

**Rappahannock EMS Council Board of Directors Meeting
King George County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services
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Wednesday, August 16, 2023**

Board Members Present:

Jack Atkins, Rappahannock County
Ed Bonham, Caroline County
John Brandrup, At-Large
Patricia Copeland, Stafford County
Mark Crnarich, At-Large
Scot Davis, City of Fredericksburg
Susan Dietrich, Caroline County
Kevin Dillard, At-Large
Pat Fitzgerald, Westmoreland County
Mike Grub, Spotsylvania County

Mike Jones, City of Fredericksburg
Joey King, At-Large
Debra Marinari, At-Large
David Moody, King George County
Maurice "Bud" Moody, Orange County
Nate Mort, Orange County
William Ooten, Culpeper County
Lisa Palmer, Rappahannock County
Jacob Parcel, At-Large
Joseph Williams, Fauquier County

Board Members Absent:

Joseph Cardello, Stafford County
Jordan Coleman, Fauquier County
David Garvin, King George County

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

Staff Members Present:

Wayne Perry, Director
Linda Harris, Regional Education Coordinator
Tatiana Pedroza, Technical Resource Specialist

Kelsey Rideout, Regional PI Specialist
Lara Traylor, Office Manager

Guests Present:

Tony Anteau, Priority/LifeCare
Tricia Derr, Protocol Workgroup
Lenore Halkowich, ALS Workgroup

Agency Presentation – Chief David Moody of King George County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services. King George was the first to have a combined Fire, Rescue, career and volunteer agency. We have 62 full-time paid career firefighters, EMT's & Paramedics providers; 12 part-time and 35 active volunteers. Last year we ran 4348 calls to include 1115 fires, 3700 EMS and 2233 transports to hospitals. King George is actually the 2nd smallest county in the commonwealth behind Arlington. In regards to geographical size we are 185 square miles with a population of a little over 27,000. We do not have a hospital in our jurisdiction. We transport 80% of our patients to Mary Washington Hospital, some to SRMC and occasionally Stafford Hospital or the Free-Standing ER. We are one of a few agencies that transport out of the commonwealth. We transport to LaPlata, MD. At the BOS meeting yesterday evening they are considering allowing Amazon to build data centers in our county. There would be multiple buildings equaling 7.9 million sq. ft. and that could bring \$40 million of revenue to the county. This agency has a long-standing positive relationship with Naval Base

Dahlgren. We have a different mutual aid agreement and we have integrated them into our assignments.

Call to Order- Kevin Dillard, President

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Dillard at 7PM at King George County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services.

Approval of Minutes- May 17, 2023

Minutes for the May 17, 2023, meeting were approved as presented.

Officers' Reports –

President Kevin Dillard

Kevin officially thanked Chief Moody for hosting the Board Meeting.

- **BOD Composition:**
 1. **Fauquier County- Joe Williams (reappointment)**
 2. **Stafford County- Joseph Cardello (reappointment)**
 3. **City of Fredericksburg- Scott Davis (reappointment)**
 4. **Caroline County – Susan Dietrich (reappointment)**
 5. **Rappahannock County- Lisa Palmer (new)**

A motion was made to approve the reappointments. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin wanted to update everyone on activities in Ukraine. Several donated vehicles left on Sunday heading to Ukraine. Some of them are from Lake of the Woods and King George County. They are still collecting equipment and vehicles to be included in the next shipment in October.

Executive Committee (next meeting October 30, 2023 at 9am)

We met on August 10, 2023. Discussed OEMS Hybrid Office updates.

Building Alarm – Approved to have a local company come in and get the system back up and running and install a camera in the parking lot.

Discussed finances and the status of our audit with Bishop Farmer. Made the decision to switch to PB Mares for our FY23 financial review and future years.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 30, 2023, at 9am at REMS.

Grant Workgroup- We hosted a grant workshop on June 22, 2023, from 4-6pm at REMS. Mike Berg presented.

July 1st- the Spring Cycle of awards was announced.

The Fall cycle is open for applying for grants. Deadline is September 15, 2023. The Awards will be announced on January 1, 2024. Our next meeting will be October 5, 2023, at 9am at REMS.

Vice President- Jack Atkins. No report

Secretary- Marc Crnarich – No report

Treasurer – John Brandrup- John reported on the change of auditors for the next audit. He also reported that REMS has received locality funding from City of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County.

Standing Committee Reports and Action Items

Strategic Goal #1 Expert Clinical Care- Coordinator Mark Crnarich

Medical Review Committee- next meeting 9-27-23 Staff Support – Kelsey Rideout

- Heart and Stroke Workgroup- next meeting 10/18/23- Joe Williams
Joe reported that the workgroup met and worked on the Stroke Triage Scheme and the Stemi Plan. Both went to the Protocol Committee for revisions and approval. Once they have final documents they will come back to this committee for approval and on to the Medical Review Committee and next to the BOD for final approval.
- Performance Improvement Workgroup- next meeting 10/19/23- Mark Crnarich
This group will continue to improve data quality reports generated out of ESO. They continue to work with hospitals on areas of concern to include assessments on protocols or perceived issues with medication protocols. They continue to review Shared Concern inquires.
- Pharmacy Workgroup – next meeting 10-12-23 – Bill Ooten
In April there was some discussion about the quarterly drug inventory checks, and we brought it to the BOD to dissolve this since there had not been a lot of input from the pharmacies and the BOD approved. At the July Pharmacy Workgroup meeting the pharmacies attended and voiced concerns. They had very strong opinions about this decision. There was much negotiating, and it was decided the original plan was not as effective as they thought. They decided on a default plan that would incorporate the locality instead of going through REMS which would eliminate a duplication of efforts. It was brought to the attention of the committee that the information the pharmacies are looking for was information that the agencies have been collecting and providing to pharmacies for decades. An email will be sent to the agencies with 4-5 questions. When we hold our next meeting, we will share that data with the pharmacies and start to work on a plan to where the individual agencies will submit those reports to their pharmacies in their own local regions. We are still waiting on information from the Board of Pharmacy and the DEA transition. Nothing to report yet.
- Protocol Workgroup – next meeting 10-16-23 – Tricia Derr
We continue to work on the protocols to make them the best they can be for our patients and providers.

Strategic Goal #2 Health and Wellness – Coordinator Joe Williams

Incident and Threat Mitigation Committee- next meeting 10-19-23 Staff Support- Lara Traylor

- CISM Team report- Patricia Copeland

Patricia sent out the CISM report. She also reported that there will be a Suicide Awareness Walk on October 14, 2023, at Pratt Park. She is calling on everyone to sign up or even sponsor this event. She was asked by Rappahannock Jail to teach a class which will happen in September. She is taking Chris Brown and a Stafford Deputy with her. They are trying to start a peer-to-peer team. She is also teaching at Symposium in November. The CISM team did participate in the EMS Memorial.

- **Integrated Surge Plan/Hospital Diversion- Approved by the BOD**

Strategic Goal #3 Cultivating Talent – Coordinator Ed Bonham

Guidelines and Training Committee- Ed Bonham next meeting 10/24/23

Staff Support- Linda Harris

Ed reported on the Whole Blood Program—there are 4 counties in our region that are using whole Blood in REMS. If anyone else is interested, then reach out to Kelsey.

King George completed their 6-month trial program, and they are now looking for a new source for whole blood.

NREMT test sites- REMS held one in July and they are scheduled for September and December this year. The NREMT psychomotor exam will sunset July 2024. AirCare is conducting training at REMS and they are using field EMT's to provide 'care' to the virtual patient and turn care over to the flight crew. The dates are August 22, September 11 & September 25. With the times 9-11, 12-230- 3-530. Germanna is conducting an AEMT & Paramedic course this fall. The student can apply for OEMS Scholarship. Caroline has 8 they want to put through this program and they are working on the funding.

- ALS Preceptor/Release Workgroup next meeting TBD- Lenore Halkowich
No report
- Cultural Diversity Workgroup – next meeting TBD – Jack McGovern
Report given by Bud Moody. The workgroup planned on a in person event several times but due to lack of registrations were cancelled. We are planning on recording a panel discussion in October of this year with several religious leaders sitting on the panel. It will then be posted on social media for all to view.

Strategic Goal #4 Driving Innovation – Coordinator Kevin Dillard

Executive Committee – Kevin Dillard – next meeting October 30, 2023

Staff Support- Wayne Perry

Kevin reported that the Executive Committee met August 10. The building alarm situation was discussed, and they approved a local company to work on getting the system back up and running and to install a camera in the parking lot.

- Grant Workgroup- next meeting October 5, 2023- Kevin Dillard
A grant workshop was held on June 22 at the council office. Mike Berg taught this program. July 1 the Spring Cycle awards were announced. And now the Fall cycle is open with the deadline to apply of September 15. Those awards will be announced January 1st.
- Regional Awards Workgroup – next meeting TBD- David Moody
The awards banquet was held on June 7 at the Fick Center. MWH has always been

Very gracious to us in the past. This event was well attended, and the nominations were well distributed throughout the region. If you have another venue you would like for us to look at, please share that information. You do not have to wait until next year to nominate someone for an award.

- Personnel Workgroup – next meeting TBD – David Moody
On July 21 we held interviews with 7 individuals for the Technical Resource Position. Recommendations were submitted and now the state has put all new hiring on hold. We are waiting to see what happens with this new position.

Strategic Goal #5 Healthcare Collaboration- Coordinator: Nathan Mort

Strategic Planning Committee- Nate Mort- next meeting 10/19/23

Staff support Tatiana Pedroza

A meeting was held but there was not a quorum. They are actively working on increasing the membership. They will need to work on the charter.

- By-Laws Workgroup Jack Atkins- no report
- Nominating Committee – Jack Atkins- no report
- Finance Workgroup – John Brandrup- everything was covered in earlier reports.

EMS Governor's Advisory Report – Joe Williams

There was some discussion concerning wait times- extended time at the ER waiting with patients that is becoming an issue. Committee members are trying to figure out a way of correcting this. They suggested if you have issues with that they would recommend you send something to your legislators to let them know that this is occurring in your jurisdiction. Maybe they can figure out a way to make changes. Registration for Symposium has opened. There are over 400 classes. When you register you will get the information on room registration. They handed out new AEMT packets. The quarterly reports are to be downsized. Chapter 32 info is on the OEMS website. From Emergency Preparedness they are working on new Triage tags with a minimum data set so agencies can order their own through their vendors. Should have more information in November. They are trying to put together a workgroup to develop a computer-based triage tag that will work with Imagetrend And ESO. But that is still in progress. Stop the Bleed will be offered at Symposium. So far EMS has training 5000 in Virginia. There are scholarships available for those attending symposium if they register for 3 pediatric classes. That information is on the OEMS website.

Staff Report – Wayne Perry-Director

**** Please add your report here please****

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Next Meeting will be at Ladysmith Rescue Squad, 18287 U.S. Route 1, Ladysmith, Va. 22501 on November 15, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm