

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Public Education and Information Committee Meeting
September 28, 2011**

Members Present: Beth Addington, Charlie Bocook, Mark Crnarich, Kim Steves, Carolyn Marsh and Wayne Perry

Meeting was called to order at the REMS Council Training Center by Wayne Perry at 3:00pm.

Wayne Perry requests the committee hold regular quarterly meetings.

- The committee now has a facebook page on the REMS website.
- A request has been made by Mary Washington Healthcare that the PI&E Committee participate in the Triathlon that they are sponsoring to distribute educational materials. We need to order additional materials.
- EMS Symposium to be held in November.
- Suggestions were made by Wayne Perry that REMS advertise upcoming Paramedic and EMT-I class at Germanna Community College.
- There was discussion to promote motorcycle safety and distribute helmet tags.
- Wayne recommended that the newsletter be published quarterly and to utilize the REMS ListServe. Discussed printing a smaller quantity of newsletters and direct more readers to the ListServe.
- REMS website seeking articles related to EMS activities in our region,
- Fundraising events were discussed and the possibility of purchasing advertising time on local radio stations.
- Kim Steves suggested a Winter Ball as a fundraising project.
- The need for more volunteers for the PI&E Committee was discussed. This group is to be called the "REMS Volunteer Corps".

Upcoming PI&E Events:

- REMS Birthday Celebration - recommends presenting a regional award for "Volunteer of the Year"
- Golf Tournament - 10 year anniversary
- Regional Award Ceremony-consider starting at an earlier time and making other changes to the program
- 9-1-1 for Kids-Program has grown to 26 schools in the region. Bank can no longer donate savings bonds. Consider other awards related to saving money for the award winners.

There was a recommendation that REMS partner with the Chamber of Commerce and share resources.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.