

Rappahannock EMS Council  
Guidelines & Training Committee Minutes  
August 22, 2017  
REMS Training & Simulation Center

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by the Chair John Brandrup at 1900 hrs

Roll Call and Recognition of Guests: Members present were Chair, John Brandrup, David Farmer and REMS Staff Wayne Perry. On the phone were members Maurice Moody. Members excused were Mark Garnett. Guests were Ed Bonham, Caroline County, Paul Hamilton, KG F & R, Kevin Rexrode, KG F & R William Harrington, REMS BOD, and Members from the ALS Release Sub-Committee. Chair Robert Usher, KG F&R and Dean Thompson, Stafford F & R

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the June 27, 2017 were approved by the committee

Staff Report:

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Spring 2017 EMT class had 13 test psychomotor skills—all passed on first try but one had to retest one station and that retest was successful. They are working on their Cognitive testing- so far 4 have passed  
Fall 2017 class started 8-19-17 with 12 students

ALS Coordinator Requests: Michael Stewart, Orange County. Motion to approve made by John Brandrup. After a second motion passed

James Hurlock, Culpeper Cty. Motion by John Brandrup to approve,  
following a second motion passed.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Protocol- has been to moved to MDC

ALS Release – Presentation from Committee members – Robert Usher & Dean Thompson presented the new program. Motion to approve by David farmer, after a second motion passed

Target goal is to have the new program ready for training in September 2017

Unfinished Business:

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Tim is working on these items. He is looking into Health and Wellness programs across the state and will try to incorporate.

From Adam Harrell- EMTSTF contracts – special grant initiative for initial classes starting January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. Grant Initiative will continue for classes for it is reported that auxiliary funding will be based on the last years funding that was requested for the council's service area.

New Business:  
From OEMS

1. Out of State DDNR should now be recognized
2. New Call report started 7/1
3. No New Intermediate testing/classes
4. Greg Neiman has stated that the new EC process is still a work in progress. They are working with the IT department to finalize the process. In the meantime he suggested to let someone interested in becoming an EC to work with a current EC during an EMT initial class to gain the experience they will need.

Bud Moody asked about the ALS release process timeframe. If a provider cannot obtain the number of patient contacts during the 9 months of precepting can they get an extension? It was mentioned if that provider has not put forth an effort there will be no extension. Chair John Brandrup said if that happens bring it before the committee for review.

Billy Harrington mentioned that there will be Triage Tag Training on 9/16/17 and the third Saturday of each month. Both Volunteer and Career are to complete triage tags and place in a drop box at both MWH and SRMC for review. The agencies will need to provide the tags at this time. It was mentioned that they could 'copy' a tag but there are issues with having the same tag number for multiple patients

ALS/EMT-Basic Programs Audit:

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REMS BOD Action Item:

For the Good of the Order: Meeting was adjourned at 2010 hrs

Adjournment: The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2017

Rappahannock EMS Council  
Guidelines & Training Committee Minutes  
October 24, 2017  
REMS Training & Simulation Center

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by the Chair, John Brandrup at 1905 hrs

Roll Call and Recognition of Guests: Members present were David Farmer and Linda Harris, REMS Staff. On the phone were Chair John Brandrup and Maurice Moody.

Approval of Minutes: August 22, 2017 Motion by Maurice Moody, seconded by David Farmer to approve. Motion carried.

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Fall 2017 class currently has 11 students. Class will finish December 16 and they test their psychomotor skills in January 2018

Super CE Week – ALS/BLS classes: Wednesday 11/1 – ACLS; Thursday 11/2 AMLS; Friday 11/3 EPC; Saturday 11/4 PHTLS. Available for initial certification; recert of these certifications or just CEU. Classes are from 8a-5p each day. For initial certification there will be a charge from both AHA and NAEMT. They require you to take the online portion prior to the class date and bring a completion certificate with you to class.

Still looking for instructors to help with these classes.

ALS Coordinator Requests: Colin Moore, Culpeper. Ongoing ceu classes in Culpeper & Warrenton . Motion by David Farmer, seconded by Maurice Moody to approve. Motion carried

Sub-Committee Reports:

ALS Release – The Committee is still working on the update- will contact the chair for an update/

Unfinished Business:

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- No report.

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New Business:

1. From OEMS

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Per Chair – we will work on these at next committee meeting.
2. EMSTF workgroup – keep same? Next opportunity is January 2018. The committee will stay the same for now. Suggested to send out a blast fax in November & December about this process and maybe there will be more interest.
  3. Reciprocity for Stafford ALS released providers. Since their program mirrors the REMS program with some added internal documents the provider who wish can seek reciprocity as REMS released providers. Motion made and passed to approve. REMS will work with Stafford to assure documentation is provided.
  4. ALS pretest – Motion was made and passed to suspend this process. It will be brought before the next REMS BOD meeting for final approval to eliminate this process.

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##### 2 Audits

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REMS BOD Action Item: ALS Pretest elimination.

For the Good of the Order: Meeting was adjourned at 1950hrs

Adjournment: The next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2017 at 1900 hrs

Rappahannock EMS Council  
Guidelines & Training Committee  
Minutes December 19, 2017  
REMS Training & Simulation Center

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by the Chair, John Brandrup at 1900 hrs

Roll Call and Recognition of Guests: Members present were the Chair, John Brandrup, David Farmer, Tim Jeter, and Linda Harris, Rems Staff. On the phone were Mark Garnett and Maurice Moody. Guest in attendance was David Smith from FRS.

Approval of Minutes: October 24, 2017 Motion was made to approve the minutes and this motion passed.

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Super CE Week – ALS/BLS classes: These classes were held early November 2017. There will be another set of classes for Spring 2018 after staff meets with the lead instructor

ALS Coordinator Requests: None

Sub-Committee Reports:

ALS Release – The Committee is still working on the update. An email will be sent to the committee members concerning the update, G & T Committee Chair asked to be copied on this email.

Unfinished Business:

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Tim Jeter reported that he is working on these items and will be giving a report prior to the next meeting.- including ways to provide information to agencies.

2. EMSTF workgroup – Next opportunity is January 2018. The pre-bid meeting was held on Monday, December 18, 2017. There were no bids at this time. There was some discussion about how to get the information out to the agencies and how to market it better

New Business:

New EMSTF:

Scholarship applications are being accepted quarterly. The portal will be open to accept applications in Jan/Feb, Apr/May, Jul/Aug, and Oct/Nov. The current rates are EMT \$495; AEMT \$619, Intermediate \$1,176, and Paramedic \$2,166. These are maximum amounts, and students could receive any amount UP to this maximum.

Since one of the criteria is that the student be ENROLLED in an approved Virginia course, instructors are encouraged to accept/enroll students as soon as possible. Enrollment is available for any announced course, and OEMS confirmed they student can be enrolled at any point.

There is currently a special incentive award for current intermediates that become enrolled in a paramedic program and that amount it \$5,416.

The student has several obligations that they will agree to when they sign and return their contract. NOTHING is furthered in the review process until the student returns the SIGNED CONTRACT. This can be a hold-up and instructors are encouraged to ensure that students know to return the signed contract in a timely manner. The obligations on the student are:

- successful course completion
- completing the NREMT testing process within in 1 year of course completion
- affiliation with Virginia EMS agency within 1 year of course completion.

There was a question about students that are not 18 years of age. They CAN apply, but it will likely involve a contract signing with their parents. The scholarships are not limited to those over 18 years of age, but there must be a cost to the student to be eligible. So, for example, a high school class that doesn't charge the student anything would NOT be eligible for scholarship.

\*\* The committee would like a link from REMS website to the information on OEMS

#### NREMT 2.0

- lots of things are changing with NREMT recertification. Everyone has a unique START date for their re-certification that is based on their last recert. You can't just assume and start with the date of their last recertification. Debbie has asked NREMT to make this date available and to include visibility for instructors to see. If you are advising anyone on their CEU, make sure that they know this information AND that they know which version of re-certification they are required to use.

#### CTS changes:

CTS has made several changes related to updating the medical information.

Effective December 1, 2017 the KED (Spinal Immobilization- Seated) will not be part of random skills testing any longer at Consolidated Test Sites.

Effective March 1, 2018 SpO2 is considered an available tool and EMTs are expected to use this in their assessment and treatment decisions. They need to utilize the lowest oxygen available to get pulse Ox of at least 94%. Automatically applying a NRFM with high-flow Oxygen may become an automatic failure. ETCO2 and glucose is also expected to be checked and treatment adjusted/applied in order to ensure these values are in the normal range.

#### ALS/EMT-Basic Programs Audit:

An audit of the class at LOW, instructor Mary Hart was submitted by Maurice Moody.

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\*\* The committee would like the REMS website calendar to reflect classes in region with contact info for providers.

\*\* The committee suggested the Instructor Roundtable be marketed as a Networking opportunity for instructors in the region.

\*\*To add to next meeting agenda – Suggestions on how to make these meetings more attentive and successful.

REMS BOD Action Item:

For the Good of the Order: Meeting was adjourned at 1952 hrs.  
 Adjournment: The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2018

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Guidelines & Training Committee Minutes  
February 27, 2018  
REMS Training & Simulation Center

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by the Chair John Brandrup at 1900 hrs

**Roll Call and Recognition of Guests:** Members present: Chair John Brandrup, Tim Jeter, Victor Podbielski, David Smith and Linda Harris, REMS staff. On the phone were members Pat Fitzgerald and Bill Tosick. Guest on the phone was Ed Bonham from Caroline county. Following members were excused, Maurice Moody, David Farmer and Michael Brewster.

**Approval of Minutes:** December 19, 2017. Being no corrections to the December minutes they were approved as they stand.

**Staff Report: the following was read to committee.**

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Super CE Week – ALS/BLS classes: These classes are scheduled for March. March 8 – AMLS; March 9- PHTLS, March 10-EPC & March 11 ACLS. These are 8a-5p each day. There are 4 additional classes to be held the evenings of March 13, 15, 19 & 21 to complete the Category 1 hours to recert. These have been posted on web page, FB and were faxed to agencies.

ALS Coordinator Requests: None

Sub-Committee Reports:

ALS Release – The Committee is still working on the update

**Unfinished Business:**

**How is the G & T Committee going to accomplish these: update from Tim Jeter. Tim's report was sent to members prior to the meeting for review. Attachment at the end of minutes. One addition is to add VAVRS classes to information. Maybe not exact dates because they change yearly but general time frame.**

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### Old Business

1. EMSTF – how are we going to conduct the CEU classes in our region-  
John Brandrup wants to know what the budget is for these classes before we can decide how to conduct them.

### New Business

#### The following was read to the committee:

- Training Updates
  - o On March 27-29, 2018 the Virginia Public Health & Healthcare Preparedness Academy will be held in Roanoke, Virginia. The announcement in the shared drive has details on healthcare specific sessions and links to registration and the full agenda. For more information go to <http://virginiapreparednessacademy.org/>
  - o The NREMT has announced the closure of the Intermediate 99 testing options effective 12/31/2019. **NO TESTING at this level will be provided after this date.** All NREMT I-99 providers with an expiration date of March 31, 2018/19 have the option to recertify at the AEMT level. This will NOT affect their Virginia certification level, which will remain Intermediate 99.
  - o The Executive Director and the Regional Field Coordinator recently attended a train-the-trainer session for the National Stop the Bleed Campaign. Several EMS providers from throughout the region participated and we look forward to helping with the training rollout.
  - o The NFPA has issued a [standard for preparedness and response](#) to Active Shooter and/or Hostile Events.
  - o The new Education Coordinator program went live as of February 1, 2018. New candidates will select an Education Coordinator to serve as their mentor while completing teaching hours. EMS Providers interested in becoming an Education Coordinator please contact Warren Short at [warren.short@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:warren.short@vdh.virginia.gov) or call the office at 804-888-9120.
  - o Training announcements are listed on the REMS website and FaceBook page, as well as provided in updates via social media. Please encourage providers to follow us on Twitter, like us on FB, and check the website periodically.
  - o REMS will be offering AMLS, PHTLS, EPC, ACLS, and CPR on March 8-11. You can obtain the provider certification for an NAEMT course, obtain an instructor certification, or recertify an existing certification, and the registration is posted on our website. We are also looking for instructors, so please contact Linda Harris if you are available to teach.
  - o We are now planning for this year's Golf tournament and it will be held on Saturday April 28, 2018. If you have fundraising thoughts or ideas please let Margot know.
  - o The regional awards program is seeking nominations throughout the year and currently accepting applications for 2018. If you have someone who would be a worthy candidate, please e-mail Vivian at [vdelts@vaems.org](mailto:vdelts@vaems.org).
  - o We continue to offer Stress First Aid training for agencies to promote mental health in their staff. Please contact Wayne to begin the process of scheduling this opportunity.
  - o The council held the first table-top disaster meeting on January 13 but 7 of the persons who RSVP'd did not show up. There was only one person here from Caroline County, so we opted to postpone and re-schedule the event. It is now scheduled for **March 3** and we are hoping for a good turnout. Our plan after the table top sequence is to culminate in a large-scale multi-agency event and we will be seeking funding from OEMS to support this endeavor. If you have an interest in guiding this process or participating, please let Vivian know as she is the POC for the project.

- The national database for sentinel and near-sentinel EMS events is up and ready to receive information. There is information about the E.V.E.N.T. program in an attachment on the e-mail and the reports are accessible through the [REMS Council website](#) as well. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2017 Patient Safety Report and Violence Against Paramedics Report is still not published on their site, but here is the link to the [2<sup>nd</sup> half 2017 EMS patient safety event report](#).
- The strategic and regional approach to critical medication shortages webinar video, put out by HHS ASPR and ASTHO is available [online](#) and a link to the slides for the presentation are available [here](#). Updates from [HHS ASPR](#) are available in their TRACIE communication, and several ASPR newsletters have been posted in the drop box.
- Here is the link to the [Evidence-Based Guidelines](#) for Fatigue Risk Management. I would encourage the guidelines and training group to review these and make recommendations or develop a template/guideline for the region's agencies.
- **Comments/ Suggestions from Committee about the Training Updates- There needs to be a better way to get information out to agencies other than social media like information about classes and the awards program. Not everyone is on social media or routinely looks at the REMS web site. Maybe if instructor added classes to the REMS website calendar.**
- Regional Director's Group met at the beginning of February. A copy of the last Office of EMS Quarterly report is available online.
  - § There was a discussion about the "old" CEU scanners and their dispositions. They were originally obtained through a grant with Blue Ridge, and they were then distributed out to the different councils. At this point, each council is able to dispose of them and/or return them to the RDG. The consensus was that they would be more beneficial to "move" as a larger unit, so we are interested in collecting these devices back from the agency.
  - § CTS updates: there was a discussion about the addition of ETCO<sub>2</sub>, glucometry, and SpO<sub>2</sub> as treatment points during testing.
  - § The EMS GAB approved a recommendation from the TCC/MDC that eliminated the PRE-requisite of CPR for an EMT student and changed it to a co-requisite.
  - § Don't have firm data in yet, but there were 154 applicants for the EMS scholarship funding during the first cycle; 93 of which were submitted successfully, 61 are in "pending" status and have not yet been submitted. Of the applications submitted: 30 were for EMT programs; 6 for Intermediate programs; and, 57 for Paramedic programs. OEMS DED and OHE personnel continue to work with via regular email and phone contacts scholarship candidates with "pending" applications in order to complete them and move them through the decision process. The second application cycle began on January 1, 2018 and will end on February 28, 2018.
  - § Chuck Faison, Training – have a meeting scheduled to review the portal for entering information related to the training MOU.
    - The first cycle for the scholarship officially closed on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There have been some issues rolling out the application, which was expected. There is no visibility for pending applications. Once they have been submitted they are reviewed with OAG and then if they pass that screening they are forwarded to OEMS. Still appear to be on track to review applications in the next 2 weeks and payments will hopefully be distributed in January. The ultimate GOAL is a response to the applicant within 30 days regarding an award notification.
- OEMS has extended the NARCAN grant opportunity through February 28, 2018.
- **Comments / suggestion about RDG notes: Almost all of the Motorola Scanners have been turned into the REMS office – still missing 2 but they will be there soon.**

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Below is a link to a new brochure from NAEMT entitled, "What is EMS?". The intent of the brochure is to help communities, elected officials and stakeholders better understand Emergency Medical Services. Please feel free to use it or forward it. You may find it to be helpful.

<http://www.naemt.org/docs/default-source/about-ems/what-is-ems-for-web-04-17-2017.pdf?status=Temp&sfvrsn=0.0967641474262565>

When responding to a possible bioterrorism incident, first responders need fast, easy access to information. CDC's new [Field Facts](#) application provides crucial information to use in the first few moments and hours of a response to a potential bioterrorism incident. Designed for first responders, FBI agents who work with weapons of mass destruction, and any other person who might encounter biological agents, the app describes how to recognize signs and symptoms of disease associated with eight biological agents including:

- Ricin, Botulism toxin, *Bacillus anthracis* (anthrax), *Yersinia pestis* (plague), *Francisella tularensis* (tularemia, also known as rabbit fever), *Brucella* (brucellosis), Smallpox virus, and *Burkholderia* (melioidosis and glanders).

The app, for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices, also includes descriptions of safety measures and protective clothing to protect individuals from exposure to potential bioterrorism agents.

## CONTACT US



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### Questions?

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800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) TTY: 888-232-6348

## Regional EMS Council Directors,

I believe most of you are aware of the **EMS Agency Survey** currently **underway** as a grant obligation of the *Virginia EMS for Children (EMSC) program*. The data collection effort will be closing at **midnight on February 28**, leaving Virginia just **16 days** from now to reach the **80%** response rate necessary to validate our data for use nationally.

**WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP**, as Regional EMS Council Directors, in rallying EMS agencies during these last two weeks to complete just **one** of these surveys, which gather simple baseline data for two of the new *EMSC national performance measures*. I have included a "pdf paper version" (on the shared drive) of the survey and below are the "**non-respondents**", by **agency name**. This list was accurate as of this e-mail.

We will send every agency submitting a survey a new **PEDIATAPE emergency tape** (November 2017 updated version!). It should only take **5-10 minutes** to complete the survey (many states have achieved a 100% response rate). The survey is available online at: [www.emscsurveys.org](http://www.emscsurveys.org)

The same website has a “**View Response Rates**” link that shows response rates on a national map. We truly appreciate any help you can give us here. Thank you so much for whatever you can do to help us get this done.

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Caroline County Department Of Fire And Rescue  
 Catlett Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company  
 Chester Gap Volunteer Fire Department  
 Colonial Beach Rescue Squad  
 Colonial Beach Volunteer Fire Department  
 Culpeper County Office Of Emergency Services  
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 Fredericksburg Fire Department  
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 Goldvein Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department  
 King George Department Of Fire, Rescue And Emergency Services  
 Little Fork Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company  
 Lois Volunteer Fire Department  
 Marshall Volunteer Rescue Squad  
 Montross Volunteer Rescue Squad  
 New Baltimore Volunteer Fire Company  
 Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department  
 Orange County Department Of Fire and Ems  
 Orlean Volunteer Fire Company  
 Remington Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department  
 Reva Volunteer Fire and Rescue  
 Richardsville Volunteer Fire Department/Rescue Squad  
 Salem Volunteer Fire Department  
 The Plains Volunteer Fire Company  
 Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company

**Comments about the EMS agency Survey for EMSC. One agency stated that their IT department set Spam controls so if an email is sent to multiple addresses at one time it will immediately delete that email as opposed to just sending it to spam.**

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The Department of Justice recently announced that the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) intends to take immediate action against the flow of illicit fentanyl analogues into the U.S. and the alarming increase in overdose deaths linked to synthetic opioids by scheduling all fentanyl related substances on an emergency basis. When the DEA's order takes effect, anyone who possesses, imports, distributes, or manufactures any illicit fentanyl analogue will be subject to criminal prosecution in the same manner as for fentanyl and other controlled substances. The action will make it easier for federal prosecutors and agents to prosecute traffickers of all forms of fentanyl-related substances. Overseas chemical manufacturers, aided by illicit domestic distributors, currently attempt to evade regulatory controls by creating structural variants of fentanyl that are not directly listed under the Controlled Substances Act

(CSA). Without the announced action, prosecutors must overcome cumbersome evidentiary hurdles to secure convictions of these traffickers under the Analogue Act.

Read more at: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/video/attorney-general-sessions-acting-dea-administrator-patterson-announce-new-tools-fight>.

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### Opioid Exposure Among Virginia First Responders Survey

On November 21, 2016, State Health Commissioner Marissa J. Levine, MD, MPH, FAAFP declared the Virginia opioid addiction crisis a Public Health Emergency. This declaration comes in response to the growing number of overdoses attributed to opioid use, including Carfentanil, a highly dangerous synthetic opioid. In light of the growing number of overdoses in Virginia, Virginia's first responders are at risk for exposure of opioids in the line of duty. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) partnered with the University of Kentucky's Central Appalachian Regional Education and Research Center (CARERC) and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to assess the extent of exposure, health effects, and knowledge about protective measures to prevent exposure to opioid drugs among first responders.

In collaboration with the University of Kentucky, NIOSH, and local and regional partners, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has developed a survey instrument to assess the extent of exposure, health effects, and knowledge about protective measures to prevent exposure to opioid drugs. **Participation is voluntary and we are hoping to collect all responses by March 1, 2018.** The survey shouldn't take more than 5-10 minutes and all responses are anonymous.

Opioid Exposure Among Virginia First Responders

Survey: <https://redcap.vdh.virginia.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=HTDCPC3KW7>

Fentanyl FAQs: [Fentanyl Safety Information for First Responders](#)

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The Division of Trauma and Critical Care within the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) has just released the **EMS Trauma Vital Signs Data Quality Report** on EMS responses with trauma patients with missing vitals for **Oct-Nov 2017**. See the following link in the Knowledgebase for the report. The report shows the number of trauma patients along with a summary of the percentage of patients with vitals documented (at least 1 vital sign measure documented or Pertinent Negative value). If a record has a specific vital sign measure missing, but the Pertinent Negative is documented, then the vital sign is considered documented. Also, the report has been de-identified to not show agency name. Please refer to your new Agency Data ID that was previously sent to your agency.

<http://oemssupport.kayako.com/Knowledgebase/List/Index/64/data-quality>

The report was created from recommendations from the **Trauma Performance Improvement Committee (TPIC)** to generate increased awareness on the importance of documenting vitals with trauma patients. Vitals (Systolic Blood Pressure, Respiratory Rate, Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) Total) are an essential required part of determining Step 1 criteria from the Virginia Field Trauma Triage Decision Scheme. ***Please review your data to identify if your agency has any performance improvement opportunities.***

Click on the following link for the Statewide Trauma Triage Plan. The Virginia Field Trauma Triage Decision Scheme is found on page 5.

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2016/06/StatewideTraumaTriagePlan-1.pdf>

See the Methodology attached to the report for the report criteria. The report is compiled from patient medical records submitted to the Virginia Pre-Hospital Information Bridge (VPHIB) program (VAV3) with the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), Division of Trauma/Critical Care for Oct-Nov, 2017 as of 1/5/2018.

Also, a shared report has been setup in VAV3 Elite Report Writer to help identify and review the actual reports with your agency that are missing vitals. See the instructions below. You must be an EMS

Agency Administrator or an EMS Agency Medical Director in the state VAv3 Elite system to access the report. Please contact us if you need an account.

### **Run Shared Report in VAv3 Elite Report Writer**

1. Login to the state VAv3 Elite system.  
<https://elite.vdh.virginia.gov/elite/?organizationId=virginia>
2. Select Tools in the top menu and then click on Report Writer.
3. After the Report Writer page opens, click in the search box on the left and type '**Trauma Incidents Missing Vitals Data Quality Report**'. The report should show up under "Shared Reports" in the Data Quality folder.
4. Once you see the report, click on the report name to open.
5. Enter a date range for your report such as 9/1/2017-9/30/2017 for Sept 2017. If your user account is associated with multiple agencies, select an agency to run with the report.
6. Then, click on the 'Generate Report' link located in the top right of the page.
7. When the report completes, you will see the details with your report. To download the report, go to the 'Actions' tab at the top left, go to Export, and then click on a file format such as PDF or CSV.

Note: The report will return multiple lines for the same record based on how many vitals are documented with the record. The Incident ID field uniquely identifies each incident in the report.

Please contact us at [support@oemssupport.kayako.com](mailto:support@oemssupport.kayako.com) if you have any questions. Thank you.

ALS/EMT-Basic Programs Audit:

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 EMR x3—Lisa Davis – Col. Forge High – 9/13/17-5/1/18- M-F  
 EMT x2- Rebecca Raines Stafford HS- 9/11/17-4/30/18- M-F  
 EMT x3 – Lisa Davis – Col. Forge High – 9/13/17-5/1/18- M-F  
 EMT – Kim Madison- Spot VRS- 03/12/18-06/28/18—MWSat  
 Intermediate VCU – Ken Williams- Spot VRS- 8/23/17-5/16/18—WSS  
 Intermediate VCU – Ken Williams- Spot VRS- 8/22/17-5/15/18—TuSS  
 Paramedic-Non Trad. Patrick Cantwell- Shannon Training Center  
 10/22/17-6/18/18 Sun-M-W-Sat  
 EMT- William Hall- Caroline F & R- 2/6/18-6/30/18 Unk days  
 EMT- Carolyn McGhee- KG F & R 1/6/18-4/14/18 M-W-Sat  
 EMT – Mary Hart- LOW F & R 03/1/18 – 06/09/18 T-W-T-Sat  
 EMT – Jessica Icaza- Fauquier F & R – 1/30/18 – 05/12/18 TTS  
 EMT – Paul Goulart- Rappahannock Cty 1/16/18-6/30/18 Tues/Sat  
 Paramedic-Non Trad- Patrick Cantwell- Stafford Training 2/16/18-6/15/18  
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### **Other items/comments brought up for discussion:**

**Caroline County is hosting their annual Spring School on April 14-15, 2018 with multiple classes being taught. Ed Bonham will forward the information to Linda Harris and she will in turn forward it to the committee. It will also be shared on FB.**

**During the meeting several classes were found to be in conflict with others being taught statewide. The committee would like for there to be some sort of a statewide calendar to list these classes to eliminate conflicting courses or classes- some common website where all can be listed similar to the CTS registration website. The suggestion was made if we can just start within our**

**region. Have an agency training coordinator post classes being so providers can find classes they need.**

REMS BOD Action Item:None

For the Good of the Order: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1945hrs  
The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2018

Attachment from Tim Jeter

Since its inception in 1976, the Rappahannock EMS Council has had a mission to develop, facilitate and evaluate Emergency Medicine education. A continuing tenant in our Regional Plan, REMS continues to support ongoing training, evaluation and develop resources for emergency preparedness and response. The Guideline and Training committee has been committed to ensuring that the REMS Council has access to adequate and quality EMS programs for the community and providers. From putting on BLS/ALS Courses to Co-sponsoring programs with Mary Washington Hospital, the REMS Council has continuous attempted to improve on the education of in central Virginia.

The idea of providing quality and evaluating education and training is very important to this council that it was placed into our mission. The mission of the REMS council is "Establish and develop four key strategies established by REMS toward achieving its vision. These strategies are:

1. Develop partnerships
2. Strengthen infrastructure
3. Strengthen education and training
4. Provide and apply funds toward serving our region's EMS system.

The extended mission of REMS is to make this provision permanent, serving local information needs to our citizens. This Strategic EMS Plan projects strategies for REMS during fiscal years 2017 – 2019."

The REMS Strategic plan and mission, values and goals have laid a clear direction for the Guidelines and Training committee. Whether we are performing an audit on an EMS Program being taught in our region or helping to sponsor an education night, we continuously strive to develop and maintain a high level of safe and effective education to our providers.

The Office of EMS has released a list of four initiatives that specifically pertain to the REMS Guidelines and Training Committee. These initiatives are as follows:

1. ensure adequate, accessible, and quality EMS provider training and continuing education exists in Virginia (2.2.1)
2. assure an adequate amount and quality of crisis/behavioral health training and educational resources for EMS providers (2.2.6)
3. develop, implement, and promote programs that emphasize safety, health, and wellness of first responders (4.3.2)

4. research and disseminate information on best practices as it relates to EMS response to active shooter and hostile environment incidents (4.3.3)

Below, the Guidelines and training committee has outline its own initiatives that brings them into compliance with the Virginia Office of EMS Initiatives.

1. **Ensure adequate, accessible, and quality EMS provider training and continuing education exists in Virginia/ Assure an adequate amount and quality EMS provider training and continuing educational resources for EMS providers. Assure an adequate amount and quality EMS provider training and continuing educational resources for EMS providers**

As a regional EMS Council, the guidelines and training has exercised its ability to provide training and continuing education credits for its providers. Using new technology and providing interactive classes, the REMS Council has continued to re-invigorate its efforts to providing quality education for Central Virginia. In partnership with other EMS Councils in Virginia, below is a list of courses that are available to the members of this EMS council yearly.

- a. Local BLS/ALS Provider Course
  - a. REMS Course: BLS/ALS CEU
    - i. Each Year, the REMS Council sponsors a BLS and ALS provider course at its Office, providing seasoned and quality instructors for the students to learn from
    - ii. During the spring and fall, the REMS Council providers' continuing education courses for BLS/ALS Course for a minimal fee.
  - b. Protocol Rollout/update
    - i. During every large protocol change, the REMS Council visits each EMS Agency and provides education on the updates in procedures and equipment that has become available to the region. Most recently, the EMS STAT kit was introduced and the training branch of the EMS Council educated and trained providers in the region on its usage.
    - ii. The protocol rollout was also available to view online, via YouTube.
- b. MWH Lectures/EMS Night Out
  - a. Mary Washington hospital in partnership with the REMS Council host monthly EMS Night Out. These events showcase topics suggested by the regions providers and provide an opportunity for Medical professionals to educate the areas providers. From advances in Burn Care to Acute management of ST Segment Elevation MIs, this month event provides time for providers to discuss changes in research and develop comradery with the local healthcare system.
- c. AIRCare PACEs
  - a. P.A.C.E.S. 2017's conference maintains the same goals as the previous eight years—to provide affordable education to our region's EMTs, Nurses, and Paramedics. As we continue to build on the knowledge gained from our past events, this year will see some of the greatest improvements yet! This is our second year in our new location—a facility designed specifically for adult education.
- d. EVOC Course
- e. EMS Symposiums



- a. Central VA EMS Expo: This is a yearly conference that showcases new research and information as it pertains to emergency medicine.
    - i. REMS Council provides written and electronic correspondence with the agencies within the region to ensure providers have the opportunity to participate in this great program.
  - b. VA EMS Symposium: The largest EMS Training event in the State, VA EMS Symposium is a yearly event that brings over 270 course to the Norfolk area for providers to learn about the update emergency medicine.
    - i. Call for Presentations: Providers are encouraged to submit topics to lecture on during the event.
    - ii. Mary Washington Hospital provides an annual scholarship to assist three providers to attend the symposium.
  - f. Virginia Programs
    - a. EMSAT: EMSAT is a monthly, one-hour training and information program for Virginia EMS and Fire personnel. EMSAT webcasts and DVDs offer required EMS topics at the ALS and BLS levels, and enrichment classes that may not be widely available throughout the state.
      - i. Train Virginia: The TrainingFinder Real-time Affiliate Integrated Network, or TRAIN, is the nation's premier learning resource for professionals who protect the public's health
  - g. Best Practices
    - a. In accordance with updates in research and changing of national guidelines, the REMS council ensures that the providers of the region are practicing with the up to date protocols. The guidelines and training committee continues to provide information to local agencies about nationwide standards of care and endorsing change in the protocols. Recent changes in our protocols include:
      - i. Ketamine usage as pain management
      - ii. Elevating the HOB during Mechanical Assisted Compression during cardiac arrest
      - iii. Development of a Code Sepsis alerts with local hospitals
      - iv. Mass Gathering Protocol for events (Marathon, Concerts, etc.)
  - h. Quality Improvement/Assurance
    - a. Auditing of Regional EMS programs being taught
      - i. Verification/support of BLS/ALS Educators in the region
      - ii. Region Wide Quality Assurance goals
      - iii. Facilitating National/Local Psychomotor Examinations for BLS/ALS
- 2. Assure an adequate amount and quality of crisis/behavioral health training and educational resources for EMS providers (2.2.6)**

Providing behavioral and crisis management to the community abroad has been an essential corner stone of EMS since its inception. With the increasing number of our community members being diagnosed with Mental Illness and the shortfall of providing treatment facilities, many of these patients are forced to use the Emergency Medical system to manage their acute and chronic needs. EMS providers must be prepared to provide this service and ensure safe and efficient transport for these patients.

Another essential responsibility for today's EMS provider is ensuring their own behavioral and mental health is taken care of. From active shooters, caring for the young and fragile, the community calls on our first responders to place an inordinate amount on themselves to save another life. In the REMS Council, EMS Providers can turn to the Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM). The CISM Team is Va. State accredited and provides our emergency providers an outlet. The CISM is a group of trained volunteers and professionals to help emergency service providers handle stress. Team members are law enforcement, fire fighters, EMT's, dispatchers, mental health professionals, and clergy. Each team member is trained and experienced in his/her own field and is certified in Emergency Service Stress Intervention.

- To access the CISM program, providers can call 540-752-5883 or visit the REMS Website at <https://remscouncil.org/regional-services/cism/>

Many of the EMS Agencies in the region have developed and implemented programs for their providers. These programs not only provide physical fitness and training but behavioral and psychological training. For those agencies who are in the process of developing these programs, the follow links have and will be provided:

- The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians. NAEMT has obtained a list of resources for providers who are looking to compile information to provider services for those who need help dealing with suicidal ideation to substance abuse. For more information, please go to the following link: <https://www.naemt.org/initiatives/ems-mental-health>
- **Fire Engineering:** This website has developed a program to provided behavioral health training to first responders. For more information, please go to the following link: <http://www.fireengineering.com/articles/print/volume-169/issue-12/features/behavioral-health-training-for-fire-rescue-personnel.html>

### 3. develop, implement, and promote programs that emphasize safety, health, and wellness of first responders (4.3.2)

Many of the EMS Agencies in the region have developed and implemented programs for their providers to ensure that they are physically fit for the job they have to perform. These programs not only provide physical fitness and training but behavioral and psychological training. With recruit school, mandatory PT and yearly physicals, the providers in the REMS region focus on their physical help.

For the organizations who do not have programs created, the Guidelines and Training Committee has community resources for them.

- Local Gyms: Central Virginia is saturated with Health and Wellness Centers. Planet Fitness, American Family Fitness, and Golds gym provide discounts to the heroes who serve the community.
- U.S. Fire Administration Health and Wellness Guide: In 2009, FEMA Released a report on Health and Wellness programs across the country. In this report, it

outlines programs and how an agency can create their own programs.

[https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa\\_321.pdf](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa_321.pdf)

- National Volunteer Fire Council: The NVFC Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program is the only national program dedicated to saving America's firefighters and EMS personnel from their leading cause of on-duty death: heart disease. We invite firefighters, EMS personnel, and their families to explore the site to find out how easy, fun, and rewarding it is to get healthy. It takes a person with heart to do their job. Let's help keep them healthy.
  - <https://healthy-firefighter.org/start-a-program/>
  - <https://www.nvfc.org/creating-a-health-and-safety-culture-in-the-fire-service/>
  - <http://www.911tacticalperformance.com/>

#### 4. Research and disseminate information on best practices as it relates to EMS response to active shooter and hostile environment incidents (4.3.3)

During the fiscal year of 2017, three local EMS Agencies coordinated and sponsored Active Shooter exercise in the region.

The REMS Council has also advertised the following classes for local EMS Agencies to plan and Coordinate:

- i. Federal Emergency Management Agency: IS-907 Active Shooter: What you can do (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-907>)
- j. Department of Homeland Security: First Responder portal (<https://www.dhs.gov/first-responder>)
- k. Active Shooter Classes
  - a. Special Tactics and Rescue Course: <http://specialtacticsandrescue.com/fireems/>
    - i. Fire Engineering: <http://www.fireengineering.com/articles/2013/09/active-shooter-response-the-rapid-treatment-model.html>
    - ii. Action Training Systems: [http://www.action-training.com/training/firefighter/officer-development/incident-management-and-command/icm-active-shooter-response-detail?utm\\_campaign=online-training&utm\\_source=hs\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=31899479&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz--qHvMKonOp7h5cbrrKuXL-PMhbPhjpW52tpj8Xu1kcOPI2nE5jD3gRlqUCo8aiZk0F7fjDtbMO-8SW97yRWONZO1GGWg&\\_hsmi=31899479](http://www.action-training.com/training/firefighter/officer-development/incident-management-and-command/icm-active-shooter-response-detail?utm_campaign=online-training&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=31899479&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--qHvMKonOp7h5cbrrKuXL-PMhbPhjpW52tpj8Xu1kcOPI2nE5jD3gRlqUCo8aiZk0F7fjDtbMO-8SW97yRWONZO1GGWg&_hsmi=31899479)
  - b. 2018 Courses
    - i. July 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 Fredericksburg Expo Center

Rappahannock EMS Council  
Guidelines & Training Committee Minutes  
June 26, 2018  
REMS Training & Simulation Center

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by the Chair, John Brandrup at 1900 hrs

Roll Call and Recognition of Guests: Members present were Chair, John Brandrup, David Smith, Victor Podbielski, Linda Harris, REMS Staff and guest Lenora Halkowich, Chair ALS Release Sub-committee. On the phone were Wayne Perry, REMS Staff, Maurice Moody, Daniel Stewart, Pat Fitzgerald and Ed Bonham from Caroline County F & R. Excused were Mark Garnett and Tim Jeter.

Approval of Minutes: April 24, 2018. Minutes were approved as stand.

Staff Report:

We have an upcoming NR Psychomotor Paramedic test sites for 2018-on August 4. Possible retests of other level depending on station.

EMT-I & P students are currently working on field internship & clinicals so they can be cleared to test  
Spring 2017 EMT class had 13 test Psychomotor skills—all passed. They are working on their Cognitive testing- so far 9 have passed  
Fall 2017 class had 10 students that passed their psychomotor exam. So far 4 have gained their certification and 3 were unsuccessful on their first attempt.

Super CE Week – ALS/BLS classes: These classes were held in March. These will be held again in October 2018. We will be meeting with Eric Haas soon to schedule.

ALS Coordinator Requests: None

Sub-Committee Reports:

ALS Release – Review of ALS Release Manual and electronic workbook. Presentation by Dean Thompson and Lenora Halkowich. The documentation was emailed to committee members to review. Lenora reviewed the process. The Chair Thanked both Dean Thompson and Robert Usher for the many hours working on this program. Information on the Train the Trainer Program which will start in July was presented to the committee. The Preceptor classes will be scheduled following this training. All current ALS Preceptors will need to attend this new training.

Unfinished Business:

How is the G & T Committee going to accomplish these: Tim Jeter's document was sent out to the Committee members the afternoon of the meeting. Since most have not had time to review the 4 page document this was tabled until the August 28, 2018 meeting. If committee members have any comments, concerns please let Tim know.

From State EMS plan for Guidelines & Training:

- a. Ensure adequate, accessible, and quality EMS provider training and continuing education exists in Virginia (2.2.1)
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**1. From OEMS**

How is the committee going to accomplish these items:

- a. Using technology to provide accurate and timely communication within the Virginia EMS system (1.1.1)

- b. Promote collaborative activities between local government, EMS agencies, hospitals and increase recruitment and retention of certified EMS providers.(1.1.2)
- c. Provide a platform for clear, accurate and concise information sharing and improved interagency communications between the OEMS, State agencies and EMS system stakeholders in Virginia (1.1.3)
- d. Research and disseminate information on best practice as it relates to community risk reduction programs targeted toward improving population health (4.3.4)

#### Old Business

1. EMSTF – how are we going to conduct the CEU classes in our region. We will discuss at next meeting after meeting with Eric Haas. Wayne would like to see training in both planning districts. The chair asked Maurice Moody to get some input from his region on classes and how we can accomplish this.

#### New Business

1. Commonwealth of Virginia Trauma System Plan- Final Draft. This documents was sent to the committee for review. No comments on this state document.

#### ALS/EMT-Basic Programs Audit:

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 EMT- James Allen – CCJA – 12/01/18 – 12/17/18 – SMTWTFS

REMS BOD Action Item: None

For the Good of the Order: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1925 hrs  
 The next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2018