

Legislation and Planning Committee
Virginia Office of EMS
1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23059
October 16, 2019
10:00a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Gary Samuels (Chair)	Rich Orndorff, Jr. - excused	Scott Winston	
Rob Logan (Vice Chair)	Steve Higgins - excused	Chris Vernovai	
Jake O'Shea, MD		Ron Passmore	
Gary Dalton		Daniel Linkins	
Ed Rhodes			
Byron Andrews			
Jeff Meyer			

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Chair Gary Samuels called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.	
II. Review and Approval of August 2, 2019 Minutes	Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Rob Logan and seconded by Mr. Ed Rhodes. The minutes from August 2, 2019 were unanimously approved after review by the committee.	August 2, 2019 meeting minutes approved by the committee.
III. OEMS Update – Quarterly Report to EMS Advisory Board (OEMS Staff)	OEMS Quarterly Report. Members advised to review quarterly reports and committee minutes posted on the Office of EMS Web site.	
IV. State EMS Plan	Chris Vernovai reviewed the latest draft of the state EMS Plan with members. Discussion was held prior to making edits to the plan and approval the final draft. The final draft of the state EMS Plan will be presented for review and approval by the full state EMS Advisory Board on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019.	
V. REGULATORY UPDATE	Fingerprint Background Check. Effective January 1, 2020, OEMS will utilize FieldPrint to perform finger print-based background checks. This method is more efficient because fingerprint cards will no longer be used, except in certain conditions. Clear images of prints are not always captured on the card and individuals had to be reprinted. FieldPrint has locations across the state and uses Livescan terminals that capture an electronic image of the print that is sent directly to the Virginia State Police (VSP) Central Criminal Records Exchange and then on to the FBI. The overall time to process background checks will be reduced.	

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VI. POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS IN THE 2020 SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	<p>Five legislative items are under consideration by the Virginia Fire Services Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Comprehensive JLARC study on cancer occurrence in fire fighters. Incidence of cancer in fire fighters has become a significant occurrence; therefore, changes to Workers Compensation coverage is being pursued. ii. School safety in public buildings. The use of barricade devices makes it difficult to rescue and extricate individuals from public buildings. As a result, efforts are being made to ensure that the barricades do not hinder rescue attempts. iii. VA Fire Programs fund and aid to locality (ATL) money. There has been discussion to determine if there is any alternative way to fund the fire programs. iv. VA Fire Prevention is investigating binary explosives as well as laws relating to them. v. Add law enforcement (LE) agents to the presumption statute for workers compensation due to PTSD. Individuals who work in the realm of public safety as a whole should be covered under the statute. 	
VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS	None.	
VII. NEW BUSINESS	None.	
VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT	Chair Gary Samuels asked if there was any public comment, and there was none.	
XI. ADJOURN	Chair Gary Samuels made a motion to adjourn at 3:05 pm. The committee approved.	Chair Gary Samuels made a motion to adjourn at 3:05 pm. The committee approved the notion.