

**Rules and Regulations Committee  
Virginia Office of EMS  
Courtyard Marriott  
10077 Brook Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23059  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
3:00 pm**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
Jonathan Henschel (Chair, LFEMS)	Linda Johnson (VPPF-Career)	Warren Short	Dr. M. McLeod
Ed Rhodes – (Vice Chair, At-Large)	Gerald Hyland (VACO-VML)	Michael D. Berg	
Gary Critzer (At-Large)	Mike Mock (Small Rural Agency)	Marybeth Mizell	
Greg Woods –Reg, Council Directors	Anthony Wilson – VAA	Gary Brown	
David Hoback – VA Fire Chiefs	Jennie Collins (VAGEMSA)	Scott Winston	
Karen Wagner – VAVRS		Heather Phillips	
		Dr. Lindbeck	

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	3:15pm	
<b>Introductions</b>	3:16pm	
<b>Approval Agenda</b>	Approved 3:17pm	
<b>Committee membership</b>	VAGEMSA - Vacancy VACO/VML -Vacancy  Discussion regarding By-Law correction	<i>Staff &amp; Committee chair will contact organizations to nominate individuals to fill vacant positions</i>
<b>Approved Minutes</b>	Approval of May, 7 2015 minutes 3:22pm	
<b>Staff Report</b>	a. Staffing Update:  Agency Staffing Update – Paul Sharpe’s position advertised and to interview soon. Bryan Hodges returned to position, and the loss of retired staff member – Carol Morrow  Division Staffing update - Regina Garcia left Background Unit position in December. Position was advertised and closes on Monday 2-8-16. Already received over 50 applications	

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	<p>b. Ongoing Regulatory activities –</p> <p>i. RSAF - Updated and published on the OEMS webpage</p> <p>Durable DNR - Fast track regulatory packet to amend definition of Durable DNR to include terminology such as POST form which has no effect on pre-hospital providers. This regulatory packet is schedule to be presented to Board of Health on March 17, 2016.</p> <p>Affiliation – Fast Track regulatory packet for adding the word affiliation to 12VAC5-31-910 supported by VDH – Denied by Governor’s office in conflict with Prison Reform Program. Other opportunities are available to possibly refine explanatory letter to try to better educate the Governor’s staff or thru periodic review process.</p> <p>c. Periodic Review - of 12 VAC5-31 Regulations under Executive order each agency is required to do a 4 year Periodic Review of existing regulations. OEMS will begin Jun/Jul 2016. Notice will be sent through the Virginia Town Hall which opens opportunity for public requests/thoughts/concerns for 30 or 60 day period. OEMS will have 90 days to respond and see if committee will make changes or not.</p> <p>d. Other – VPHIB Program – Business and IT Problems - Only 50% have met Version III Conversion requirements. Federal Conversion Deadline is 12-31-16.</p>		
<p><b>Unfinished Business</b></p>	<p>a. Ambulance Standards</p> <p>i. NFPA 1917 - Version 2 released in early fall and became effective 1-1-16 and NFPA group is already soliciting public comment for Version 3. Go to <a href="http://NFPA.org/1917">NFPA.org/1917</a> and you can review and comment. They plan to meet between July/Nov to start work on the next document. Not aware of anyone adopting NFPA 1917 as Ambulance Standard.</p> <p>ii. CAAS GVS2015 – Version 1 has not been released, should be approved by consensus group, published and become effective by July 1, 2016. CAAS organization applied to ANSI to become a Standards Development Organization, have received approval and will be submitting their New CAAS Ambulance Standards as well as Ground Vehicle Standards. Only Kentucky has adopted CAAS as Ambulance Standard, however other states are looking at it. Will be doing Webinars with Washington, Ohio.</p>		

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- iii. Change Order 8 – Out with no new info. General Services Admin. Proposed Change order 9. New SAE standards on cabinetry and floors and implementing equipment mount standard not included in the last go around. General Services Admin. KKK ambulance purchase specifications extended for at least 1 more Year. Feds waiting to see what states will do and the states are waiting for the Feds. States need to start making some decisions.
  - iv. Transportation - Snow cancelled the scheduled Transportation Committee meeting for Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. Not rescheduled yet, but this committee has been working on putting together a document comparing NFPA and CAAS product. Recommendation should be available by July 1, 2016
- No complaints regarding cot retention system. Inquiries regarding stretcher position, no SAE standards for transverse mounted cots, but both have tested by manufacturers.
- Discussion
- b. 2016 Legislative Actions
    - i. REPLICA or EMS compact has both passed each house. No opposition, very few questions.
    - ii. Other – Stretcher – Budget amendments
- Line of Duty Act – Effects Fire & EMS, Career & Vol. – At age 65 they will lose Health Care Benefits when they go on Medicare when on a fixed Income and will have out of pocket cost for Medicare. Volunteers injured after age 65 will have no health benefit. All expense is out of pocket.
- Training Class and beneficiary identification – 30 days after Hire/Vol., class is required and every 2 years after.
- Cancer Presumption – Defeated 4-3
- Employee Assistance Program (Loudoun Co) effects Vol fire/ems
- VAA Bill – Commercial/Private Ambulance – Will be allowed to use Emergency Vehicle tags but will pay all required fees unlike the volunteers which will receive them at no cost.

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	<p>Memorial Resolutions – VAVRS member John &amp; Joe Fray, Kelly Southard.</p> <p>Senate Bill 35 – to raise vehicle registration fee \$1.25 doubled each year for 10 years. All monies to go to State Police, will push to get \$6.25 for life monies returned to EMS little by little each year.</p> <p>Fire Programs - Penalty for tampering with firefighting equipment to include EMS vehicles.</p>		
<b>New Business</b>	<p>a. Other Committee’s Activities</p> <p>i. Medical Direction – Discussion regarding Paramedics ability to handle Balloon Pumps – which Med Dir Committee does not support. They are willing to support adding Certified Clinical Perfusionist into regulations in order to handle Balloon Pumps on Emergency Vehicles thru the normal overall review process.</p> <p>Motion: Adopt resolution from Medical Direction Committee thru regulatory review process this year.</p> <p>Motion Carries</p> <p>b. Other</p> <p>i. DNR &amp; Suicide / EMS Response – Heather Phillips opens discussion with regards to 12VAC5-66 (DNR Regulations).</p>		<p>Staff to include as part of comprehensive review of existing regulations.</p> <p>Staff to formulate question and submit to the Attorney General’s office asking about the application of DDNR order in the presence of someone who’s apparent and or attempted suicide.</p>
<b>Public Comment</b>	none		
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>May 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 3:00 pm Brook Rd Courtside Marriott</b>		
<b>Motion to adjourn</b>	<b>4:37 pm</b>		