

**State Medevac Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Norfolk Waterside Marriott
235 E. Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510
November 11, 2015
10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Anita Perry , Chair	Bert Bogue , VCU LifeEvac	Tim Perkins	Shawn Rivard
Susan Smith , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard	Jennifer Lescallett , Fairfax Co. Police	Wanda Street	Kim Rorrer
Chris Shaffer , PHI		George Lindbeck	Allen Yee
Dwain Rowe , Wings Air Rescue			Allan Belcher
Ed Brazle , Virginia Beach EMS			Gregory Jones
Tim Ryan , U.S. Park Police			Tyson LeRoy
Jay Cullen , Virginia State Police			Devon Clary
Julia Marsden , Consumer Rep/GAB			Shannon F. Beam
Marilyn McLeod , Centra Health/GAB			Bev Harris
Denise Baylous , Sentara Nightingale			Justin Miles
Terry Austin , LifeEvac of Virginia			Brad Fields
Jay Lovelady , VCU/MedFlight			Hayley Inman
			Bob Zemple
			Steve Ausband
			Bruce Edwards
			Jeff Ferguson
			John Jacobson

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by the Chair, Anita Perry.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the August 6, 2015 minutes:	A motion was made to review and approve the August meeting minutes. The motion was moved by Susan Smith and seconded by Ed Brazle. The minutes were approved as submitted.	The August 6, 2015 minutes were approved as submitted.
Chair Report – Anita Perry:	Anita had no specific report. She will chime in as the meeting progresses.	
OEMS Report – Tim Perkins/OEMS Staff:	<p>Tim welcomed everyone to the 36th Annual EMS Symposium. There are a few HEMS courses intertwined with other tracks; however, Tim would like to see more HEMS courses in order to have the Medevac track back.</p> <p>Michael Berg gave a brief regulatory update. All of the committees will soon be looking at the current regulations for changes and additions. The background checks are going very smoothly and there is no backlog. The Ambulance Standards are done. The transportation committee is looking at the information to</p>	Tim will send out a copy of the Medevac regulations for review.

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	compare the documents and decide what standards we will use. Also, there are no standards yet on bariatric stretchers.	
Project Synergy Work Group Update – Tim Perkins and Anita Perry:	Anita stated that the workgroup last met in September. She went through the first and second quarter data via a PowerPoint presentation. During the first quarter of 2015, there were 14 agency submissions and 13 agency submissions in the second quarter. More data is needed. Anita encouraged more agency participation; however, she thanked everyone that has submitted data.	
Drone Workgroup:	<p>Drone Safety Flyer: During the STEMI workgroup meeting in September, the group began discussing the drone issue and decided to form a Drone Workgroup and that workgroup has met three times. They discussed safety measures that can be carried forth as education and eventually legislative changes. Tyson LeRoy, Susan Smith, Devon Clary, Terry Austin and Ed Brazle are members of the drone workgroup.</p> <p>Tyson is a pilot at Carilion who is very passionate about this issue. In order to make the air space safe, they put together some general recommendations after several incidents have occurred. They started with a public service campaign with the local media and that went very well. The next steps include educating commercial users, civilian users and the news media. Susan put together the flyer for first responders. They have also looked at the Virginia State Law and are working toward recommended language changes. The FAA will also be sending out drone information. The workgroup also wants to launch a Before You Fly app as a best practice tool. They will also make recommendations to the FAA to include helipad locations in the app.</p> <p>The purpose of the flyer is to promote the same message and promote education for LZ commanders as well as education for drone operators. Tim will send out the flyer electronically so that the agencies can enter their agency name, phone number and email address. <u>No other information should be added or removed from the flyer.</u></p> <p>It was suggested to contact the drone manufacturers so that when drones are near helipads, they won't fly. The manufacturers may need to add the helipad information. The flyer or other information may also need to be added into the box when people purchase drones.</p> <p>A motion was made by Susan to accept the drone safety flyer as submitted today. The motion was seconded by Terry Austin. All committee members were in favor of the motion. No one opposed.</p>	
Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Update – Tim Perkins:	<p>a. Statistics Report The Medevac Helicopter EMS application (formerly known as WeatherSafe) continues to grow in the amount of data submitted. In terms of weather turndowns, there were 580 entries into the Helicopter EMS system in the third quarter of 2015. 65% of those entries (373 entries) were for interfacility transports, which is close to the average from information from previous quarters. The total number of turndowns is a slight decrease from 615 entries in the third quarter of 2014. This data continues to show dedication to the program itself, but also to maintain safety of Medevac personnel and equipment.</p> <p>b. Duplication of Entries There was no duplication of entries in the third quarter of 2015.</p>	

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	<p>c. LZControl There are some funding issues that need to be ironed out before moving forward with the weather reporting part of the system. Stay tuned for more information.</p>	<p>Tim will continue to work with LZControl.</p>
<p>Program Announcements:</p>	<p>Terry Austin, LifeEvac – Terry stated that the UCI Bike Race went extremely well. There were no major issues. There was a misspelling on one of the banners.</p> <p>Jay Lovelady, VCU LifeEvac – Jay agreed with Terry that the Bike Race went very. VCU will have some training opportunities coming up in the next few weeks and he will get the information out to Tim soon for distribution.</p> <p>Jay Cullen, Virginia State Police – No report.</p> <p>Denise Baylous, Nightingale – Denise reported that construction is still going on at Sentara Norfolk General and there are cranes to be aware of.</p> <p>Ed Brazle, VA Beach EMS – No report.</p> <p>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard – No report.</p> <p>Anita Perry, WellmontOne/MedFlight II – No report.</p> <p>Dwain Rowe, Wings Air Rescue – No report.</p> <p>Marilyn McLeod, Centra Health/BREMS/GAB – No report.</p> <p>Tim Ryan, U.S. Park Police – No report.</p> <p>Chris Shaffer, PHI – No report.</p> <p>Allan Belcher, Centra Health – Centra Health has a new pilot, John, from Fire Programs, who is a great guy and he will be attending the meetings soon.</p> <p>No other program reports were made.</p>	
<p>Unfinished Business:</p>	<p>a. 2016 Virginia EMS Symposium The Call for Presentations is open for the 2016 symposium. Please go the OEMS website to submit Medevac courses as soon as possible.</p> <p>Tim also agreed that the UCI Bike Race was awesome and he plans to go to Norway in 2017 to attend the race.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>Tim reported that the committee composition will be reviewed before the end of the year.</p>	

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	Tim is still doing the Technical Assistance Coordinator duties and one of the projects that has been worked on is the Standards of Excellence program. The pilot phase has been completed and Tim thanked Ed Brazle and everyone at Virginia Beach EMS for being one of the agencies to complete the pilot program. They will be recognized on Saturday night. It will soon be open to all EMS agencies.	
Public Comment:	Dr. Stephen Ausband said that a sub-specialty EMS program has been developed at Virginia Tech School of Medicine. He noted that Hayley Inman and Bob Zemple were two of the first fellows to complete half of the program.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:52 a.m.	2016 Meeting Dates: February 4, May 5, August 4 and November 9 – Norfolk Waterside Marriott

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