

**State Medevac Committee Meeting  
Office of Emergency Medical Services  
Norfolk Waterside Marriott  
235 E. Main Street, Norfolk, VA  
November 7, 2012  
10:00 a.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Guests &amp; Other Attendees:</b>
<b>R. N. Possumato</b> , Virginia State Police		Gary Brown	<b>Barbara Brown</b>
<b>Ed Brazle</b> , Virginia Beach EMS		Tim Perkins	<b>Gregory Jones</b>
<b>Chris Shaffer</b> , PHI Medical/AirCare		Michael Berg	<b>Eddie Ferguson</b>
<b>Susan Smith</b> , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard		Wanda Street	<b>Allan Belcher</b>
<b>Mark Smith</b> , Fairfax Co. Police			<b>Garrett Wymer</b>
<b>Denise Baylous</b> , Nightingale			<b>Gary Critzer</b>
<b>Devon Clary</b> , Air Methods			<b>Bruce Edwards</b>
<b>Timothy Ryan</b> , US Park Police			<b>Anita Ashby</b>
<b>Marilyn McLeod</b> , Centra Health/Adv. Board Member (BREMS)			<b>Ben Harris</b>
			<b>Leslie Grant</b>
			<b>Alva Rose</b>
			<b>Tim Hodge</b>
			<b>John Bianco</b>
			<b>Chris Eudailey</b>

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<b>Call to order:</b>	The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Tim Perkins.	
<b>Introductions:</b>	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
<b>Review &amp; Approval of the August 9, 2012 minutes:</b>	A motion was made to approve the previous minutes. The motion was moved by Mark Smith and seconded by Devon Clary.	<b>The minutes were approved as submitted.</b>
<b>Chair Report – Dr. Allen Yee:</b>	Dr. Yee could not join us today. He was deployed in New Jersey with his DMAT Team following the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.	
<b>OEMS Report – Tim Perkins/OEMS Staff:</b>	<p>Tim welcomed everyone to the Annual Symposium. He stated that he is very excited to see Medevac agencies and staff being nominated for awards and he hopes that some of you are chosen.</p> <p>As for next year’s symposium, the planning has already started. Tim would like very much to keep the Medevac Track on the program and a minimum of five classes need to be held. He encouraged everyone to submit classes on the <a href="#">Office of Emergency Medical Services</a> website under the Call for Presentations tab for the 2013 Symposium.</p>	

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	<p>Tim mentioned that the National EMS Memorial and the Air Medical Memorial, both of which was held in Colorado, collaboratively created “The Ultimate Challenge: It’s About Time!” to raise funds and awareness for the memorials. They recorded a public service announcement (PSA) in which Tim was featured. Tim will send out the link for this and asked everyone to forward it to their staff and others.</p> <p>Gary Brown, OEMS Director, stated that the OEMS Advisory Board meeting is at 1 p.m. today and all office updates are in the quarterly report.</p> <p>Michael Berg, Division Manager of Regulation and Compliance, reported that as of October 10, the EMS Regulations were finally promulgated and are now in effect. The completed regulations are on the OEMS website at <a href="http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Files_Page/regulation/2012EMSRegulations.pdf">http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Files_Page/regulation/2012EMSRegulations.pdf</a>.</p> <p>Michael also stated that Nancy Burroughs, Program Rep, has been hired to replace Andy Daniel.</p> <p>Tim stated that he will work on getting the Medevac portion of the Regulations updated during 2013.</p> <p>Tim is still doing Medevac site visits. He visited LifeEvac 1, but will reschedule this visit due to being sick that day. He also visited Denise at Nightingale in Norfolk. He will continue with the visits in 2013.</p>	<p><b>Tim will send out the link on the memorial PSA.</b></p>
<p><b>Project Synergy Work Group Update – Susan Smith/Anita Ashby:</b></p>	<p>Susan said that she has spoken the Denise and Anita and they are going to the get together for one final look at the data. They want to look at other options of gathering the data and asked the committee if they have any suggestions or feedback. Susan will send Tim an email and he will forward it to the committee.</p>	<p><b>Susan will send Tim an email and he will forward it to the committee.</b></p>
<p><b>Virginia WeatherShare Program Development Update – Tim Perkins:</b></p>	<p>As Tim reported in the quarterly report, there were 465 entries in the third quarter. Most agencies are reporting data and overall he is pleased with the participation. It is now called Helicopter EMS. He continues to encourage the participation of all agencies.</p> <p>He also encouraged everyone to continue to submit information for the LZ Directory.</p>	<p><b>The agencies are encouraged to submit information and photos for the LZ Directory.</b></p>
<p><b>Project Remley Update – Dr. Allen Yee:</b></p>	<p>This needs a new name. The name of the PowerPoint is Physicians Guide to Helicopter Use in Virginia. It may be called just that. If you will recall, at the last meeting, the PowerPoint was approved with the phone numbers, maps and other changes that were discussed. Tim will email the final draft to the committee. Tim will present this project before the Advisory Board for approval today.</p> <p>The Resource Manual has also been updated.</p>	<p><b>Tim will send out the final draft of the Guide to the committee members.</b></p>
<p><b>Program Announcements:</b></p>	<p><b>Timothy Ryan, US Park Police</b> – One of their aircraft just returned from a week in New York doing damage assessment following Hurricane Sandy.</p> <p><b>Devon Clary, Air Methods</b> – On September 1, Air Methods underwent reorganization. The northeast region is now Region 11. Some of the staff is no longer in Virginia. David Poulsen is now Regional Vice President for the Northeast Region. The new Regional Vice President in Virginia is Chip Sovick and hopefully he will be able to attend a meeting next year. Brian Solada is the Regional Clinical Director for the Northeast Region. Alva Rose is the Regional Clinical Manager for LifeEvac and he has taken Brian’s position. Leslie Grant is the Medical Transport Manager for the VCU-LifeEvac 1 Base. She has taken Jay Lovelady’s position.</p>	

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	<p><b>Denise Baylous, Nightingale</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>R. N. Possumato, VSP</b> – Bob announced that he will retire as of January 1. The process has been started to fill his position and his replacement should be attending the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Dr. Marilyn McLeod, CentraOne</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Ed Brazle, VA Beach EMS</b> – They are doing their 5 year inspections.</p> <p><b>Chris Shaffer, PHI Air Medical</b> – Fairfax Hospital is doing some construction and the east pad will be out of commission indefinitely in December, and the south tower pad will be in service in January 2014. He will send the plans to Tim.</p> <p><b>Mark Smith, Fairfax Co. Police</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Anita Ashby</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Allen Belcher, Centra One</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Tim Hodge</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Garrett Wymer, Fairfax Co. Police</b> – No announcements.</p>	
<b>Unfinished Business:</b>	None.	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p>This is the time of year that the committee membership is reviewed. Some of you have expressed an interest in being a committee member and this is an opportunity to rotate some new people to the table. Send Tim an official email on your company letterhead stating your interest to serve on the committee. Dr. Yee and Tim will make selections in December.</p> <p>There are three federal legislative bills in Congress related to Medevac:  S1407 Air Ambulance Medicare Accreditation and Accountability Act,  HR1117 Air Ambulance Patient Safety, Protection and Coordination Act and  S2376 Air Ambulance Services Clarification Act  Tim will continue to follow these bills and keep everyone updated.</p> <p>Susan mentioned that since the Office of EMS is updating the State EMS Plan, she is interested in developing a workgroup or having a planning session to create some goals for the Medevac committee. These goals can be incorporated into the EMS Plan. Tim agrees and wants the group to update the Medevac Strategic Plan that was worked on in 2008 &amp; 2009. Tim will discuss this with Dr. Yee and possible get everyone together for a meeting</p>	<p><b>Committee members are asked to send Tim an email with a letter attached on letterhead if you are interested in serving on the Medevac Committee.</b></p> <p><b>Tim will speak with Dr. Yee about a possible planning session in January for the Medevac Strategic Plan.</b></p>

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	in January 2013, to review the Medevac Strategic Plan. The meeting will probably be in Glen Allen at the Office of EMS.	
<b>Public Comment:</b>	<p>Gary Critzer updated everyone on the early activation program in Waynesboro with Pegasus and AirCare. It has been going very well.</p> <p>He also gave kudos to AirCare and Pegasus, CentraOne and Carilion on the first, second and third response plan. This plan is complete and in place and he is pleased with how well this is going.</p>	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a .m.	

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