

Rappahannock EMS Council
Guidelines & Training Committee
Agenda

August 24th, 2009
REMS Training & Simulation Center, Classroom A

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by John at 1905 hours.

Roll Call and Recognition of Guests: Mike Brewster, Heather Calhoun (staff), Pat Fitzgerald, Doug Found, Mark Garnett, Linda Harris (staff), Lori Knowles, Keith Moore and Kelly Southard.

Excused: John Brandrup, Greg Leitz, Dave Morris, Dr. David Garth, Wayne Green, and Charlie Williams.

Approval of Minutes: Doug motion to accept with changes. Pat 2nd, motion carried.

Staff Report:

Intermediate FA09 started last week with 24 students

Intermediate-Paramedic Bridge has been postponed to September 10th due to low enrollment.

Suggestion of doing a poll on website of which day/night is best.

Advisory Board- currently working with Council President to appoint members and will hold first meeting in September.

EMT course to start September 14th- low enrollment right now

ALS Release Extension Requests:

1. Warren Darrell- Had a hip replacement and is requesting 3 months after his expiration in November. Mike motion to give him until February 2010. Keith 2nd, motion carried.
2. Rosanna Libbon- Has already receive a 120 day extension. Doug motioned to give her 3 months after November, which will make her new expiration of February 2010.
3. Cheryl Boswell- She is no longer affiliated with an agency and will have to re-start the program once she is affiliated with another agency.

ALS Instructor/Coordinator Requests:

1. Bobby Lane- BSN, works at Quantico Naval Clinic. Seeking initial endorsement. Doug motion to endorse. Pat 2nd, motion carried.
2. Chris Corbin- Seeking re-endorsement. Has coordinated Enhanced course in Caroline. Keith motion to re-endorse. Doug 2nd, motion carried.

Exemption Requests: none

Sub-Committee Reports:

- 1.) Protocol- BOD Action Items- went to OMD committee the with go to BOD in September. STEMI- will check with Dave Morris and Dr. Garth. EZ-IO- Lidocaine is recommended by manufacturers for pain management. Lori will email the committee members. Removing intubation from enhanced providers- Lori remembered the discussion. It is still in the protocol,

will research further to see if it was approved and what needs to be done to remove it from the protocols.

2.) ALS Release- Has not had a meeting yet to discuss the 6 month timeframe. No report.

Unfinished Business:

1.) Skills Drills- Going good so far. Need to update the NREMT forms on the website to the most current ones. Each agency needs to please notify REMS when they are doing Skills Drills so they can be posted to the website for others to sign up. Volunteers are concerned about advertising because of possible low instructor turn out. Will research if BLS can get checked off for Skills Drills in an EMT class.

New Business:

1. Preceptor Requirements- Discussion about the 2 year requirement to become a preceptor. Some felt the agency should have to make a more detailed recommendation and have more ownership on the agency and their OMD. Have the 2 year as a guideline. No recommendation made.
2. Pre-Test Guidelines- There are 2 current tests the REMS Council requires. The ALS Pre-Test is a regional policy for all EMT-Basic to pass prior to taking an ALS level course. The Intermediate Knowledge Exam (IKE) is a Program level policy specific to the REMS Intermediate-Paramedic Bridge program. Discussions concerning the IKE pursued. Heather explained this is a program specific policy and the decision is made by the Program Medical Directors and the Program Director and suggestions are welcomed. Heather explained that the IKE was based off of the exact same concept as the ALS Pre-test which the GTC voted on to accept as a regional standard. Heather explained the IKE is 90 Intermediate level questions and 10 med math questions with an 80% as a passing score. The providers get 3 attempts to pass, where as only 2 attempts with the ALS Pre-Test. Suggestions brought up: 1. do an test prep course (like an SAT prep) course and charge the students, 2. have students who are borderline passing interviewed by Program Director and Course Medical Directors to seek admission into the program.
3. Field Internship- Discussion perused concerning the REMS program policy to use only REMS approved preceptors. Heather explained this is a program specific policy and the decision is made by the Program Medical Directors and the Program Director and suggestions are welcomed. Heather explained that during our Paramedic Accreditation Site Visit we were advised to have an accountability method of selecting preceptors. We use REMS approved preceptors because we know which requirements they have met. Anyone else wishing to be approved must meet the same requirements and meet with the Program Directors. If they refuse to do so then they will not be approved. Discussion about Orange county being within REMS, even through they do not participate with our REMS program. Kelly would like for them to be automatically listed as REMS Approved Preceptors in order to preceptor Orange students who are enrolled in our programs. Heather will take the discussion to the Course Medical Directors.

4. Waiver and Exemptions- Comply a notebook of all policies to have at each meeting for a quick reference. 2 year requirement for preceptors, waivers and extensions to go to agencies for approval. Keith motioned to any individual agency- motion resented. No final recommendation made.

ALS/EMT-Basic Programs Audit:

EMT- Charles Williams- KGFR- 07/31-08/28- T/F
EMT- Mike Lawson- Culpeper VRS- 06/29-09/02
EMT- James Allen- LVRS- 07/10-10/10 UNK
EMT- Linda Harris- REMS- 09/14-12/23- M/W/S
Enhanced- Charles Williams- Colonial Beach VFD- 08/31-11/08- SU
Kelly- EMT- Greg Leitz- LOWFR- 08/24-12/03- M/TH
EMT- John Brandrup- Chancellor F&R- 08/24-12/05- M/W/S
Kelly- EMT- Craig Johnson- Orange HS- 08/24-01/08- M-F
EMT- Lori Knowles- Stafford F&R- 09/02-01/16- M/W/S
EMT- Tim Kimble- Fauquier F&R- 08/20-01/22 M/T/W/TH/F
EMT- Tim Kimble- Liberty HS- 08/24-01/22- M-F
EMT- VT Podbielski- JMHS- 09/21-01/27- M-F
EMT- Tim Kimble- Fauquier F&R- 07/01-01/30- M/T/W/S
EMT- Travis Womble- Caroline F&R- 09/10-01/19- T/TH
EMT- Chris Corbin- Fredbg VRS- 10/12-02/04- M/W/S
EMT- Becky Raines- SHS- 09/09-04/10 (x2) M-F
EMT- Cat Gardner- CFHS- 09/14-04/09 (x2) M-F
EMT- Gloria Bolecek- CHS- 09/09-05/02 M-F
EMT- John Brandrup- Chancellor F&R- 01/11-05/08- M/W/S
EMT- Steve Lynd- LVFD- 01/04-05/10
EMT- Jeff Bailey- Spotsy Vo Tech- 09/08-05/15- M-F (x2)
Intermediate- Heather Calhoun- REMS- 08/18-05/15- T/TH
I-P Bridge- Heather Calhoun- REMS- 09/10-06/03- TH
EMT- Tim Kimble- Fauquier F&R- 09/15-09/22/10- T/TH/S

REMS BOD Action Item: Protocol changes as pending from last month.

For the Good of the Order: Lori asked for everyone to send her any idea for classes, speakers, or if you want to teach t next year's Symposium asap. It is due by October 5th, then they have their first meeting for next year's Symposium in December and every instructor is confirmed by February.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2055 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for **December 21st, 2009** at 1900 hours at the REMS Training & Simulation Center.