

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Incident and Threat Mitigation Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2020 – 1:30 PM
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Members Present

Scott Davis
Mark Garnett
Phyllis Hurlock
Melaney Rodriguez
Victor Podbielski
Daniel Stewart

Staff Support

Margot Moser
Wayne Perry

Members Excused

Call to Order

Welcome and Call to Order @ 1330 by Phyllis Hurlock.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes were adopted and approved from the May 21, 2020 meeting.

Regional Reports were provided by attendees

Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center:

Daniel Stewart: SRMC still working through COVID issues. Currently limiting visitor access and doing screenings with patients coming through with EMS. They currently have a 60-day supply of PPE. ED patient volume is down around 20%.

Caroline County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management

Mark Garnett: the state fair and harvest festival have been cancelled because of COVID-19. Call volumes were down but they have gone back up to normal compared to 2019. They are in the process of using some CARES money to purchase a trailer, tent, and supplies for mass vaccination and Point of Distribution site. Also purchased the continuum module fit by the ImageTrend Elite data to provide real-time analytics as well.

Fredericksburg Fire Department

Victor: 11% of calls are currently COVID known or COVID suspected. Numbers continue to fluctuate between 0 – 10 COVID patients a day. The department is in a good place with PPE. They are trying to work with vendors to get more and VDEM has been gracious enough to

share. There has been quite a bit of COVID exposure on the law enforcement side. Operations are returning to normal.

Mary Washington Hospital

Melaney: numbers for confirmed COVID patients have been holding steady in the 20's at Mary Washington and usually under 10 in Stafford. Suspected patients vary day by day. They have been working on some PPE shortages for small N95 masks and expired filters.

Culpeper County

Phyllis: Call volume is picking back up and the new radio system is soon to be up and running. They will have connectivity with Spotsylvania, Orange, Rappahannock, and Fauquier. Will be able to do hospital reports on the radio for Mary Washington instead of on the cell phone.

REMS Council

The Council is still offering PPE to agencies upon request.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

Wayne mentioned that human trafficking has increased due to increased online activity and income constraints; asked that the committee consider whether some education for area providers was necessary. Mark suggested the Human Justice Group as a resource.

The meeting concluded at 1400 hours.

The committee will next meet November 19, 2020.