

**State Medevac Committee Meeting  
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services  
Norfolk Waterside Marriott  
235 E. Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510  
November 5, 2014  
10:00 a.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Guests &amp; Other Attendees:</b>
<b>Anita Perry</b> , Chair	<b>Mindy Carter</b> , CJW Medical Center	Tim Perkins	Brad Fields
<b>Denise Baylous</b> , Nightingale		George Lindbeck	Justin Miles
<b>Susan Smith</b> , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard		Wanda Street	Maggie McCauley
<b>Bert Bogue</b> , VCU LifeEvac			Bruce Edwards
<b>Dwain Rowe</b> , Wings Air Rescue			John Dugan
<b>Ed Brazle</b> , Virginia Beach EMS			Greg Jones
<b>Jennifer Lescallett</b> , Fairfax Co. Police			Terry Austin
<b>Marilyn McLeod</b> , Centra Health/GAB Member (BREMS)			Bev Harris
<b>Tim Ryan</b> , U.S. Park Police			Barbara Brown
<b>Jay Cullen</b> , Virginia State Police			Steve Ausband
<b>Devon Clary</b> , LifeEvac Virginia			Paul Barbee
<b>Chris Shaffer</b> , PHI			Gary Critzer
<b>Julia Marsden</b> , Advisory Board Member			Brad Taylor
			Holly Mason

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<b>Call to order:</b>	The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by the Chair, Anita Perry.	
<b>Introductions:</b>	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
<b>Review &amp; Approval of the August 7, 2014 minutes:</b>	A motion was made to review and approve the August meeting minutes. The motion was moved by Dr. McLeod and seconded by Susan Smith. The minutes were approved as submitted.	<b>The August 7, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.</b>
<b>Chair Report – Anita Perry:</b>	Mrs. Perry explained that the committee composition is typically reviewed at the November meeting, but since it was just revised after the May meeting, there is no need for another review at this time. Emails will be sent out when it is time to review the composition next year and letters will need to be submitted at that time.	
<b>OEMS Report – Tim Perkins/OEMS Staff:</b>	Tim welcomed everyone to the 35 <sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium. He stated that one or two of the Medevac classes were cancelled due to low enrollment. The Call for Presentations for 2015 is open. There is a link on the OEMS website to submit proposed courses for next year’s symposium. He encouraged everyone to submit courses.  Michael Berg could not be in attendance and asked Tim to convey that the Public Comment period for the regulations concerning the Practitioner Signature ends today. It will be published and official on November 24 <sup>rd</sup> .	
<b>Project Synergy Work</b>	Susan reported that at the last couple of meetings they have discussed transitioning the focus from trauma	

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<b>Group Update – Susan Smith/Anita Perry/Greg Jones:</b>	<p>patients and looking at those who were discharged in less than 24 hours who did not meet criteria. The group decided to now focus on cardiac patients and later look at stroke patients. John Dugan of the American Heart Association introduced himself and his background as a paramedic and his work with the Virginia Heart Attack Coalition. Susan explained to John what the goals are and asked his opinion of what they wanted to accomplish. She stated that the basic goal is to get out to the rural EMS agencies on scene for the STEMI patient and then narrow the window for the 90 minute target of first medical contact to balloon activation time. She wants to know if the data collection exists in order to do this. Per John, getting the data from hospitals may be difficult, but not impossible. The next step is to review the letter that Denise has drafted. Then send the letter out once finalized and ask each PCI for their support with this project and start data collection beginning January 1. Tim will send out an electronic copy of the letter also. Please provide any feedback you have concerning this project.</p>	
<b>Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Update – Tim Perkins:</b>	<p>The WeatherSafe application continues to grow in the amount of data submitted. Tim reported that there were 615 entries in the third quarter of 2014, and 70% of those entries (436) were for inter-facility transports. The total number of turndowns is an increase from 597 entries in the third quarter of 2013.</p> <p>To date, there have been 1,680 total entries into the system in 2014, a decrease from 1,814 entries for the same timeframe in 2013. This data continues to show dedication to the program and to maintaining safety of Medevac personnel &amp; equipment.</p> <p>Tim also stated that there was a frequency of duplicated entries at the user end. Please be sure to put the entry in only once.</p> <p>If there is anyone that is not on the listserv for hazards and other information, please give Tim your email address.</p> <p>Tim is still working with Site Vision to get the LZ pictures in the application. Chris Shaffer asked why we don't use LZControl, who is recognized with AMTC. It is on line and it is free. Tim stated that we can and he will look into it.</p>	
<b>Program Announcements:</b>	<p><b>Devon Clary, LifeEvac</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Bert Bogue, VCU LifeEvac</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Chris Shaffer, PHI</b> – CAMTS site inspection is scheduled for December 3 &amp; 4 in Virginia and Maryland. All three of Fairfax Hospital helipads are now open. Chris submitted a revision to their policy and is waiting for it to come back in their format and he will send it to Tim for distribution to the committee. PHI has a new regional program director, Matt Ishmael from Kentucky.</p> <p><b>Jay Cullen, VSP</b> - VSP is in the process of doing major overhaul on 407's and the first one is due out of maintenance early next week. They've made some safety improvements for the pilots, but the medical configuration remains the same.</p> <p><b>Dwain Rowe, Wings Air Rescue</b> – No report.</p>	

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	<p><b>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard</b> -- No report.</p> <p><b>Denise Baylous, Nightingale</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Timothy Ryan, US Park Police</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Anita Perry, WellmontOne/MedFlight II</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Marilyn McLeod, Centra Health</b> – Dr. McLeod spoke of the loss of those who died in the Wichita air medical accident.</p> <p><b>Ed Brazle, VA Beach EMS</b> - No report.</p> <p><b>Jennifer Lescallet, Fairfax County Police</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Greg Jones, MedFlight I</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Holly Mason, Wake Forest Baptist Health</b> – No report.</p>	
<b>Unfinished Business:</b>	<p>Dr. McLeod wanted to bring awareness to the fact that when physicians sign the toughbook, the medic will hand you the toughbook and they will still have the same gloves on that were used when they took care of the patient. This weakness needs to be addressed especially with the increase of infectious diseases. EMS should have a policy or procedure on infectious disease management so that providers can protect themselves and their patients.</p>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p>Susan wanted to get the committee’s feedback and said that in the past, we used to have radios that were programmable on the fly. (There are still some of those around.) In Virginia, there is not a requirement to have a HEMS dedicated frequency. Is there a desire of the group to have a HEMS dedicated radio frequency in Virginia? Many of the committee members feel that this might be a challenge due to the different systems being used.</p>	
<b>Public Comment:</b>	<p>None.</p>	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a .m.</p>	<p>The next Medevac Committee meeting is February 2015. An email will be distributed with more information.</p>