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Dear Educator,

Here are a few updates from the Office.

2020 Virginia EMS Symposium Call for Presentations – LAST CALL!

The deadline for submission to teach at the 41st Annual Virginia EMS Symposium, scheduled for November 10 – 15, 2020, is January 31, 2020. The Virginia EMS Symposium is one of the nation's premier educational opportunities for EMS providers and Registered Nurses to obtain continuing education and network. Each year, more than 1500 registrants choose from 360 different programs over the 5-day event. National and local educators participate to make this event one of the top pre-hospital educational opportunities in the country. The Symposium has 14 tracks covering Airway, Respiration & Ventilation, BLS Academy, Cardiology, Health & Safety, Critical Care, Educator, Leadership & Management, Medical, Operations, Mobile Integrated Health / Community Paramedicine, Rescue Camp, Pediatrics and Trauma. Sessions generally run 1 hour. Pre-convention sessions vary in length from 3 hours up to a total of 24 hours.

The Symposium Call for Presentation Web Portal allows you to submit proposals for the annual Virginia EMS Symposium. Once you set up your account, you will be able use this portal to submit and keep track of the status of your proposals as well as review, update and submit previous submissions. You can even start a proposal and save it to finish later if necessary. Once your proposal is submitted, it will be reviewed by the EMS Symposium Committee. If selected, you will be notified by a member of the Virginia Office of EMS.

[Submit your presentations by clicking here.](#)

CE Scanner Application Version 4.0

The release of the CE Scanner Application Version 4.0 did not go quite a planned. The automatic update feature did not work for approximately 90 percent of users.

If you are still having trouble with the update from Version 3.0 to 4.0, please download the CE Scanner Application from your Virginia EMS Portal account. It is located at: **My CE Files>Scanner App Download**. This will enable you to download the latest version and install it. A Quick Guide can be found on the OEMS website at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2017/01/Quick-Guide-CE-Scanner-Ver.-4.0.pdf>

Please make sure that you visit Add/Remove Programs in Windows Control Panel and remove manually uninstall Version 3.0 from your Windows system or on a Mac, drag and drop the CE Scanner App 3.0 from your Applications folder to the Trash.

2020 General Assembly Session

Every Friday during the 2020 Virginia General Assembly session, OEMS will provide the State EMS Advisory Board members, Regional EMS Councils and other EMS stakeholders an OEMS Legislative Grid and Report on all legislation we are tracking at this point.

More can be found at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/oems-legislative-grid-and-report/>

Statewide CE Educator Bob Page

In case you have not heard, the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services made an announcement at the 40th Annual Virginia EMS Symposium that Bob Page would be joining our team as a Statewide CE Educator. Bob, who lives in Virginia, will be working in collaboration with the Division of Accreditation, Certification & Education and our Local CE Educators across the Commonwealth to provide CAT 1 CE programs to all licensed EMS agencies at no charge. Our Local CE Program Contacts can be found at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/local-continuing-education-ce-program-contacts/>

Bob will continue to offer those classes for which he is famous, however it is our goal and Bob's wish that we transition Virginia-based CAT 1 CE courses from the traditional classroom format to focus more on simulation and real-life scenario-based training. As such, Bob will be developing new courses as well as adapting some of his existing classes to this new format.

Bob will be responsible for scheduling all training he is conducting himself. The Office of EMS and Bob will ensure that the training is fairly and adequately distributed across the state.

All training conducted by Bob will require the host training site to be open to providers from across the Commonwealth. Bob will make use of Eventbrite as the ticketing agent for the programs he offers in order to ensure fairness to everyone and to guarantee every participant a seat at the session. Bob's Eventbrite webpage can be accessed at: <https://virginiaems.eventbrite.com/>

Requirements to Host Training Through this Program

If your agency wishes to make use of one of our state funded EMS educators, then your agency must agree to the following OEMS requirements:

- No fees of any kind may be charged for the event.
- Online ticketing must be used to ensure everyone is treated fairly.
 - A maximum of 50% of online tickets may be reserved for the hosting agency's membership.
 - 50% of the tickets must be made available for other EMS providers from around the Commonwealth without discrimination.
 - Any unreserved/unsold ticket—24 hours prior to the event taking place—may be returned to the hosting agency for their use.
- The agency must allow the Office of EMS to advertise the program.
- The Office of EMS—to include the OEMS and VDH logo—is to be listed as the sponsoring agency on all distributed e-mail messages, advertisements, brochures and flyers.
- The host agency must allow pictures and/or video taken at the event to be used on our social media accounts and website.

In addition to offering simulation and real-life scenario-based training in the field, Bob will also oversee the development of a new, interactive hour-long replacement program for the old monthly EMSAT broadcasts. The Office is aiming to bring this new—yet to be named—program online in January/February 2020 timeframe. These programs will be conducted via webinar making use of the existing EMSAT Host Sites. Tracie Jones in the Division of Accreditation, Certification & Education will coordinate with Bob to ensure Host Sites receive the necessary access credentials to view the program. CE for these programs will be recorded initially by paper-based CE cards, but will be transition to electronic reporting over the next 6 months.

We are pleased to welcome Bob to the Office and we look forward to offering quality simulation and real-life scenario-based CAT 1 CE programming to Virginia EMS agencies and providers for years to come.

How to Contact Bob:

All communication and request for classes through this program must flow through official state government channels. Bob can be reached via e-mail at: robert.page@vdh.virginia.gov and his OEMS cell phone number is: 804-998-3623.

Education Coordinator Updates

The 2020 Education Coordinator Update schedule is posted on the OEMS website at the following URL: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/ems-educator-update-schedule/>

Please check this webpage to determine where your local EC Update will be held this year.

Our next EC Update will be held tomorrow, January 25, 2020 at James City-Bruton Volunteer Fire Dept and Rescue Squad Station 1, 3135 Forge Road, Toano, VA 23168. The update will begin promptly at 9:00 AM and end by 1:00 PM.

Best,

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