

Virginia's Regional EMS Councils

State EMS Advisory Board Orientation

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Background

§ 32.1-111.11 of the Code of Virginia establishes Regional EMS Councils, and defines their function and purpose.

Each council is charged with the development and implementation of an efficient and effective regional emergency medical services delivery system.



Role of Regional EMS Councils

Regional EMS Councils collaborate with the office of EMS, local government officials, physicians, hospitals, and EMS agencies to plan and coordinate EMS activities at the regional level to promote quality of care.



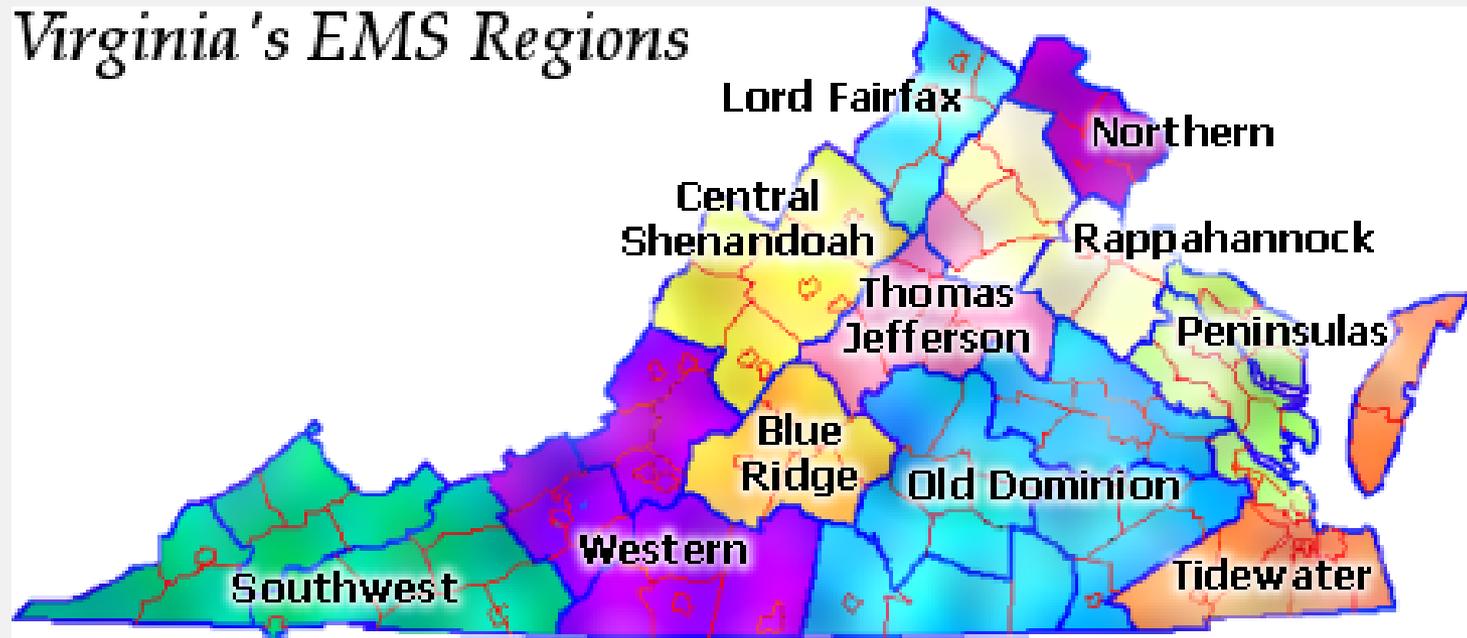
Locations of Regional Councils

There are 11 regional EMS councils that are designated by the State Board of Health to serve specific geographic areas of the Commonwealth. Virginia's regional EMS councils contract with the Virginia Office of EMS during their designation period and undergo designation reviews every 3 years.



Map of Virginia EMS Regions

Virginia's EMS Regions



Regional Council Services

While services provided by regional EMS councils can vary, generally services can be broken into two distinct categories:

- *Services required under contract with the Office of Emergency Medical Services*
- *Services necessary for the region but not required under OEMS contract*



Contract Services

- *Regional Infrastructure*
- *Regional Medical Direction*
- *Regional Planning*
- *Regional Coordination*
- *RSAF Program*
- *CISM Program*
- *Regional EMS Awards*
- *Regional Instructor Network*
- *BLS Testing Coordination*



Non-Contract Services

Councils may provide other services that are needed in their region but are not required under their OEMS contract including:

- *EMS Training Programs (various)*
- *Medical Reserve Corp/Hospital and Healthcare Preparedness*
- *Assisting with other projects*
- *Communications Systems*
- *Specialty Response Teams*
- *ID Badges*



Point of Contact

Virginia's Regional EMS Councils provide a point of contact and support for all stakeholders in the regional EMS system. They will assist in resolving issues whenever possible, and they will make appropriate referrals to the state office on specific matters.



Virginia's Regional EMS Councils

We appreciate the opportunity to talk with you. For more information, please visit www.vaems.org. From this website you can obtain contact information for each regional EMS council.

Questions or suggestions should be directed to:

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