

**Provider Health and Safety Committee Meeting
August 5, 2016
Marriott 10077 Brook Road Glen Allen, VA 23059**

Members Present:	OEMS Staff:	Guests:	Absent:
Daniel Wildman, Chair	Karen Owens	Damien Coy, ODEMSA	Wayne Myers
Dennis Page		Lori Knowles	
Jack Sullivan		Jim Chandler	
Bryan McRay			
Steve Elliott			
Brian Hricik			

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Call to order:	Meeting called to order at	
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting made by Steve Elliott. Second by Jack Sullivan. Meeting minutes approved.	
Introductions of Members:	All members of the committee introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.	
Committee Chair Report	No report from Committee Chair.	
Old Business	<p>Safety Bulletins Karen reviewed the topics for the next few months. She stated that the August bulletin had just posted and September's was completed as well. The committee decided to change the October topic to PPE and keep the other months the same. For the January Safety Bulletin Jack suggested contacted Dan Kerrigan who just wrote a book about Functional Fitness to see if he would be willing to assist.</p> <p>EMS Safety Officer Project This meeting was supposed to be the meeting for the workgroup but with staffing changes in the Emergency Operations division, planning fell through the cracks. A discussion was held about the possibility of holding the meeting at Symposium. Jack Sullivan suggested trying to find a vendor who would sponsor the gathering to attempt to draw in more participants. Concerns raised included the ability to draw people in given their desire to head out and socialize after classes. Karen suggested developing a survey that could be shared with providers through social media asking about their ideas of EMS Safety Officer which could be used to structure the workgroup. Dan suggested sending the survey out and then deciding where and when we would meet. Bryan McRay suggested we provide copies during the Health and Safety classes at Symposium. He stated that those attendees are interested in Health and Safety and may be more willing to provide feedback. Jack also suggested adding a question regarding desire to participate in the workgroup and contact information to be able to invite them. Dan suggested conducting the workgroup in conjunction with the February board meeting.</p>	<p>Karen will contact Dan and continue to develop Safety Bulletins</p> <p>Karen will draft a survey for review and work with Irene Hamilton to determine room availability in February.</p>
New Business	Damien shared with the committee that ODEMSA will be hosting a CISM class September 26-30. Attendees will receive both the individual and group crisis intervention courses. The cost is \$25. It is being offered in partnership with VCU Health Systems/Children's Hospital of Virginia. The course is five days and will be held at Forest	

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	<p>View Volunteer Rescue Squad. Space is limited to 35 people and it is expected to fill quickly. Damien suggested developing a resource of instructors within the regions to help support the classes.</p> <p>Tactical Medic/Hostile Environment</p> <p>Karen provided an update on the planning activities related to EMS response in the hostile environment. Damien said that he believes the biggest issue is in the training exercises. Most exercises he has been involved in do not train for failure to learn. Damien stated that he also believes that exercises don't need to be so large and can also focus on the basics (i.e. how to change to different channels on the radio). Additionally he strongly recommends that IED information be included in all training.</p> <p>Jack Sullivan asked if Bryan McRay had been involved in the exercise conducted recently on the VCU campus. Bryan stated that they had some command staff, but no one filled the Rescue Task Force role. Jack stressed the importance of making sure that the appropriate representatives are involved. Jack suggested the development of a steering committee with the appropriate representatives to create a unified approach.</p> <p>Bryan McRay stressed the importance of the two roles (boots on the ground versus administrators).</p> <p>Karen discussed the Active Shooter Events Response (ASER) course she attended and shared that she hopes to bring the course to Symposium in 2017.</p> <p>Dan inquired as to whether this is something that can be pushed at the regional level. Bryan M. suggested that at the council level we can stress the importance of building the relationships. It will take time for this to happen. Wayne recommended looking at removing the wording in the council contracts related to pan flu planning and adding requirements to support active shooter/hostile environment planning.</p> <p>The committee discussed Karen's statement that it had been recommended that threat assessments be completed to determine where threat is but planning is lacking. The committee agreed that every locality has a threat. Some may have resources but no collaboration while other jurisdictions may have collaboration but no resources.</p> <p>Brian Hricik shared that Northern Virginia has a high threat response committee that is working on a document that provides a tool for incident commanders during response to high threat events. He also stated that northern Virginia resources were looking at utilizing Fort A.P. Hill for training opportunities.</p> <p>Wayne Perry discussed the Philadelphia study that is looking at the benefits of no treatment for traumatic injuries. The study provides the opportunity to attempt to transport with the first arriving unit, even if it is law enforcement, to ensure rapid arrival to the hospital. The findings of the study could very easily impact how we respond to these events in the future.</p>	

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	<p>Jack provided three documents that may assist in planning efforts. They are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/active_shooter_guide.pdf 2. www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/active_shooter_booklet/pdf 3. www.vdh.virginia.gov/oems/Files_page/Symposium/2009Presentations/Prep-920.pdf <p>Karen asked that the committee continue to gather information and resources that can be utilized to assist in both building the relationships between EMS and law enforcement and also that will help with planning for the response to active shooter/hostile environment events.</p> <p>Jim Chandler provided a flyer to each committee member and shared that the Tidewater EMS Council will be hosting a Taking Care of Our Own Conference October 20-23. The conference focuses on many topics surrounding personal health and safety. Registration will open soon.</p> <p>Wayne Perry shared that the Rappahannock and Thomas Jefferson EMS Councils were participating in a stress and mental health study that is funded through UVa. The study starts on September 1.</p>	
Next Scheduled Meeting:	TBD based on Symposium Schedule	
Adjournment:	Meeting adjourned at: 10:08	