

**Rappahannock EMS Council Board of Directors Meeting
Caroline County EOC and GoToMeeting
Wednesday, August 17, 2022**

Board Members Present:

Jack Atkins, Rappahannock County
Ed Bonham, Caroline County
John Brandrup, At-Large
Joseph Cardello, Stafford County
Jordan Coleman, Fauquier County
Patricia Copeland, Stafford County
Mark Crnarich, At-Large
Scott Davis, City of Fredericksburg
Susan Dietrich, Caroline County
Kevin Dillard, At-Large
Pat Fitzgerald, Westmoreland County
David Garvin, King George County
Donald Gore, Rappahannock County
Mike Grubb, Spotsylvania County
William Harrington, Spotsylvania Citizen
Joey King, At-Large
Fred Messing, At-Large
David Moody, King George County
Maurice Moody, Orange County
Joseph Williams, Fauquier County

Board Members Excused:

Michael Pearson, Culpeper County
Dr. Tania White, Regional Medical Director

Board Members Absent:

Mike Jones, City of Fredericksburg
Nathan Mort, Orange County
William Ooten, Culpeper County
Louise Rollins, At-Large

Staff Members Present:

Vivian Delts, Regional Field Coordinator
Nana Noi, Regional Systems Coordinator
Wayne Perry, Regional Program Manager
Kelsey Rideout, Regional PI Specialist
Lara Traylor, Office Manager

Guests Present:

Mike Gillam, Fauquier County
Jason Loftus, Caroline County
Mark Garnett, Caroline County
Clint Ziadeh, Fort A.P. Hill

Agency Presentation: Chief Loftus welcomed the members and guests to the Board of Directors meeting held at Caroline County's Emergency Operations Center located in the Community Services Center. The EOC was configured to take advantage of its robust audio/visual capabilities and provided a superb platform to conduct the meeting. Chief Loftus shared some of the fascinating history of the county and details about the agency. Established in 1728, Caroline County was the birthplace of such notables as William Clark, William Woodford, George Armistead, Secretariat, and

E. harrisoni, a new species of baleen whale found in fossilized remains in the Martin Marietta Carmel Church Quarry in 1990.

The department is a combination volunteer and career fire and rescue responsible for the protection of 97 miles of primary roadways including Interstate 95, US 1, AND US 301. CCFR also helps protect a major petroleum pipeline and primary Virginia Railway lines for Amtrak and CSX corporations. The Emergency Management program supports operations within the North Anna Nuclear Power Plant's emergency protective zone, and offers mutual aid support to the Fort AP Hill military base, which covers some 77,000 acres within Caroline County.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Dillard at 7 PM at Caroline County EOC.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the May 18, 2022 meeting approved as presented.

Public Comments / Presentations from Guests:

None.

President's Report – Kevin Dillard

Kevin thanked Chief Loftus and his team at Caroline County for hosting the meeting and providing the dinner.

Grant Committee:

Fall cycle of financial assistance review is open and will close on September 15, at 5PM. REMS staff is available to provide technical assistance and review grant applications before submission.

The committee will be meeting on December 1st at the state level to make the selections to forward up to the Health Commissioner, and then on January 1st, they will be announced through the E-Gifts Program.

Regional Awards:

Some of the awards winners were unable to attend the presentation earlier this year and were mentioned and/or presented their awards.

Robert Fry from the Reva Volunteer Fire and Rescue was mentioned for his award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS by a High School Senior. Robert was unable to attend the Board meeting.

Michael Gillam accepted the award on behalf of Fauquier Department of Fire Rescue & Emergency Management for Outstanding Contribution to EMS Health and Safety. Their Operational Health and Safety Committee started in 2017 has improve the overall safety of operating procedures and

supporting their personnel's physical and mental health. A few of the initiatives mentioned included their Peer Support Team, Peer Fitness Committee, PSTrax for tracking health and safety-concerns as well as gear and cleaning and replacement program.

King George County was presented a corrected award for Outstanding EMS Agency. It was received by David Moody.

Regional Office of EMS:

Two state positions for Technical Resource Specialists (TRS) are approved and OEMS is working through the process of advertising the positions.

BOD Membership:

Kevin recognized the new members who have joined the Board:

Caroline County – Ed Bonham

Fauquier County – Jordan Coleman

Stafford County – Patricia Copeland

Culpeper County – Michael Pearson

In addition, two members of the Board were reappointed:

Spotsylvania County – William Harrington

King George County – David Garvin

A motion to ratify the new Board members was introduced by Joey King and seconded by John Brandrup. No discussion. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM – Ratification of new Board members - APPROVED

Kevin Recognized Board members who are rotating off the Board:

Caroline County – Mark Garnett – 13 years of service

Stafford County – Jeffrey McClure – 5 years of service

Fauquier County – Mary Hart – 9 years of service

Ukraine – Kevin has been working with a group to aid the Ukraine during the war. In March 2022 a fully stocked ambulance was donated with LifeCare providing the supplies that were sent to the Ukraine. Seven additional ambulances from surrounding agencies shipped soon after. There is still a need for extra equipment. LifeCare in Stafford is a staging area. The goal is to send a total of 30 vehicles to the Ukraine. Kevin is a POC for this endeavor.

Vice President's Report – Jack Atkins

No report.

Secretary's Report – Mark Crnarich

Performance Improvement Committee:

The ESO database is starting to yield usable data which means PI projects can begin soon. The committee is also collaborating with other councils on their projects.

PI Plan updates include a focus on regional topic areas such as: Stroke, STEMI, Cardiac Arrest, Airway, Pediatrics, and Trauma.

Recommendation from the committee to approve the regional performance plan. No discussion. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM – Regional Performance Improvement Plan - APPROVED

The state is reinstating enforcing quality scores based on data reports. Kelsey, the Regional Office of EMS Performance Improvement Specialist, is going to be reaching out to agencies with red or yellow scores and assisting as needed.

Treasurer's Report – John Brandrup

No report. Will be put together in 30 days and send to BOD.

Cultural Diversity Workgroup: -Bud Moody

Roundtable to be held Saturday, September 24 from 9AM to 12 noon at the MWH Education Center in the Thompkins Martin building. There is a mask requirement. Guests representing various cultures and religious backgrounds will share their perspectives on unique aspects of their communities that First Responders should know.

Committee Reports

CISM Team: – Patricia Copeland

Virginia CISM Team Accreditation was approved but the letter hasn't yet been received by REMS.

CISM received a thank you and request to develop a partnership from Spotsylvania County. The locality was grateful for the service provided to their employees after a recent work fatality.

October 15 will be the Suicide Prevention Walk.

Patricia is conducting various CISM training courses in the region and to other jurisdictions.

The team, along with therapy dogs, attended the National EMS Memorial Service. The memorial recognized 72 providers who died in the line of duty. Historically these deaths have been predominately air medical crashes however the last two years the leading cause has been COVID related.

Incident/Threat Mitigation Committee: – Joe Williams

The last Incident and Threat Mitigation Committee was unable to meet, no quorum.

OEMS has announced that they will revise the triage tags and a workgroup was established to investigate potentially moving to an electronic form for triage tags.

Medical Direction: – Dr. T. White (excused)

Report given by Wayne Perry.

Dr. White provided information on monkeypox. First presumed case of Monkey Pox in Virginia was May 26. Virginia Department of Health is currently reporting 227 cases.

Under age of 20	2 cases
20-29 years old	86 cases
30-40 years old	90 cases

Most are in northern Virginia and the numbers are expected to change with the return to school.

Recommendation from the Medical Direction Committee to approve the triennial update to the Patient Care Protocols.

Discussion as follows:

Mike Grubb presented two items for discussion.

1. Request to add a table of contents to the trauma section.
2. Concern with proposed change in ketamine dosing in trauma patients. Initial request was to send that specific dosing back to the committee for discussion. Wayne clarified that the increased dose was associated with extrication and not pain management.

Kevin put forth the proposal to approve the Patient Care Protocols as written with the addition of the table of contents. The Council can then coordinate a meeting between Medical Direction and Dr. C. Rickabaugh.

Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM – Patient Care Protocols – Triennial Updates – APPROVED

Personnel Committee: – David Moody

Recommendation from the Personnel Committee to approve updates to Personnel Policies.

These changes were designed to keep the REMS hybrid office in alignment with the Governor's recent policy to change the former administration's teleworking policy. The Council previously allowed for a certain amount of telework which was a carryover from the COOP implementation. The Personnel Committee examined a return to the traditional 8-hour work day M-F but is recommending 4 10-hour work days while keeping the office hours of operation still M-F. This is in keeping with the current employee schedule.

A motion to approve the update was made by Joey King and a Seconded by Bud Moody.

Discussion:

Dave Garvin asked for redline changes in documents. He also wanted clarifications that despite the 4-day schedule, someone will be at REMS M-F and there is no further teleworking.

David confirmed that there still will be someone assigned M-F during normal business hours and that there will be no further teleworking by REMS Council staff unless situations change again like they did in COVID.

Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM- Updates to Personnel Policies - APPROVED

David welcomed Lara Traylor to the REMS Council staff taking the position of Office Manager.

Noted the resignation submitted from Vivian Delts, Regional Field Coordinator.

David elaborated that the advertising and progress of posting two full-time funded Technical Resource Specialist positions are not in the control of OEMS; there is a delay with the Shared Business Services (SBS).

Dave Garvin asked if the state positions will replace the current Council positions. David Moody clarified that the state position descriptions will be different. Ultimately two current positions will go away for the new state positions.

Wayne added that there is continued discussion about retaining some council employees for programs that might remain.

The details are not set and there is no definite timeline because a significant portion of the situation is in the state's control.

Pharmacy Committee: – Joey King

Shortages in medications and offering alternatives are included in the posting on the REMS Council website. Still waiting to hear on the final DEA regulations to know where things are going next. It is possible that we will hear something this fall. The regional pharmacy committee continues to monitor the situation and is prepared with a workgroup to address the final process once it is ironed out.

The next meeting is October 13th.

Strategic Planning: – Fred Messing

Two recommendations from the Committee. They are related but not the same.

1. The revised Strategic EMS Plan is essentially a complete overhaul. This direction came from following guidance from OEMS and incorporates trends and directions of EMS services both state-wide and nationally projecting 10-20 years in future. REMS Council stakeholders were given an opportunity to provide input on a series of issues in a survey. The data collected was weighed and analyzed with a focus on issues that are seen as “important” but currently “not being done” or “not being done well.” It is here that the Council can have the most impact in focusing efforts and it is with these goals in mind that the plan and streamlined model structure developed.

Wayne added that the change also supported the transition from the expiring MOU giving way to the concept of work plans. If approved, these FY23 work plans will be submitted for the REMS Council.

Recommendation from the Strategic Planning Committee to approve the 2022-2025 Strategic EMS Plan.

Discussion:

Mike Grubb noted that the responsibility matrix was heavily weighted towards the TRS and questioned if that was reasonable.

Clarification was presented that that is actually two positions and ultimately the individual's name who was hired into the new TRS positions would be assigned to the document as it grew.

Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM Strategic EMS Plan – Approved

Fred introduced the second recommendation from the committee and asked Wayne to elaborate.

2. Proposed by-laws changes will align with the newly approved Strategic EMS Plan as well as streamline and alleviate issues with larger committee structure. The Council currently has 15 committees with the previous OEMS MOU providing strict regulations for reporting and meeting formats to comply with contract obligations. However, with the end of the MOU and move to work plans, the opportunity to reconfigure and streamline the organization is at hand. This change will allow the Council to keep certain key committees and change the others to workgroups while abolishing the rigid formalities of a committee. This aligns with the new strategic plan, but also with the general format of committees at the state level through the advisory board where one coordinator has several sub groups that support the mission of the committee.

David Garvin asked if the proposed workgroups in the strategic EMS plan were set or subject to a review. Kevin clarified that the by-laws don't define what the committees do, instead that is done through a committee charter, nor does it specify how the workgroup organization would be set.

Proposed by-laws change – FIRST READING (presented by Kevin Dillard on 8/18/2022)

A second reading with discussion and voting will occur at the next Board of Directors meeting in November.

Heart and Stroke Committee: – Joe Williams

No quorum at the last Heart and Stroke Committee, so there was no official meeting.

Jack Kelley from Lake of the Woods is trying to get into both the Middle and High Schools for outreach and stroke education.

Joe has been working on expanding committee member numbers and is pleased to announce a dispatcher now sits on the committee which should help give insight on how they can assist with stroke assessment.

EMS Governor's Advisory: – Joe Williams

EMS Symposium will occur in November.

Advisory Board was visited by the new Commissioner of Health. Board voted to start meetings at 10AM vs 1PM on Fridays. This entailed changes to by-laws and possibly code of Virginia.

Virginia State Police Medical Flights are temporarily reducing hours to 8AM-Midnight due to a pilot shortage. They are looking to hire pilots and return to 24/7 service.

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Staff Report – Wayne Perry, Regional Director

HR/Personnel and Funding Updates:

- The REMS Council Office Manager, Margot Moser and Regional Field Coordinator, Vivian Delts have submitted their resignations.
- The volunteer that we had through re-Employability has finished his assignment.
- Technical Resource Specialist advertisement is pending.
- The REMS Council has returned full-time to the office effective July 5 and the staff is operating under their new 10-hour shifts. We are also offering workspace for VDH employees who need to hotel.
- Daniel Stewart has left as the EMS Coordinator for SRMC.
- The REMS Council has submitted requests for a mini-grant through Mary Washington Healthcare foundation and are exploring other options for funding for the COPE programs.

Regional EMS System, Training and Program Updates:

- MWH has reported a shortage of Ketamine.
- The National 988 suicide and crisis lifeline officially launched on July 16 - it is a 3-digit dialing code for the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress. People in crisis can call or text 988, or use the webchat available at 988lifeline.org. The Lifeline is a network of 200+ independent crisis centers across the US and territories. These centers are staffed by trained crisis counselors who are supervised during every shift by a licensed mental health professional. In rare but critical circumstances—less than 2% of contacts—counselors will determine via their protocols that someone is at imminent risk of harming themselves or someone else. In these situations, the Lifeline will contact 911 to dispatch emergency services.
- The VHASS Emergency Department status options have been updated. There are only three options – open, closed, or special advisory (trauma diversion, etc).
- ESO released a BETA version of Insights reporting in May. We have submitted several tickets having encountered problems with data integrity and reporting.
- Update provided on the King George County EMS Whole Blood pilot program. Working on a calcium study as part of the pilot program but stuck on CLIA waiver issues at this point.
- Carfentanil is being seen in the Northern Virginia area again.
- The Northwest Regional Healthcare coalition has issued two AAR on recent drills and events, which are available in the Drop Box.
- The Northern Healthcare coalition met on June 21 and offered a report on Medical Surge; a copy is available in the Drop Box.
 - o Chris Strong with the National Weather Service, presented an overview of the Atlantic Hurricane Forecast and the top direct and indirect causes of hurricane-related fatalities. These include extreme heat and carbon monoxide poisoning from the improper use of generators. Some attendees expressed interest in the SKYWARN program; more information is available on the NWS website.
 - o Caleb Slaton from the Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) shared information on an upcoming workshop that will bring together government agencies, healthcare providers and suppliers, and response organizations to discuss resilience, risk management, and preparedness issues related to the healthcare supply chains in the National Capital Region. The workshop's discussions will be based on information synthesized from the project's interviews with regional stakeholders and other analyses performed over the last year. Registration information is at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/regional-healthcare-supply-chain-resilience-workshop-tickets-348252441427>.

- Representatives from Quality Insights presented information on End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Dialysis Providers' emergency preparedness requirements, response best practices, and resources.
- Dr. Meredith Porter, the coalition's Clinical Advisor for this budget period, presented to the group regarding opportunities to integrate Urgent Care Centers into the coalition's preparedness and medical surge response efforts. Enhancing the role of Urgent Care Centers was identified as a priority for the region through the regional catastrophic medical surge planning workshop during this budget period.
- The meeting recording can be accessed at <https://vimeo.com/722630086/8e6f90e2d9>.
- The RAHD has completed their CHA/CHIP work and published a document, which is live on the [RAHD website](#).
- REMS is participating in the GWRC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan update.
- REMS Council Regional Training and Simulation Center use included 20 events, 9 agencies, and 242 visitors.
- We have the state CEU educator coming to the REMS Council on a quarterly basis. If you are looking for specific training needs and ideas, please let Wayne know. We are also offering BLS, ACLS, and PALS classes on a regular basis.
- The REMS Council participated in the July 20 EMS Night Out and community Stop the Bleed even sponsored by Mary Washington Hospital Trauma Center.
- The Virginia Fire Chief's Association is presenting a webinar on drones and the impact on public safety operations on August 18. For more info email info@vfca.us.
- The COPE program continues to offer health and wellness information to both stakeholders and the community. May was stroke awareness; June was healthy aging, and July was emergency preparedness.
- The Table event continues as well and here are the participation numbers:
Visitors to the COPE tent (and RACSB and MHA Mental Health and Depression talk)-348
Visitors to Lloyd Moss Clinic-195 (COVID-19 vaccines given-9)
Visitors to RACSB-95 (13 Narcan demos, 34 gun locks, 16 trigger locks, and 41 medication disposal kits were given out)
Visitors to Mental Health America-89
AccessMeCare demos given-45 (combination of patrons, volunteers and community partners)
Total Table visitors-790
 - COPE Partners in attendance have included Lloyd Moss Clinic, RACSB, Stafford Fire/Rescue, Healthy Generations Encompass Health, Salvation Army, Mental Health America, NAMI, NAACP, Central Rappahannock Regional Library). We have added a cooking demonstration using products available at the Table.

Regional Director Update:

- The Regional Director's Group met on August 3 The agenda, and minutes from the May meeting are in the drop box. OEMS presented a Q1 2022 trauma triage report, but there are some questions as to the data and the methodology.
- There were a few changes made at the EMS GAB
 - Epi auto injector at AEMT level- will remain black dot
 - Epi for other uses IV/IO/IM at AEMT level- now red dot
 - Epi nebulized at AEMT level- now red dot
- OEMS Sim Trailer update – away for repairs
- DALY computer update – we are starting to receive materials and are hopeful for installation of the final AV equipment soon.
- The regional director participated in leadership development training through VDH, hosted by the McChrystal Group, in Blacksburg August 4 and 5.

- Craig Evans has resigned at the Executive Director at Northern Virginia EMS Council. They have interviewed and made an offer for a replacement, but it has not formally been filled at this point.
- Agency-level ESO data is now available.
- Regional Council Designation was approved
- Sprinkler issue in the new building – on FireWatch

EMS at the State and National Level

- Dropbox – There are 72 documents included with the link including:
 - o COVID-19 modeling and surveillance meetings
 - o OEMS Customer Satisfaction Feedback Data
 - o VDH Agency Forum meetings slides.
 - o The REMS Council staff is now included in VDH weekly updates and reports to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources (SHHR) – updates are included in the Drop Box for your review.
 - o Various committee reports and after action documents.
- The REMS Council COPE program was featured in a presentation at Pennsylvania’s Drexel University for their Masters of Health Administration Summer Residency Program as a case study of healthcare collaboration.
- REMS Staff attended the June 23 Virginia Board of Health meeting in Richmond. Minutes are available [here](#).
- OEMS has posted reference materials for agencies that wish to advertise to the public that they are providing MIH or CP service. Those agencies should definitely review the "MIH/CP in Virginia White Paper" as well as the "MIH/CP FAQ" documents prior to completing the MIH/CP Letter of Intent form"
 - o Information can be found at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/community-paramedicin-e-mobile-integrated-healthcare/>
 - o Daisy Banta is a new senior epidemiologist for OEMS.
 - o Madison County Rescue Squad has updated their status of “out of business”.
 - o Staff attended the NEMSAC meeting in June and August.
 - o Triage Tags – OEMS is looking to offer a dataset then agencies or regions can engage with a vendor to produce a tag.
 - o The Central Virginia Drug and Gang Task Force submitted a substance for analysis which was later determined to be Protonitazene. This is a Nitazene (benzimidazole-opioid) which is NOT approved for medical use in the US. It is three times as strong as Fentanyl and can be resistant to Narcan. The white/beige power, pill, or liquid can be cut with caffeine, heroin, or trazadone.
 - o Jordan Rennie has been hired as the RHCC Manager for NW RHCC.
 - o The NAEMT midyear report is included at the bottom of this document.
 - o The Virginia Medical Direction Committee met on July 7 in Richmond. Records and notes from this meeting are available in the Drop Box.
 - o The results of the NW RHCC July communication drill are available in drop box.
 - o The NEMSIS 2021 Public Dataset has been released and we have ordered a copy. The data has been received, but the file contains 49 million records and is too large to open, we are working on a way to access and utilize the data.
 - o The US Fire Administration hosted a national pandemic response listening sessions in October. A copy of the report is available through a link at the bottom of this report.
 - o The Virginia Health and Human Resources Subpanel meeting on June 1 was cancelled. No word on the rescheduling date.

- The National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) is providing updates about the recently evolving situation regarding the spread of Monkeypox, To ensure early detection and isolation of the infected, [EMS/prehospital](#) and [hospital](#) clinicians should be on alert for signs of the disease.
 - o Monkeypox can spread between humans via contact with skin lesions and infected respiratory droplets. It is important to recognize and report cases of the disease to the local public health department for surveillance purposes.
 - o Given the [actions of the public health authorities](#), it is very unlikely that EMS clinicians will encounter a person infected with Monkeypox during routine operations. However, EMS professionals should follow an identify, isolate, and inform strategy, as outlined in NETEC's [webinar The I's Have It: Identify, Isolate, and Inform](#) to stop the spread of illness.
 - o [Find additional resources on clinical care and infection control related to Monkeypox.](#)
 - o If you suspect a case of Monkeypox, [contact your state health department](#) for possible initiation of special pathogen transport protocols.
- NVERS/NVHA
 - o On April 12, 2022, Fairfax County Police Department, on behalf of the Northern Virginia Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Committee accepted an Emergency Rescue Vehicle (ERV), an armored asset that provides tactical advantages other vehicles cannot provide, such as maneuvering in confined spaces.
 - o On April 21, 2022, fire/EMS personnel from Loudoun County Fire & Rescue brought the county's Medical Ambulance Bus (MAB) to the NVHA and NVERS warehouse to demonstrate the unit's capabilities to healthcare partners.
 - o The NVERS Speaker Series continued on April 12, 2022, with former FEMA Administrator Brock Long visiting the NVERS offices. Administrator Long's presentation focused on the lessons learned from his time leading FEMA, as well as his outlook on the future of emergency management. The recording of the event can be accessed using [this link](#).
 - o Three awards were given to MRC units and their partners in the Northern region. The recipients are Prince William Medical Reserve Corps, Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps, and Loudoun Office of Emergency Management.
 - o On April 23, 2022, seven Northern Virginia hospitals and the Regional Healthcare Coordination Center (RHCC) participated in the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's (MWAA) Triennial Exercise. The exercise, held at Reagan National Airport, centered on an aviation accident generating mass casualties. The RHCC was activated by MWAA Fire/EMS in response to the incident, and participating hospitals received simulated ambulances (no role players were physically transported to hospitals due to federal COVID restrictions). Hospitals used the exercise to test key processes for receiving an influx of trauma patients, communicating internally to their response teams, and utilizing the regional patient tracking system. The RHCC's actions included incident notification and coordination, and supporting EMS patient distribution efforts.
 - o On May 23-24, 2022, the Technical Writing Group of the Northern Virginia Fire Chiefs Committee met for a two-day writing retreat to review and update five (5) operational manuals. Part of the mission of the fire and rescue departments of Northern Virginia is to provide the region with the best possible emergency services through coordinated emergency response. To guide the delivery of services, the region leverages standardized response protocols and operational procedures that are unencumbered by the boundaries of the respective political subdivisions. These regionally agreed upon protocols, procedures, strategies, and tactics are codified within thirty (30) distinct Fire and Rescue Departments of Northern Virginia Operational Manuals.

- To ensure the manuals include the most current operational guidance, they are reviewed and updated by subject matter experts approximately once every three years. The manuals reviewed during the retreat included: Engine Company Operations, Firefighter Safety and Survival, Single Family Dwellings, Fires in Garden-Type Apartments, Utility Emergencies.
- o NVERS staff were recently joined by our partners from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA) for an orientation to the coalition's new mobile hospital system. The system, which NVERS took possession of in 2021 on behalf of the Virginia Healthcare Emergency Management Program, includes its own heating and air conditioning units, medical beds, Base-X tents, lighting, and more. NVERS staff and partners received training on the setup, operation, and tear-down of the mobile hospital system. The mobile hospital, which can provide support for up to 25 surge patients, is stored and transported via trailer and is powered via generator.
- CAAHEP Statement on Proposed Changes to Eligibility Requirements by the NREMT. Read the Statement [here](#). [Comment here](#) on the potential impact on EMS educational and patient care quality. Download the PDF [here](#). In the event that this resolution passes, Paramedic candidates completing a program approved by their State Office of EMS would have the option to take the NREMT exam and become a practicing Paramedic without graduating from a CAAHEP accredited or CoAEMSP LoR designated program.
- The Prehospital Care Research Forum hosted a live podcast/webcast at ACCREDITCON. The research article discussed was the paper on Administrative and Educational Characteristics of Paramedic Program in the United States, Prehospital and Disaster Medicine (2022). [Watch here](#).
- The CoAEMSP Board met via web meeting on May 6, 2022. [Minutes are here](#).
- The CoAEMSP Annual Accreditation fee invoice was sent to all Program Director emails on May 4, 2022. If you are the program director of record and did not receive the annual fee invoice, please check your spam/junk folder. If you still do not have it, then email sybil@coaemsp.org.
- CoAEMSP webinar covering best practices of accredited programs in the process of strategic planning and ongoing program improvement. [Slides here](#).
- October 5 and 6 will be the last CAAHEP Accreditation Workshop in 2022. More information [here](#).
- NAEMT mid-year update included information on their priority issues which included:
 - [Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs \(SIREN\) Law](#)
 - [Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act of 2021](#)
 - [EMS Counts Act of 2021](#)
 - [Shortages of EMS personnel](#)
- o [National EMS Week](#) was held on May 15-21. This year's theme, *EMS: Rising to the Challenge*, highlighted the important contributions of EMS practitioners in safeguarding the health, safety, and well-being of our communities.
- o NAEMT, with support from FirstNet®, Built with AT&T, launched the new Mental Health Resilience Officer ([MHRO](#)) course to assist EMS agencies in building and supporting the mental health resilience of their personnel.
- o The *new!* [EMS Safety 3rd Edition](#) provider course will be released on Monday. This award-winning course provides essential training to EMS practitioners to keep them safe on the job. [Register](#) to take the new EMS Safety course at EMS World Expo on October 11 or [Locate a Course](#) to find scheduled courses in your area.
- o NAEMT launched a new **Lighthouse Leadership Program**, a mentorship program for EMS practitioners. Participants selected annually are matched with EMS leaders who possess the specific knowledge and experience to guide mentees in developing a personal career strategy with action steps to achieve their career goals. [Learn More](#)

- On Oct. 21-22, 2021, the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) hosted a national-level [pandemic response listening session](#) at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The information gathered from the session was divided into 4 categories: Workforce, Logistics and supply chain, Business operations and continuity, and Agency funding, grants and reimbursement. Download the report by clicking [here](#).

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held in Rappahannock County at Washington Volunteer Fire and Rescue (10 Firehouse Lane, Washington, VA 22747) on November 16, 2022.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Kevin Dillard at 8:30 PM.