

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

DATE: Thursday, January 18, 2007

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Crnarich – Chair
Beth Addington
Sylvia Sullivan
Carolyn Marsh – Staff

ABSENT

Jim Schepmoes
Bill Yeatman
George Langford

Mark Crnarich, called the meeting to order at 1400 hours.

Since this was the first meeting that Mr. Crnarich had attended as the chairperson, he introduced himself to the group and gave an overview of his background and brief direction that he would like to see the committee move toward.

The first order of business was discussion on recruiting more members for the committee. Each member was asked to solicit additional staff to assist with the group's direction.

The REMS Council Newsletter was discussed and the group was reminded of the need to publish a minimum of two issues annually. The group discussed options for an improved newsletter. Areas briefly discussed were, father/son articles, interest in more personalized articles, encourage agencies to submit articles of events with pictures, and safety tips. It was agreed that the Council Staff would generate the upcoming newsletter and that the committee would be prepared to create the next newsletter.

The Red E Fox 911 for Kids program was a huge success last year. The committee was asked for direction on the program. The committee agreed to continue the first through fifth prizes in the art contest. If a school had a winner (1st – 5th) they would not have an honorable mention. Schools with no winner in the art contest would have an honorable mention. Every child would receive a certificate of completion. Since it is a PI & E committee function it was agreed that the committee would judge the art contest submissions. The committee will write a policy for judging of the art contest. Chancellor Volunteer Fire & Rescue and Spotsylvania Volunteer Rescue Squad are checking to see if they can make a donation to the program for prizes or material.

Regional Awards deadline for submission is March 30, 2007. Members were advised of what we needed to do for this event. Mr. Dillard chairs the Nomination Selection Committee and selects the members to serve on the committee. Regional Awards Banquet is May 15, 2007 at Holiday Inn Select.

Group was asked to start letting people know about the golf tournament, event is scheduled for April 25, 2007. Support of the committee is needed to help with donations for goodie bags and donation of items for raffle as well as support of members to assist with working the event.

Briefly discussed options for promotion of the council, better marketing, and establishing visions and goals.

With all the events that will be taking place it was requested that the committee assist with promoting events, help with setup and assist the office staff as much as possible.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2005 @ 1300 at 2300 Fall Hill Ave. in Meeting Room B. Due to the number of events and projects for the committee it was agreed that the committee would need to meet more often. Future meetings were schedule for March 7, 2007 @ 1300 and April 4, 2007 @ 1300. Locations for those meetings will be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 1415.