

**Rules & Regulations Committee Meeting  
Virginia Office of EMS  
Courtyard Marriott  
10077 Brook Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059  
February 12, 2015  
3:00 p.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
Jonathan Henschel (Chair, LFEMS)	Linda Johnson - (VPFF- Career) Excused	Michael Berg	Bruce Edwards
Ed Rhodes (Vice Chair, At-Large)	Jennie Collins - (VAGEMSA) Excused	Gary Brown	Dan Norville
Anthony Wilson (VAA)		P. Scott Winston	Jose Salazar
Greg Woods (At Large, Small Rural)		Adam Harrell	Kelly Southard
Karen Wagner (VAVRS)		Warren Short	Robert Trimmer
David Hoback (VFCA)		Wanda Street	
Gary Critzer (At-Large)		Greg Neiman	
Gerald Hyland (VACO-VML)			

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Call to Order:</b>	Chairman Jon Henschel called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.	
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
<b>Approval of current agenda &amp; minutes dated August 7, 2014:</b>	Today's agenda was approved as distributed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was moved by Ed Rhodes and seconded by David Hoback. The August 7, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.	<b>The August 7, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.</b>
<b>Staff Report:</b>	<p><b>a. Staffing Update:</b> Michael Berg reported that the Rules &amp; Regulations Division is at full staff. A staff meeting will be held next week in Lynchburg.</p> <p><b>b. Ongoing Regulatory Activities</b></p> <p><b>i. RSAF</b> – This fast track packet still remains at the Attorney General's Office waiting for review. The AG's office sent some suggested language changes to the Office of EMS; the revisions were made and the document was resubmitted to the AG's office. Michael expressed difficulty in communicating with the AG's office. This is an ongoing problem. Mr. Hyland stated that he would be</p>	<b>Mr. Hyland will contact the AG's office. Michael will send a summary email to Mr. Hyland.</b>

	<p>willing to contact the AG’s office. Michael will send Mr. Hyland an email summarizing the issues that need to be resolved.</p> <p><b>ii. Affiliation</b> – This fast track packet is moving along and is currently at the Secretary’s Office. It has been there for about three weeks. Michael expects this to be moved forward when the General Assembly is over.</p> <p><b>iii. BOP (Board of Pharmacy)</b> – This legislation removes the requirement for a practitioner’s signature for drug box exchanges. This became effective in November.</p> <p><b>c. Update regarding FBI Fingerprint checks</b> – The part-time position for processing the background checks has been filled by Regina Garcia. Since the start of the background check processing in July, 3,488 have been processed. Nineteen of those have been deemed not eligible to work in EMS. Ms. Garcia is in the process of writing the guidelines from start to finish and the time it takes to process each background check. It is not hard work but it is a lot of work. Michael will be seeking to hire another wage person. The average turn-around time is 24 hours if there is nothing on the person’s record. If something is on their record, the turn-around time could take up to 12 weeks. More often than not, the turn-around time is about 4-5 weeks if something shows up on the record.</p> <p>Michael also discussed HB997 and HB837 and how they relate to the background check.</p> <p><b>d. Periodic Review</b> – The regulatory periodic review is scheduled for every four years – due in 2016.</p>	
<p><b>Unfinished Business:</b></p>	<p><b>a. Ambulance Standards</b></p> <p><b>i. NFPA 1917</b> Version 1 has been out for almost a year or longer. The public comment period for Version 2 has closed and the comments have been reviewed, voted on and submitted for approval. Once Version 2 has been approved, it will become effective beginning January 1, 2016.</p> <p><b>ii. CAAS GVS2015</b> They have applied to be ANSI. The product is called Ground Vehicle Standards 2015. Michael represents NASEMSO on this workgroup. They met last Friday in Fairfax and will meet again the end of this month in Baltimore to finalize the comments for the document to be reviewed and approved in May or June. If approved, it will be effective October 1, 2015.</p> <p><b>iii. Change Order 7 &amp; 8 (GSA)</b> Change order 7 is a compilation of change orders 1-6. Change order 8 encompasses SAE standards and equipment mount standards, etc. The public comment period for change order 8 will begin in April.</p>	

	<p><b>c. Other</b> – FYI - NHTSA will be sending out a survey to all States about EVOC (Driver Training).</p>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p><b>a. Legislative activities affecting EMS Regulations</b></p> <p><b>i. Naxalone</b> Legislature for emergency services personnel to administer Narcan for opioid overdoses. There are also several EPI legislative bills.</p> <p><b>ii. Background Checks</b> There is no new legislation for this.</p> <p><b>iii. Interstate Compact – REPLICA</b> Scott gave a brief update on this pertaining to SB 877 and HB 1660. This was sent to HWI, sub-committee #3. For more information click here: <a href="http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?151+sum+SB877">http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?151+sum+SB877</a> <a href="http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?151+sum+HB1660">http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?151+sum+HB1660</a> Amanda Lavin at the AG’s office has reviewed this language and no regulatory or <i>Code</i> changes are required.</p> <p><b>iv. Other</b> HB 1584, SB 938 – This bill has been worked on by the Office of EMS for the past two years and a meeting was held this morning. This is the largest bill in the General Assembly. A regulatory package will need to be submitted to change the definition of Emergency Medical Services in our regulations. For more information click the following links: <a href="https://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?151+sum+HB1584">https://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?151+sum+HB1584</a> <a href="http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?151+sum+SB938">http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?151+sum+SB938</a></p> <p><b>b. Other Committee’s Activities</b></p> <p><b>i. Medevac</b> – The FAA has promulgated new rules relative to Air Medical Services and they should have gone into effect last April, but will go into effect April 24, 2015. A small workgroup was formed to review the FAA requirements.</p> <p><b>ii. Transportation</b> – This committee has been tasked to review the NFPA 1917 Standards and the CAAS Standards and bring forth recommendations on which standards Virginia should follow.</p> <p><b>iii. Other</b></p>	
<b>Public Comment:</b>	None.	
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	May 7, 2015 at Courtyard Marriott, Glen Allen.	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m.	