven Lynd - King George
Paula Shaver - Red Cross
Tracy Turman – Fauquier Hospital

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Tom McCoy, seconded by Bruce Sterling and carried to accept the minutes of February 2, 2010 as presented.

REMISC Executive Director Report: Tina Skinner

Council President has appointed Emily Smith to represent the Rappahannock Area Health District on the committee. Introductions were made.

Thanked the committee again for their input and annual review of the Regional MCI Plan. The revised plan was presented to the Board of Directors at their March meeting and approved.

The Council's Training Division is working with Zach Corrigan to conduct Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) training in the council region which NVHA has set funds aside for. The project will support 5 classes with 20 students per class over the next Fiscal Year.

Reports:

Counties Present to Report:

Caroline County

Reported on activities related to their Regional Fire School being held in April. The County's May MCI Drill as previously announced was cancelled due to financial issues.

Culpeper County

No report.

Spotsylvania County

Reported on several large-scale events the county is planning for to include: Lake Anna State Park Triathlon, to be held May 8-9, 2010 with 700 participants; Civil War Re-enactment May 22 – 23, 2010 with 600 participants. The County is also working to participate in the North Anna Power Station Drill with Mary Washington Health Care on June 7, 2010 and a full scale exercise with the Power Plan on July 20, 2010.

Hospitals:

Mary Washington Healthcare:

The hospital has been preparing for the Marine Corp Marathon which will run through their campus in May. Traffic changes and any other information helpful to the EMS community will be shared through REMS.

Stafford Hospital:

Working on two exercises to be conducted in June, 2010. Will be working with Stafford County and Quantico through these exercises to include an Active Shooter Drill in the Fall with participation by EMS, Law Enforcement and the City of Fredericksburg.

Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance:

ABLS training opportunity being worked on with the REMS Council. Currently working to update the Regional Hospital Emergency Response Plan, with the growth we have seen in opening new hospital facilities. Looking at putting in place two hospital coordination centers (North and South) for the Alliance, versus the current one in place as a result of that growth as well.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management:

Announced the new Chief Deputy State Coordinator – Jack King. Reported that the Annual Conference was conducted last week with over 200 registered and a successful event. Last week announced EOC Grants available to support those localities that do not have an EOC in place. This is a one time grant opportunity. A regional table top exercise is being planned for May 20, 2010 and will include a wildfire scenario with the National Park Service being involved. This exercise will lead into a more functional exercise to be conducted next year.

Other Agencies/Organizations:

MCB Quantico

Reported an administrative change will be seen in near future as the Fire/EMS Chief moving to a new position. Will be recruiting for the Chief and Deputy Chief positions this month.

Mark Garnett reported that he attended the “Push-In” ceremony for a new fire apparatus at A.P. Hill Fire & EMS. Will be a good resource for that region.

VDH

Rappahannock Area Health District reported an upcoming PPE Fit Testing training class to be hosted at the REMS Council on July 7, 2010. RAHD is looking forward to supporting the upcoming National Boy Scout Jamboree. Will be looking at the region's Chempack and also wants to work more closely with REMS through their Medical Reserve Corps.

Rappahannock Rapidan Health District reported a PPE Fit Test training class in Culpeper on July 8, 2010. They will be conducting a dental clinic on May 1st in Orange and are looking for volunteer support. These types of clinics are beneficial for pandemic type training and moving a large amount of patients through at one time.

OEMS

The Office of EMS reported to have officially moved. All Departments are now located together in Glen Allen at the Technology Park facility. The new location offers better access and parking. OEMS has been actively involved in the planning for the 2010 Jamboree.

Boy Scout Jamboree Report:

Eric Lasky reported that planning for the upcoming Jamboree continues. Agency support is moving forward with online sign up available and notices sent to all REMS localities. Eric will be attending an IPR in Colorado this weekend with Jamboree Table Top exercises to be conducted. An IPR is also planned at A.P. Hill in May. The Jamboree work group will meet immediately following the Disaster Committee meeting with more information provided and all welcome to attend.

Unfinished Business:

The Board of Directors approved the committee's recommendation on use of the remaining project funds for the NOAA Weather Transmitter. Mark Garnett will move forward with the bulk purchase of NWS radios to be distributed to those localities served by the new transmitter. Each locality will be asked to give an approximate population and will distribute purchased radios based on a percentage of those population figures.

New Business:

Tom McCoy provided the Council with a Training Kit for the use of the Chempack. Currently Mary Washington Health Care houses an EMS Chempack for the region. The hospital is still working on a distribution plan to include the need for a regional distribution piece through support of the council, VDH and others. Need to have a Chempack Deployment Plan in place by June, 2010 to also support the upcoming Boy Scout Jamboree.

Zach Corrigan advised that VDH has a full mock Chempack that the Hospital Alliance will have for training purposes in the coming months. Recommended that we plan to use for some regional based training on the developed deployment plan. Consider a drill in June, 2010.

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Mark Garnett appointed a subcommittee chaired by Emily Smith, RAHD to move forward with finalizing the Regional Chempack Deployment Plan as discussed and report back to the Disaster Committee at the next meeting. (SubCommittee: Emily Smith, Chair; Tom McCoy, Mark Bledsoe, Bruce Sterling, Zach Corrigan, Bob Wilburn, Jim Vitaletti, and Tina Skinner)

Board Action Items: None

Next Meeting: **June 1, 2010** (Tuesday) at 1:30 p.m. – Rappahannock EMS Council Training Center

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Disaster Committee Minutes
June 1, 2010**

Call to Order: Mark Garnett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mark Bledsoe – Fredericksburg
Mark Garnett, Chair – Caroline
Doug Boggs – Spotsylvania
Steven Lynd - King George
Ray Harvey – Quantico
Tom McCoy – Mary Washington Hospital
Emily Smith – Rappahannock Health District
Bruce Sterling - VDEM
Eddie Peck – Spotsylvania Sheriff’s Office

Others Present:

Tina Skinner, Executive Director
Zac Corrigan, NVHA
Jim Vitaletti, Stafford
Paul Lupe, Stafford

Members Absent/Excused:

Wayne Green – Culpeper
Kathy Hatter – Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District
Eric Lasky – Spotsylvania
Paula Shaver - Red Cross
Tracy Turman – Fauquier Hospital

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Bruce Sterling, seconded by Tom McCoy and carried to accept the minutes of April 6, 2010 as presented.

REMISC Executive Director Report: Tina Skinner

New FY2011 OEMS Contract will require that a drill on our Regional MCI Plan be conducted. Will advise further once Council receives new contract and directives. Mark Garnett asked if we could use the new CE scanners to track providers in an MCI. Tina will research.

Reports:

Counties Present to Report:

Caroline County

Getting ready for the July 20, 2010 North Anna drill. Will support the Boy Scout Jamboree in late July.

Culpeper County

No report.

City of Fredericksburg

Will participate in the VOPEX Drill with the Regional HazMat Team. CSX continues to negotiate with them over equipment and procedural concerns within the City. City support of recent Marine Corps Marathon resulted in 32 patients and transport of 2. It was a successful event. Thanks to all.

King George County

Storm Ready Designated presented to Board of Supervisors. Emergency Operations Plan moving forward and will adopt on June 18th. Amateur Radio installed on Repeater Tower. Put up on existing tower. Excellent repeater now for area.

Spotsylvania County

Reported that both the Civil War Re-enactment and the Bike Triathlon went well. Currently working on the VOPEX Drill.

Hospitals:

Mary Washington Healthcare:

Supported the Marine Corp Marathon that came through Fredericksburg recently. Continue to work on ChemPack and the Boy Scout Jamboree. North Anna Drill will be next week.

Stafford Hospital:

Paul Lupe is the Interim Emergency Manager. No Report.

Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance:

No Report.

Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center

Welcomed aboard the newest hospital in the REMS region and someone will be appointed to serve on the Disaster Committee. The hospital had a soft opening last week. Before the end of June will be on Alliance Med Com Channel.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management:

On May 20th held a Regional Exercise / Wildfire scenario. 16 of 17 locals were present. Positive feedback. Appreciated Mark Bledsoe and Doug Boggs who were on the planning team for table top exercise. There will be a new HazMat Officer starting June 25th. The Northern Virginia Evacuation Plan (based on terrorist activity) stops at Region 7 border. Doesn't take into account how to address beyond that. Looking to extend that plan through grant project which must be completed by September 1, 2011.

Other Agencies/Organizations:

MCB Quantico

Chief and Deputy recruitment on-going. High Angle Rope Class done. Doing other training with region with other upcoming training.

VDH

Hiring a temporary MRC Coordinator position. Immunization Clinic for Pertussis will be June 26th.

OEMS
No Report.

Boy Scout Jamboree Report:

Weekly conference calls on-going. Slow sign-up for support to date. Expect to hear more on commitment from region's agencies. Outside interest being expressed as well. May solicit squads in region for cache of PPCRs or look at states' short form (Quantico can donate some).

Chempack:

Looking into finding a location for Chempack to be pre-deployed for the Boy Scout Jamboree. Will leave Mary Washington Hospital chempack in place. Will conduct a training class June 21st from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. A drill will be conducted from 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. with a mock chempack. Will work on getting a flyer out. Draft Regional Deployment Plan is under review and will move forward. Mark Garnett appreciates all the work done to date in such a short time.

Unfinished Business:

Weather radios are in. Waiting to hear from Westmoreland, Fauquier and Culpeper Counties on figures to determine disbursement and pick up.

New Business:

None

Board Action Items: None

Next Meeting: **August 17, 2010** (Tuesday) at 1:30 p.m. – Rappahannock EMS Council
Training Center

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.