

Rappahannock EMS Council
Guidelines & Training Committee
Minutes

June 28, 2010
REMS Training & Simulation Center, Classroom B

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Kelly Southard at 1900 hours.

Roll Call and Recognition of Guests: John Brandrup, Linda Harris (staff), Keith Moore, Greg Leitz, Doug Found, Mike Brewster, Mark Garnett and Kelly Southard

Excused: Pat Fitzgerald

Absent: Lori Knowles, Dave Morris, Dr. David Garth, Wayne Green and Charlie Williams.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by John to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Keith 2nd, motion carried.

Staff Report:

Both the Intermediate and Paramedic classes are moving forward and nearing full completion.

Intermediate Fall 2009 Course Update

17 students have completed the classroom and clinical portion of the program. Students are now working on the final Field Internship requirement. To date, 2 of those students have been marked as successfully completing our program and eligible for National Registry testing. The overall class average is currently 87%.

Paramedic Fall 2009 Course Update

10 students have completed the classroom portion of the program. 5 of those have successfully completed the clinical competencies and requirements and have begun working on their Field Internship. The remaining 5 are working with staff to show completion of their clinical competencies. The overall class average is currently 83%.

ALS Preceptor Class will be held Tuesday June 29, 2010

Instructor Roundtable Discussions were held June 1 at the Culpeper Office of EMS and June 2, 2010 at REMS

ALS Release Extension Requests:

1. Justin Weaver – precepting Intermediate at Quantico. He started with Spotsylvania Fire & Rescue and since has been hired by Quantico. They are having some trouble finding him a preceptor. He is asking for 3 months extension. Motion by Doug Found, second by Greg Leitz, motion carried
2. Cheryl Boswell – precepting Intermediate at Chancellor. Her lead preceptor has been on an extended leave. Due to staffing issues is having difficulty riding with secondary preceptor. Most times she is part of 2 man crew. She is asking for a 6 months extension. Motion by Keith Moore, second by Mark Garnett, motion carried.

3. Timothy Jaffrey – Precepting Intermediate at Aquia Harbor VRS. He is having difficulty getting patient contact due to low call volume. His lead preceptor sent a recommendation letter. He is asking for a 6 months extension. Motion by Doug Found to accept and to try running with another busier squad, second by John Brandrup, motion carried.

ALS Instructor/Coordinator Requests:

1. Linda Harris is requesting recertification endorsement. She is the Education Coordinator for REMS Council and coordinates and teaches ALS Recertification courses for the council. All applicable paperwork submitted. Motion by Doug Found to accept. John Brandrup 2nd, motion carried.
2. James Lovelady is requesting recertification endorsement. He works for LifeEvac and not only teaches in the REMS Council Region but also ODEMSA and PEMS. All applicable paperwork submitted. Motion to accept by John Brandrup. Keith Moore 2nd, motion carried.
3. Wayne Perry is requesting initial certification endorsement. He has been the ALS Instructor for the REMS Council. And he was just appointed Interim Program Director. All applicable paperwork was submitted. Motion to accept by John Brandrup and, seconded by Keith Moore, motion carried.
4. Nick Klimenko is requesting a recertification endorsement. This was tabled from the April meeting. After some discussion the motion was made by John Brandrup to deny the request, Second by Keith Moore. Motion passed with one abstention.

Exemption Requests: none

Sub-Committee Reports:

1.) **Protocol-** Report given by Keith Moore chair of the sub committee. Keith attended the Medical Direction Committee in June and provided the members a wish list of the propose changes/ additions to the protocols. The following were denied at this time: atrovent/combivent; amiodarone use in SVT; central line access; RSI; prehospital iStats; Autopulse; and a dive medical disorder/submersion injury protocol. Not recommended at this time was removal of flumazenil. Some draft proposals that will be worked on and presented to Medical Direction Committe are: Chemical Restraint of a combative patient; WMD/CBRNE protocol; transfer of a patient to a lower level of care; and protocols for wilderness/SAR/tactical teams. Other items that were discussed were; a crush syndrome protocol that the committee would like to see evidence-based research supporting a protocol; a prethrombolytic checklist was determined to be beneficial for effective time management and patient advocacy and should be added to the CVA Protocol as an option and the Medical Direction Committee would like to see research supporting the use of hemostatic agents The idea of introducing a therapeutic Hypothermia protocol was well received & recommended. With ECOs and TDOs it was recommended that agencies and municipalities coordinate with their specific OMD's and local law enforcement agencies for guidance and procedures. The OMD's agreed that the use of MAST/PASG is no longer recommended for hemodynamic use and should be removed from the units with the stipulation that a protocol be put in place for a pelvic stabilization device such as T-Pod.

The committee was asked to look into a patient designation protocol for the region.

2.) **ALS Release-** In an attempt to be more customer friendly the Executive Committee has asked the REMS Council Office to revise the ALS release forms to include the signature of the OMD for final release. Tim Kimble from the Executive Committee worked with Linda Harris to revise this form and they were presented to the G & T members at the meeting.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: The new online registration was discussed. This is a work in progress. Debby Loveless has taken several training classes on setting up an online registration process for our Consolidated Test Sites. They are working on some modification to the program for our council. When it is up and running the candidate can register and pay online. This will be a non-refundable registration. The candidate will not need to provide an eligibility to test letter but will still be required to bring it to the test site. Information will go out to the coordinators when this is up and running. It was asked if we could develop a wait list for test sites. This will be looked into.

The subject of e mail polls of the members of the G & T for such things as ALS Coordinator approvals; either initial or recertification; was discussed. The motion was made by Doug Fond and seconded by Keith Moore that there be no more e mail polls unless there are extenuating circumstances with the provider. Motion passed. It was asked that a memo go out to all coordinators listing this information and the dates of the G & T committee meetings.

It was also asked that we look into appointing a person as a back up webmaster

ALS/EMT-Basic Programs Audit:

EMT- Mike Lawson- Culpeper VRS- 6/24 – 7/27- M/T/T/F

EMT- Tim Kimble- Fauquier F&R- 02/01-06/30- T/TH/S

EMT- Tim Kimble- Fauquier F&R- 06/14 – 9/15- T/TH/S

EMT – Chris Corbin – Fred. VRS – 8/16 – 11/24 – M-W-S

EMT – Cat Gardner – Colonial Forge HS 9/13 – 4/15 M-F x2

EMT – Becky Raines – Stafford Senior HS – 9/15 – 4/01 M-F x2

REMS BOD Action Item: None

For the Good of the Order:

Adjournment: Motion by John to adjourn the meeting. Keith 2nd, meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for **August 23th, 2010** at 1900 hours at the REMS Training & Simulation Center.