

The Rappahannock EMS Council FY2015 Annual Report



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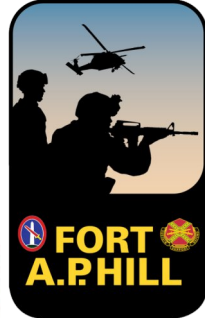


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The Rappahannock EMS Council is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit community organization serving the Counties of Caroline, Culpeper, Fauquier, King George, Orange, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, and Stafford; the City of Fredericksburg; and the Town of Colonial Beach.



Our mission is to facilitate the development and continued operation of a high quality, dedicated, and coordinated emergency response and preparedness system for our service area.

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Staff

Executive Director

Wayne Perry

Office Manager

Margot Moser

Regional Systems Coordinator

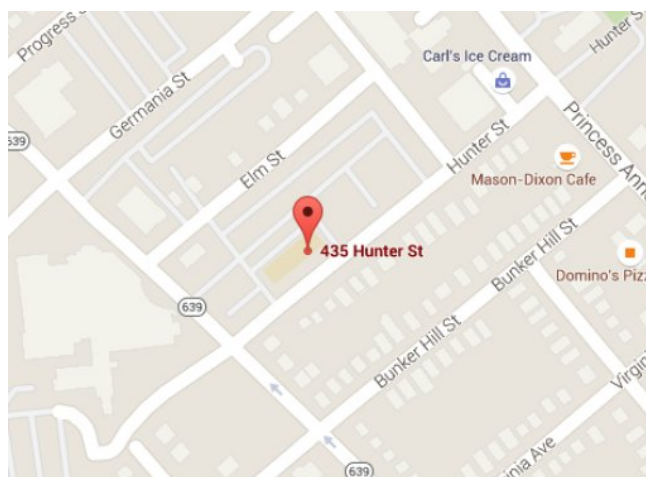
Carolyn Marsh

Regional Education Coordinator

Linda Harris

Regional Field Coordinator

Kate Gardella



Faculty

Waverly Alley

Part-Time ALS Faculty

Jarrold Batts

Part-Time ALS Faculty

Kenneth Crist

Part-Time ALS Faculty

Lisa Davis

Part-Time ALS Faculty

Eric Lasky

Part-Time ALS Faculty

Robert Usher

Part-Time ALS Faculty

Brian Weston

Part-Time ALS Faculty

Elizabeth Addington

Contract BLS Faculty

Sue Connors

Contract BLS Faculty



Organizational Background

Established in 1976, the Council is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization that assists in the planning and coordination of the region's emergency medical services to ensure that the best emergency care possible is available. In addition, we support the emergency providers themselves, providing opportunities for education, testing, and recognition. The Council is a leading provider of advanced life support training programs and coordinates all of the region's emergency medical services test sites. The council provides an EMS lending library for agencies, instructors, and hospitals free of charge in order to promote professional development and ongoing education and coordinates the development of regional pre-hospital patient care protocols, patient transfer plans, and a regional performance improvement program. We also work with the local community, supporting educational outreach and identifying training needs.

The council office is located in the City of Fredericksburg, where we lease a building from Mary Washington Healthcare in exchange for an annual in-kind donation. The council completed a major renovation of the building in 2007 which allowed for the creation of the first high-fidelity simulation lab in the region. We continue to maintain this extraordinary training resource, which we utilize for training and share with EMS agencies and providers in the region free of charge.

The Rappahannock EMS Council Board of Directors includes 26 representatives from the region's EMS agencies, jurisdictions, and citizen representation. All EMS agencies in the region are invited as participants on regional committees to offer input in the regional plans and policies produced by the EMS Council.

Our region interacts on a daily basis with the EMS systems in neighboring regions. We border 5 of the 10 other regional EMS Councils in Virginia. We also border Charles County, Maryland, responding into that state as requested.

In October 2012 the State Board of Health and the State Health Commissioner approved the Rappahannock EMS Council, Inc. as the designated EMS Council for a service area formed by the 10 localities of Planning District 9 and Planning District 16. Application for re-designation is due during FY2016.

Excerpt of Code of Virginia § 32.1-111.11: Regional Emergency Medical Services Councils

The Board shall designate regional emergency medical services councils which shall be authorized to receive and disburse public funds. Each council shall be charged with the development and implementation of an efficient and effective regional emergency medical services delivery system.

The Board shall review those agencies that were the designated regional emergency medical services councils. The Board shall, in accordance with the standards established in its regulations, review and may renew or deny applications for such designations every three years. In its discretion, the Board may establish conditions for renewal of such designations or may solicit applications for designation as a regional emergency medical services council. Each council shall adopt and revise as necessary a regional emergency medical services plan in cooperation with the Board.



Board of Directors

Planning District 9 Representatives

Culpeper County

Wayne Green - volunteer EMS
Warren Jenkins - career EMS

Fauquier County

Mary Hart - career EMS
Jessica Shaw - volunteer EMS

Orange County

John Harkness - career EMS
Maurice Moody - volunteer EMS

Rappahannock County

Jack Atkins - volunteer EMS
Don Gore - volunteer EMS

At- Large Representation

John Brandrup, * Treasurer
Spotsylvania County citizen

Mark Crnarich, * Secretary
King George County citizen

Dr. Jordan Crovatin, Jr.
UVA Culpeper Hospital

Kevin Dillard, * President
Spotsylvania County citizen

Planning District 16 Representatives

Caroline County

Mark Garnett - career EMS
Susan Dietrich - volunteer EMS

City of Fredericksburg

Eddie Allen * - career EMS
Scott Davis - volunteer EMS

King George County

David Garvin - volunteer EMS
David Moody - career EMS

Spotsylvania County

Joe Sposa - career EMS
Kirk Twigg - Spotsylvania citizen

Stafford County

Lori Knowles - career EMS
Emmett Price - Stafford citizen

Town of Colonial Beach (Westmoreland)

Pat Fitzgerald - volunteer EMS

Dr. Tania White
Regional Medical Director

Mariana Bedway
City of Fredericksburg
Citizen

Kelly Southard, * Vice President
Orange County Citizen

*member of Executive Committee

Regional EMS System

The Rappahannock EMS Council provides regional planning and technical support services to a geographic area encompassing planning districts 9 and 16 with a population of over 500,000. The region is diverse with civilian and military industry, including seven airports, the Marine Corps Base Quantico, the Naval Support Activity South Potomac at Dahlgren, Fort A.P. Hill, and endless highways and commuter routes. The region includes the counties of Caroline, Culpeper, Fauquier, King George, Orange, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, and Stafford; the city of Fredericksburg and the Town of Colonial Beach. This 2,700 square mile region extends from urban to very rural areas and includes major transportation arteries such as Interstate 95, Interstate 66, U.S Route 301, U.S. Route 29, U.S. Route 17, and U.S. Route 1.

Serving this region are 5 acute-care hospitals, 1 free-standing emergency department, and numerous urgent care centers. Included in this is a level II trauma center, two Survey-Reported Level 2 stroke centers, one Initial Entry Access Level 4 stroke center, over 40 EMS agencies (government, volunteer, federal, non-profit, commercial, and industrial), over 2,900 EMS providers, almost 220 licensed EMS vehicles, and one licensed aeromedical agency.

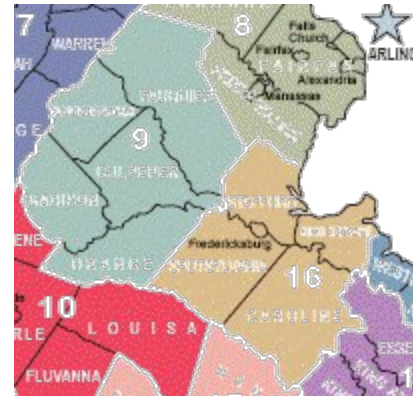
There are 43 EMS agencies in the Rappahannock EMS Council region which is 6% of the total 655 agencies across the Commonwealth of Virginia. These local agencies are paired with 9 emergency physicians who provide operational medical control that is required by the Code of Virginia. There are 2,950 certified EMS providers in the REMS region which comprise almost 9% of the providers in Virginia. These providers answer nearly 50,000 calls annually and are practicing at the following levels in the REMS region:

First Responder - 17
EMT-Basic - 1908
AEMT - 2
EMT-Enhanced - 141
EMT-Intermediate - 334
EMT-Paramedic - 487



Regional Coordination and Planning

The Rappahannock EMS Council utilizes a Regional Strategic EMS Plan with established strategies and initiatives to provide the Council and staff guidance in the continued development and improvement of the regional Emergency Medical Services system over time. This document is not a recipe for day-to-day management or oversight activities; it represents a broad-brush approach addressing the bigger picture surrounding the provision of services and coordination of interactions between stakeholders.



CORE COUNCIL STRATEGIES:

1. Develop and Strengthen Partnerships
2. Strengthen Infrastructure
3. Strengthen Education and Training



FY15 Activities and Accomplishments

Staff offices weekdays from 8 AM until 5 PM

Provided assistance to agencies regarding EMS issues such as rules and regulations, reciprocity, and affiliation changes to entities within the region and state

Provided volunteer and career referrals and training information in response to hundreds of phone calls and electronic requests

Held 6 Board of Directors meetings: 3 in PD16, 3 in PD9

Served as EMS infrastructure point of contact for agencies, providers, hospitals, and local governments in the region

Encouraged agencies and providers to register for and use OEMS portals

Published monthly financial reports, quarterly program reports, an annual report, committee minutes and rosters, and training and event announcements

Maintained a CLIA waiver exempting area agencies from laboratory registration for blood tests with portable glucometry equipment saving EMS agencies over \$9,600 biannually

Maintained the REMS website with all regional plans and protocols, as well as updates regarding legislation, regulations, reciprocity, and affiliation changes

Published, maintained, and distributed the Regional Strategic EMS Plan

Provided fee-free meeting space and training equipment to agencies and providers

Promoted EMS RSAF grant program; provided technical assistance to grant applicants

Provided standardized grading for regional RSAF grants to OEMS

Attended Financial Audit Review Committee meetings to support RSAF grant applicants

Attended quarterly meetings of the Regional Director's Group

Attended Governor's EMS Advisory Board meetings

Attended Virginia Association of Governmental EMS Administrators Meetings

Attended National Highway Traffic Safety Administration National EMS Advisory Council meetings

Attended the Trauma Operations Process and Performance Committee at the region's Level II trauma center

Attended bi-monthly EMS meetings at Mary Washington Hospital

Maintained a Continuity of Operations Plan, policies, and By-Laws for the Council

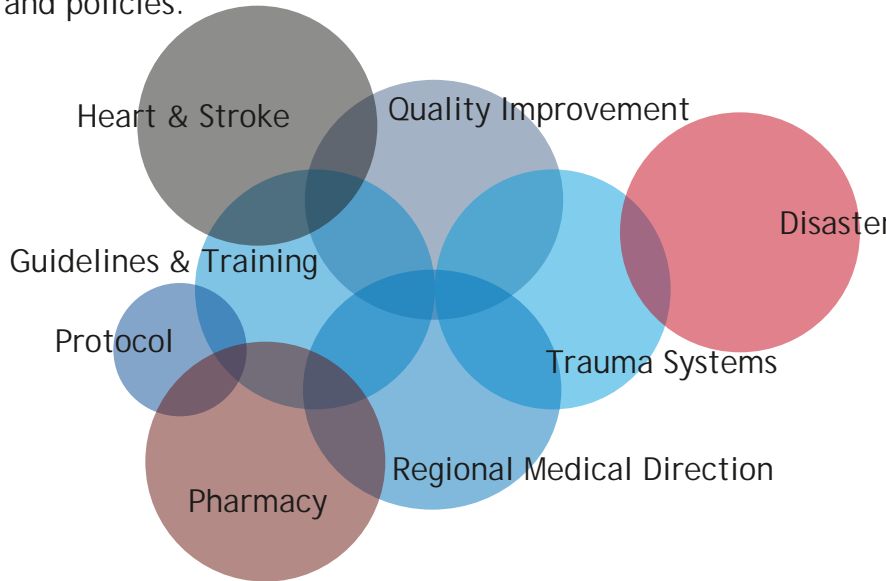
Participated as members of Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce

Provided coordination for Regional Medical Direction; Medication and EMS Supply Restocking; Protocols, Policies, and Procedures; Medication Kit Standardization and Exchange; EMS Performance Improvement; Mass Casualty Incident support; CISM; and

Regional Awards

Regional EMS Integration and Planning

The Council facilitates 16 Regional Committees with a total of more than 200 members. Membership of these committees consists of area EMS providers, citizens, physicians, hospital staff, and representatives from various other health organizations such as the American Heart Association. These committees are guided by the Strategic EMS Plan, help integrate the operations of various agencies in our service area, and steer the development of regional plans and policies.



As illustrated in the figure to the left, Council committees work collaboratively, with each committee focusing on a particular topic and regional plan. The overlap of these committees is representative of the complex nature of the Emergency Medical Services system; no one portion stands alone, but is part of a complex whole. The REMS Board of Directors has oversight over all committees.

Council Regional Committee Leadership

Executive Committee

Kevin Dillard, President

By-Laws Committee

Don Gore, Chairman

CISM Committee

Patricia Copeland, Team Leader

Disaster Committee

Mark Garnett, Chairman

Finance Committee

John Brandrup, Treasurer

Grants Committee

Kevin Dillard, President

Guidelines and Training Committee

Kelly Southard, Vice President

Heart and Stroke Committee

Emmett Price, Chairman

Medical Direction Committee

Dr. Tania White, Regional OMD

Nominating Committee

Kevin Dillard, President

Personnel Committee

David Moody, Chairman

Pharmacy Committee

Joey King, Chairman

Protocol Sub-committee

Tricia Derr, Chair

Quality Improvement Committee

Mark Crnarich, Chairman

Strategic Planning Committee

Kirk Twigg, Chairman

Trauma System Committee

Dr. Jordan Crovatin, Co-Chair

Susan Dietrich, Co-Chair

Regional, State, and National Committees and Advisory Boards

The Rappahannock EMS Council interacts extensively with the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services and state committees to provide an avenue for the sharing of information between and among said state bodies and regional committees, working toward statewide system improvement and enhancements. State committees to which the Council offers staff and resources include:



- State EMS Advisory Board
- State Medical Direction Committee
- Patient Care Guidelines Workgroup
- State Transportation Committee
- Virginia EMS Symposium Committee
- State Trauma Oversight Committee
- State CISM Committee



Council staff represent our service area at meetings of the Regional Director's Group, Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC), Virginia Association of EMS Administrators (VAGEMSA), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - National EMS Advisory Council (NHTSA NEMSAC), and Virginia Heart Attack Coalition (VHAC).



Staff also attend EMS on the Hill Day as well as the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Summit.

State and Regional Committee and Advisory Group Representatives

Governor's EMS Advisory Board	Kelly Southard, REMS BOD
Rappahannock CISM Team (PD9 & 16)	Patricia Copeland, Team Leader
Regional Director's Group	Wayne Perry, REMS Council
VCCS Curriculum Advisory Group	Wayne Perry, REMS Council
VCCS Clinical Simulation and Competency Committee	Wayne Perry, REMS Council
Virginia Medical Direction Committee	Dr. Tania White, Regional OMD
Virginia Trauma Oversight Committee	Dr. Donald Kauder, MWH

Regional Services

Protocol, Policies, and Procedures

The Rappahannock EMS Council develops and provides the region with Advanced Life Support (ALS), Basic Life Support (BLS), Pediatric, and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) patient care protocols, policies, and procedures for all local governments, EMS agencies, EMS providers, EMS physicians and hospitals in the region. The regional patient care protocols are reviewed and adopted by the Medical Direction Committee as a regional template and guide to the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical care.

The Council maintains a Protocol Sub-committee under the Guidelines and Training Committee that drafts new and revises existing protocols, policies and procedures for consideration by the Medical Direction Committee. Through their work, the Protocol Sub-committee ensures that regional protocols, policies and procedures continue to meet national standards and reflect changing medical knowledge, effective therapeutic modalities, and continually developing and improving provider knowledge and skill level. The committee also maintains a Protocol Manual, a document that presents effective and accurate patient treatment in an organized manner.

Revisions to the current protocols began in FY 2015 and will be finalized in FY 2016.

Regional Medical Direction

The Rappahannock EMS Council coordinates a medical direction committee which develops, implements, and improves programs of medical control and accountability. In addition to coordinating and developing regional patient care protocols, they provide medical oversight for education and testing for all levels of emergency medical service certification within the region. The policies and protocols for the region are the basis for the legal "standard of care" for the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical care within the geographic boundaries of the Rappahannock Region.

In FY2015, REMS:

- Coordinated the endorsement of several OMDs
- Maintained a Scope of Service and signed contract with Regional Medical Director, Dr. Tania White
- Maintained and processed 17 OMD agreements for EMS agencies throughout the region. Maintained and updated the regional patient care protocols.
- Held Regional Medical Direction meetings every other month, led by the Regional Medical Director. Topics included regional patient care; evidence-based medicine; QI and safety issues; drug shortages; and EMS physician updates

Operational Medical Directors

Dr. Jeffrey Alberts—Orange County

Lake of the Woods Vol. Fire and Rescue Company
Orange County Dept. of Emergency Services
Orange County Rescue Squad

Dr. Jordan Crovatin - Culpeper County

Amissville Volunteer Fire Department
Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department
Castleton Community Volunteer Fire Dept.
Culpeper County Office of Emergency Services
Culpeper County Rescue Squad
Culpeper Regional Hospital, Inc.
Rapidan Volunteer Fire Department
Reva Volunteer Fire and Rescue
Richardsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue
Salem Volunteer Fire Department
Sperryville Volunteer Rescue Squad
Madison County Emergency Medical Svcs

Dr. James Dudley

LifeCare Medical Transports, Inc.

Dr. Michael Goeden - City of Fredericksburg

Fredericksburg Fire Department
Fredericksburg Rescue Squad

Dr. Douglas Johnson - Caroline, King George, and Westmoreland County

Bowling Green Volunteer Rescue Squad
Caroline County Department of Fire and Rescue
Colonial Beach Rescue Squad
Colonial Beach Volunteer Fire Department
King George Dept. of Fire, Rescue, and EMS
King George Fire and Rescue
Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department
Westmoreland County Dept. of Emergency Svcs

Dr. Mark Pierce - Rappahannock County

Chester Gap Fire Department
Flint Hill Volunteer Fire Department

Dr. Andrew Reese - Stafford County

LifeCare Medical Transports, Inc.

Dr. Colleen Rickabaugh - Spotsylvania County

Spotsylvania County Fire and Rescue
Spotsylvania Volunteer Rescue Squad
Chancellor Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Dr. Charles Beaudette - Stafford County

Aquia Harbour Volunteer Rescue Squad
Brooke Fire Safety Association
Hartwood Volunteer Fire Department
Rockhill Volunteer Rescue Squad
Rockhill Volunteer Fire Department
Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department
Stafford Volunteer Rescue Squad
White Oak Volunteer Fire Department
White Oak Volunteer Rescue Squad
Widewater Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Dr. Michael Jenks - Fauquier County

Amissville Volunteer Fire/Rescue Company
Catlett Volunteer Fire/Rescue
Fauquier County Fire-Rescue
Goldvein Volunteer Fire/Rescue
Little Fork Volunteer Fire/Rescue Company
Lois Volunteer Fire Department
Marshall Volunteer Rescue Squad
New Baltimore Volunteer Fire Company
Orlean Volunteer Fire Company
Remington Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department
Sperryville Volunteer Rescue Squad
The Plains Volunteer Fire Company
Upperville Volunteer Fire Company
Warrenton Training Center
Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company
Washington Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Regional Medical and EMS Supplies Restocking

The Rappahannock EMS Council provides a Regional Medication and EMS Supplies Restocking Agreement between all EMS agencies and the community hospitals with full-service emergency departments within the region. This agreement meets all current federal regulations and describes the region's restocking procedures between the REMS Council region hospitals and EMS agencies. The Agreement is maintained by the Council's full-time Regional Systems Coordinator, with annual approval by the REMS Board of Directors.

In FY2015, REMS:

- Provided hospitals in PD 16 with single-use narcotic security bags for the Regional Medication Exchange Program
- Maintained and updated regional medication and EMS supplies restocking agreements with each of the five hospitals in our service area
- Served as liaison between EMS agencies, medical directors, and emergency department nurse managers in the exchange of supplies and equipment
- Reviewed and maintained the Regional Medication Exchange Program
- Worked collaboratively with Pharmacy Committee members on the development and introduction of STAT Kits
- Assisted agencies by filing Controlled Substance Registrations with area hospitals
- Maintained EMS Medication Shortage list on website; distributed information regarding Regional Medical Director approved alternative



Medication Kit Standardization and Exchange

There are over 100 Medication Kits (also known as "drug boxes") maintained by the Council and regional hospital pharmacies throughout the region in support of the regional standard of care identified in the regional Patient Care Protocols.

While individual EMS agencies may purchase alternative kits when operating under a one-for-one exchange, the Rappahannock EMS Council provides the initial and replacement boxes as well as system oversight. The contents of the drug boxes are restocked after use and owned by the region's hospital pharmacies. The Guidelines and Training Committee and the Medical Direction Committee develop the content lists for drug boxes, one-for-one exchange options, and the related protocols. All EMS agencies within the region participate in the Regional Medication Kit Exchange Program managed by the Council. The Council's Regional Systems Coordinator is responsible for the contracts, inventory lists, and the process and distribution of the region's drug boxes.

EMS Performance Improvement

The Rappahannock EMS Council maintains an ongoing Performance Improvement Program that regularly assesses EMS system performance in order to provide the information needed for continuous quality improvement in pre-hospital emergency medical care and outcomes. The Council's EMS performance improvement work is led by its multi-disciplinary Quality Improvement (QI) Committee (a combination of providers across the care continuum) that is responsible for assuring and improving the quality of pre-hospital care provided within the region. The Committee is also responsible for assisting hospitals, the Medical Direction Committee, and citizens or EMS providers with medical case reviews, evaluating patient care and system performance data, and conducting studies and investigations.

In FY2015, REMS:

- Conducted two Incident Reviews
- Reviewed, revised, and distributed the Performance Improvement Plan
- Held quarterly meetings of Medical Quality Improvement Committee and published minutes
- Reviewed, revised, and distributed the Trauma Performance Improvement Plan
- Held quarterly meetings of Trauma Quality Improvement Committee and published minutes
- Provided technical assistance to EMS agencies regarding QA/QI reporting.

FY 2015 Quarterly Reporting Indicators*

Quarter 1 (July - September)

Trauma: study of types of burns, treatments, and pain management
Medical: Overdose survey
System: Agency fiscal health

Quarter 2 (October - December)

Trauma: Pediatric patient extremity injury survey
Medical: Pain management survey
System: Mechanical aid survey

Quarter 3 (January - March)

Trauma: continuation of burn survey
Medical: continuation of pain management survey
System: continuation of mechanical aid survey

Quarter 4 (April - June)

Trauma: Trauma Triage utilization survey
Medical: Stroke/AMS survey
System: Responding Time Standard survey

*Quarterly agency surveys requesting data pertaining to trauma, medical, or EMS system issues in the region.

Mass Casualty Incident Support

The Rappahannock EMS Council provides coordination and assistance with mass casualty planning and training on local, regional, and state levels. In conjunction with the Virginia Office of EMS, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and local emergency preparedness leadership, Rappahannock EMS Council provides and updates a Regional Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Plan and Guide for all EMS agencies, EMS Providers, EMS Physicians and hospitals in the region. The Regional Plan and Guide incorporate the Virginia Triage Tag as well as the Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment (START) and JumpSTART (pediatric) patient triage processes adopted by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Council provides MCI exercise planning and evaluation, and MCI training, on request, throughout the region. The Council also works with the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance, the Regional Hospital Coordinating Center, and the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association to monitor the Regional Hospital Diversion Plan.

FY2015 Accomplishments:

- Reviewed and revised the EMS Multiple Casualty Incident Manual
- Maintained strategic partnership with Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance (NVHA), Mary Washington Healthcare, and HCA Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center
- Updated resource listing of regional surge plan and mass casualty resources (appendix of MCI plan)
- Fostered working relationships between and among the Department of Health, Department of Emergency Management, American Red Cross, Medical Reserves Corps, Regional Hazardous Materials Team, law enforcement, emergency management coordinators, and other agencies in the region
- Reviewed and maintained Regional Trauma Triage Plan
- Reviewed and published Hospital Diversion Plan
- Maintained memorandum of agreement for a joint project between the National Weather Service/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association with Mary Washington Healthcare to promote regional communications. This is based on an FY2010 RSAF grant for \$40,000 for a NOAA weather radio all-hazards transmitter site - total project \$89,500
- Provided resources and information in preparation and planning for pandemic events (Ebola Virus Disease)
- Participated in surge planning within the region

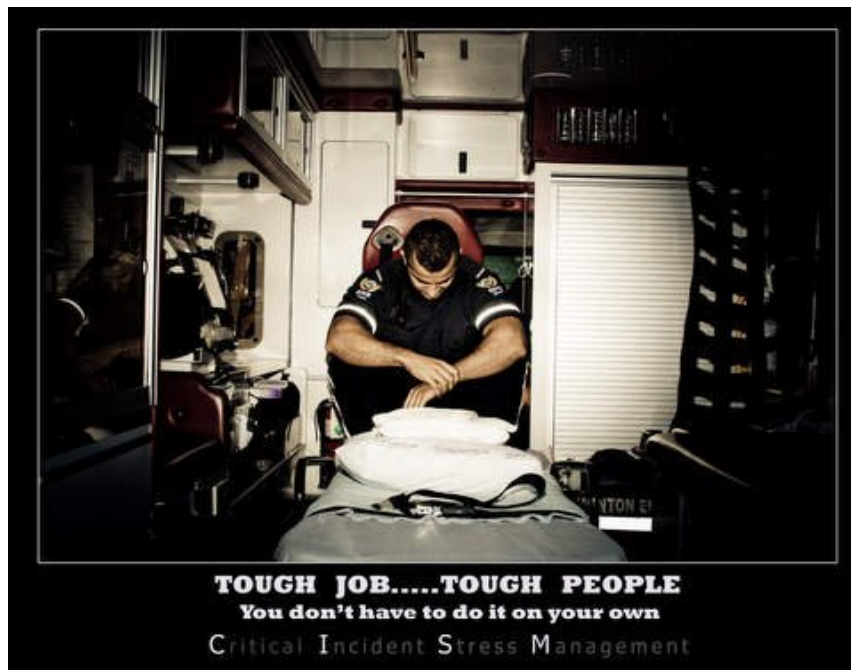


Critical Incident Stress Management

The Rappahannock EMS Council supports and manages one of the fifteen Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Teams recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The CISM Teams provide critical support to the entire emergency services community, including police, fire, emergency medical services, emergency communications, or hospital emergency department personnel who experience psychologically traumatic events or suffer from the effects of cumulative events. The Rappahannock CISM Team also provides services to members of the community involved in similar events. Team members provide pre-incident education, on-site support and demobilization, post-incident defusing, psychological first-aid, and peer-to-peer support and debriefing. The multi-faceted team includes representatives from not only the public safety sector, but also clergy, counselors, psychological professionals, and other members of the community at large. The Council coordinates a 24-hour dispatch center to provide coverage around-the-clock throughout the year.

In FY2015, REMS:

- Coordinated a state accredited regional CISM team consisting of more than 30 volunteer mental health and peer public safety debriefers.
- Conducted 6 membership training sessions and two Outreach training sessions.
- The REMS CISM team responded to 23 calls for service during FY2015 and made contact with approximately 150 people.

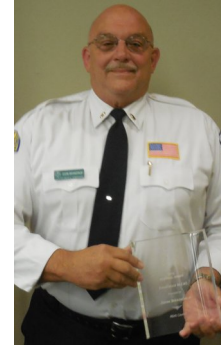


Regional Awards Program

Each year, the Rappahannock EMS Council conducts a Regional Awards Program. These awards recognize the unique and essential role EMS plays in the community, and honors the individuals and agencies that have made a significant contribution to EMS in the region. Regional award winners are nominated for the state's Governors EMS Awards.

The 2015 Regional Award Recipients were:

Award for Excellence in Emergency Medical Services
John Brandrup, LifeCare Medical Transports



Award to the Outstanding Pre-Hospital Provider
Anna Harmon, Caroline County

Award to the Outstanding EMS Pre-Hospital Educator
LeRon Lewis, LifeCare Medical Transports



Award to the Outstanding EMS Administrator
Kimberly Madison, Spotsylvania Volunteer Rescue Squad

Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS Health and Safety
REMS Council Regional CISM Team, Fredericksburg, VA

Award to Outstanding Telecommunications Officer/Dispatcher
Chrissy Jones, LifeCare Medical Transports

Award to Outstanding EMS Agency
Spotsylvania County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management

Award to Outstanding Contribution to EMS for Children
Thomas McGowan, LifeCare Medical Transports



Award to Physician with Outstanding Contribution to EMS
Dr. Colleen Rickabaugh, Mary Washington Healthcare

Award to Nurse with Outstanding Contribution to EMS
Melissa Hall, Mary Washington Healthcare

Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS by a High School Senior
Tristan Crigger-Cox, Spotsylvania Volunteer Rescue Squad

Regional Education

Regional Training and Simulation Center

The REMS Council manages and maintains a Regional Training and Simulation Center. This Center is equipped with more than one-quarter million dollars in equipment for basic and advanced training.

This equipment includes high-fidelity human patient simulators: two adult "Sim-Man"; one adult "Vital Sim"; two pediatric "SimBaby"; one pediatric "SimNewB"; one obstetric "Noelle"; and one adult "AirMan". The Center also contains five advanced training labs, three of which have audio/visual recording capabilities.

The REMS Council has its own training program, through which we trained or retrained providers, offering initial entry-level BLS and ALS training, as well as Continuing Education for providers through to National Registry Paramedic level. REMS maintains professional liability insurance for all students enrolled in council-sponsored training programs, saving students roughly \$9,600 annually.

In FY2015, REMS:

- Renewed established clinical affiliation agreements at six facilities, which are utilized by REMS students as well as EMS agencies throughout the region
- Maintained 45 field affiliation agreements, which are also utilized by REMS students as well as EMS agencies throughout the region
- Continued on the path towards national accreditation of our training center through CoAEMSP
- Provided 330 hours of instruction in entry-level certification courses



Continuing Education

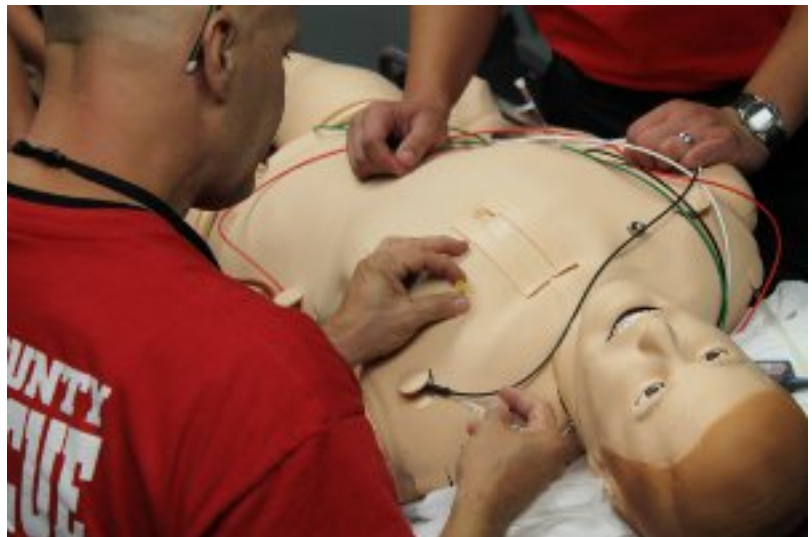
The Council helps providers maintain up-to-date training and certifications. Each year, Council staff assists agency training officers with course announcements and continuing education requirements; maintains a regional web-based training calendar; processes continuing education hours for individuals completing training and courses at other training sites; serves as a clearinghouse for regional and state EMS information, posters, calendars and other public relation and recruitment materials; sends out updates regarding legislation; publishes and distributes various flyers for courses, service offerings, and training events; and assists EMS providers with their National Registry ALS and state EMT CEU re-certification/testing questions.

In FY2015, REMS:

- Worked with the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads to facilitate provision of EMS CEU at their bi-monthly training meetings and skills competitions.
- Supported Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and Basic Life Support/CPR classes in partnership with the Mary Washington Hospital AHA Training Center.
- Offered 402 hours of ALS and BLS continuing education.
- Provided International Trauma Life Support, Advanced Trauma Life Support, and GEMS/PEPP/MCIM courses as requested.
- Participated in the planning and coordination of the Symposium which has over 1800 attendees each year.

Instructor Services

In FY2015, the Rappahannock EMS Council endorsed 3 ALS coordinators for recertification. The Council also electronically provided updated material to EMS instructors and coordinators across our service area. Two instructor meetings were held, one in Planning District 9 and another in Planning District 16. During these meetings, changes to OEMS regulations concerning training and certification were discussed. The Council also maintains and continually expands an EMS library, which includes EMSAT videos, textbooks, and other educational resources for free use by area agencies.



Regional Testing

The Council coordinates the testing of EMS providers for initial certification at both the basic and advanced life support levels. The Council developed and distributed a yearly testing schedule; registered all test candidates; and coordinated all technical aspects of testing events, including the procurement of a facility, resource provision, and staffing. The Council also maintains, inventories, and stocks adequate equipment and supplies to administer all regional test sites.

In FY2015, REMS:

- Administered a total of 14 total test sites within the region, with 3 first responder practical; 441 EMT practical; 14 Education Coordinator Cognitive
- Developed and posted a testing schedule of times, dates, and locations.
- Provided staff support as evaluators, managers, and fill-in test examiners.
- Conducted four National Registry sites for AEMT, EMT-I, and EMT-P practical testing, where more than 100 entry-level and retest candidates were served
- Assisted candidates with the registration process
- Conducted two CTS evaluator courses and one update
- Utilized a web-based test site registration system to coordinate provider testing.

Community Education and Awareness

The Council is an active member of the Rappahannock United Way and participates in both Combined Federal Campaign and Combined Virginia Campaign events, interacting with the public and educating them about the Council and EMS in general. As a member agency, the Council also participates in the annual "Day of Caring," during which the United Way sends volunteers to complete tasks for its member agencies.

The Council also facilitates the "9-1-1 for Kids Program" which educates second-grade students about how and when to call 9-1-1. The Council's Executive Director is also a member of the Healthy Community Partnership steering and advisory committee. The Healthy Community Partnership is a collaboration between HCA and Mary Washington Healthcare to improve community health and access to care



Rescue Squad Assistance Funds

The Council promotes the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grant program. In FY2015, the Council provided technical support to all applicants in the region; provided to OEMS standardized grading for regional RSAF grant applications; and attended the Financial Assistance Review Committee meetings to support regional RSAF applicants. More than \$460,000 was returned to the region.

Amissville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad	\$30,102.40
1 Stryker Power Load	
1 Lucas II Compression System	
Caroline County Department of Fire and Rescue	\$126,073.50
1 Ambulance	
3 LifePak 15s	
Fauquier County Sherrif's Office	\$15,320.00
1 Call Recording CAD Integration	
1 Electronic EMD/CAD Interface	
1 CAD Integration of Call Recorder	
Fredericksburg Fire Department	\$13,114.31
2 Lucas II Chest Compression Systems	
King George Department of Fire, Resue, and EMS	\$19,360.00
1 Zoll E Series Monitor/Defibrillator	
Orange County Fire and Rescue	\$107,571.49
4 LifePak 15s	
1 AutoPulse	
Sperryville Volunteer Rescue Squad	\$24,054.40
1 LifePak 15	
Spotsylvania Dept. of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management	\$43,254.57
2 LifePak 15s	
2 Lucas II Chest Compression Systems	
Spotsylvania Volunteer Rescue Squad	\$56,259.54
2 Lifepak 15s	
20 Harris XG75 Portable Radios	
Stafford County Dept. of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services	\$32,000.00
2 LifePak 15s	
REMS Service Area Total:	\$467,110.21

Appendices

\$4-for-Life Return to Localities Funding

"The Four-For-Life (26% Return to Localities) program, as amended in 2002, stipulates that four dollars be charged and collected at the time of registration of each passenger vehicle, pickup and panel truck. The funds collected, pursuant to Section 46.2-694, Code of Virginia, shall be used only for emergency medical services. The law further states that the Department of Health shall return twenty-six percent (26%) of the registration fees collected to the locality wherein such vehicle is registered to provide funding for: (1) Training of volunteer or salaried emergency medical service personnel of licensed, nonprofit emergency medical service agencies; or (2) for the purchase of necessary equipment and supplies for licensed, nonprofit emergency medical service agencies." The total funding for the Commonwealth in FY2015 was \$7,118,282.08

Planning District 9

Culpeper County

\$ 45,704.88

Fauquier County

\$ 74,806.16

Orange County

\$ 33,939.36

Rappahannock County

\$ 8,400.08

PD9 Total : \$162,850.48

Planning District 16

Caroline County

\$ 28,612.48

City of Fredericksburg

\$ 28,590.64

King George County

\$ 24,949.60

Spotsylvania County

\$120,849.04

Stafford County

\$110,143.28

PD16 Total : \$313,145.04

Planning District 17

Westmoreland County

\$ 18,899.82

REMS Service Area Total:

\$494,895.44

REMS Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2015

Revenue	Total
State Contributions	\$270,130
Donated Rent	\$110,865
Local Government Contributions	\$ 82,564
Non Government Contributions	\$ 13,021
Consolidated Testing and Training Fees	\$ 71,551
Interest Income	\$ <u>4</u>
Total Revenue	\$548,135
Expenses	Total
Program	
Salary	\$160,628
Rent	\$104,657
Depreciation	\$ 58,709
Employee Benefits and Taxes	\$ 51,474
Consolidated Testing	\$ 26,084
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 19,641
Training	\$ 17,831
Utilities	\$ 7,960
Conferences and Meetings	\$ 7,559
Communications	\$ 5,502
Insurance	\$ 427
Miscellaneous	\$ 71
Office Expense	\$ 2,359
Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 1,987
Postage	\$ 750
Printing	\$ <u>257</u>
Total	<u>\$465,896</u>

REMS Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2015

Expenses	<u>Total</u>
Administrative	
Salary	\$ 41,612
Rent	\$ 3,104
Depreciation	\$ 12,768
Employee Benefits and Taxes	\$ 11,194
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 1,694
Professional Fees	\$ 16,775
Utilities	\$ 1,731
Communications	\$ 1,185
Insurance	\$ 4,027
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,625
Office Expense	\$ 513
Interest Expense	\$ 6,829
Postage	\$ 163
Printing	\$ 56
Total	<u>\$105,276</u>
Fundraising	
Salary	\$ 12,295
Rent	\$ 3,104
Depreciation	\$ 3,893
Employee Benefits and Taxes	\$ 3,413
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 517
Utilities	\$ 528
Communications	\$ 361
Fundraising	\$ 6,546
Insurance	\$ 7
Miscellaneous	\$ 8
Office Expense	\$ 157
Postage	\$ 50
Printing	\$ 17
Total	<u>\$ 30,896</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$602,068</u>
Change in Net Assets	(\$ 53,933)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$219,833
Net Assets, End of Year	<u><u>\$165,900</u></u>

REMS Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 59,233
Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,670
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 60,903</u>
Furniture and Equipment	
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 886,554
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(\$641,291)</u>
Total Furniture & Equipment	<u>\$ 245,263</u>
 Total Assets	 <u><u>\$306,166</u></u>

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$ 2,546
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 36,311
Current Portion of Notes Payable	<u>\$ 27,052</u>

Total Current Liabilities \$ 65,909

Long Term Liabilities

Notes Payable	<u>\$ 74,357</u>
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Total Liabilities \$ 140,266

Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets	
Undesignated Net Assets	\$ 165,900
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 165,900</u>

Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$ 306,166

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