

**Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC)  
Quarterly Meeting  
Embassy Suites - Richmond  
Richmond, Virginia  
February 5, 2020  
1:00 PM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Administration Staff:</b>	<b>Staff/Other Guests:</b>
Kevin Dillard, Chairman		Linwood Pulling	Rich Troshak
JC Bolling			Chrissy Snyder
Donna Hurst			Adam Nulty
Curtis Sheets			
Bruce Stratton			
Joe Trigg			

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<b>I. Call to order - Kevin Dillard, Chairman</b>	Kevin welcomed everyone to the FARC Quarterly meeting. There were no minutes to approve because we approved them at the December 2019 awards meeting. The deadline for the Spring 2020 grant is Monday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> because the 15 <sup>th</sup> is on a Sunday. Luke isn't here today because he's the proud father of a baby boy. Maxwell Isaac Parker was born on Thursday, January 30 <sup>th</sup> at 8:55 am. He weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 inches long. Luke, Lauren and baby Maxwell are all doing fine.	No further action is required
<b>II. Grants Unit Report</b>	This information can be found in the OEMS Quarterly Report to the State EMS Advisory Board dated Friday, February 7, 2020. The Fall 2019 RSAF grant deadline was September 16, 2019. OEMS received 112 grant applications requesting \$14,322,703.98. Grants were awarded on January 1, 2020 in the amount of \$4,273,912.46 to 70 agencies. The following agency categories were awarded funding for this grant cycle; 65 EMS Agencies were awarded \$3,976,183.10 and 5 Non-EMS Agencies were awarded \$297,729.36. The following EMS regional areas were awarded funding in the following amounts: Blue Ridge EMS Council – awarded \$108,190.88; Central Shenandoah EMS Council – awarded \$212,278.25; Lord Fairfax EMS Council – awarded \$104,116.34; Northern VA EMS Council – awarded \$0.00; Old Dominion EMS Alliance – awarded \$406,021.85; Peninsulas EMS Council – awarded \$91,884.28; Rappahannock EMS Council – awarded \$343,730.86; Southwest Virginia EMS Council – awarded \$1,570,302.31; Thomas Jefferson EMS Council – awarded \$144,932.51; Tidewater EMS Council – awarded \$238,453.96 and Western Virginia EMS Council –	No further action is required

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	<p>awarded \$1,054,001.22. Award totals by equipment category are as follows: ALS Equipment: \$614,303.37; BLS Equipment: \$267,211.50; Communications Equipment – Mobiles: \$3,507.74; Communications Equipment – Portables: \$77,373.00; Computer Hardware: \$92,037.07; Computer Software: \$7,006.53; Defibrillator – Automatic External Defibrillator: \$374,550.47; Other*: \$108,918.96; Rescue Equipment – Extrication: \$12,114.00; Rescue Equipment – Misc.: \$76,948.33; Special Priority – Emergency Medical Dispatch: \$70,304.52; Training Equipment – ALS/BLS: \$3,639.97; Vehicle – Quick Response Vehicle: \$44,000.00; Vehicle – Type I Ambulance: \$2,349,831.20; Vehicle – Type II Ambulance: \$59,621.00; Vehicle – Type III Ambulance: \$112,544.80. *The “Other” Category includes stretchers, load systems, and cot retention systems that applicants categorized as “other” in their application. The awards meeting for the Fall Cycle of RSAF was held on December 5, 2019 in Richmond, Virginia. The Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) recommended the above grant projects to the Health Commissioner for final approval. OEMS released award notifications on January 1, 2020. The application period for the Spring Cycle of RSAF opened on January 31, 2020 and will close March 16, 2020.</p>	
<p>III. Community Paramedicine Tim Perkins</p>	<p>Mr. Perkins was sick and unable to attend.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p>
<p>IV Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Richard Troshak</p>	<p>Richard (Rich) Troshak gave a presentation to FARC on Communications and Emergency Medical Dispatch Overview. The topics he covered were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) EMD Systems in use in Virginia</li> <li>2) Examples of EMD Protocols</li> <li>3) EMD Benchmarking</li> <li>4) Public Safety Radio Bands <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4a) VHF, UHF, 700MHz, 800MHz</li> <li>4b) Analog, Digital, Trunked, Microwave, P25</li> </ol> </li> <li>5) Approaches to Interoperability</li> <li>6) Public Safety Broadband</li> <li>7) Questions</li> </ol> <p>EMD is considered a standard of care. EMD is a systematic program of handling medical calls for assistance. Trained tele-communicators, using locally-approved EMD Guidecards, can quickly and properly determine the nature and priority of the call, dispatch the appropriate response and then give the caller instructions to help treat the patient until the responding EMS unit arrives. A lot of people make assumptions of what happens in a 911 Center. However, they don't see the ambulance, fire truck, police officer or even the dispatcher taking the call. Rich started in a dispatch center in 1992. EMD is not required in Virginia at this time. Therefore, some localities have EMD while other localities do not. Rich's goal is to promote EMD and eventually get it established in all of Virginia's localities. The list of EMD Protocols in Virginia include the following: APCO, Priority Dispatch, PowerPhone, NECI and In-House (meets National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - NHTSA</p>	<p>No further action is required</p>

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	<p>standards). APCO develops training curriculums, software and guidecards to help the dispatchers handling the 911 calls. Priority Dispatch was one of the leaders in developing EMD. EMD has been around about 40 years. In some cases, PowerPhones have done away with guidecards. PowerPhone is a global leader in call handling protocols, training and quality assurance for EMD. PowerPhones give you an electronic version that is attached to your computers and the dispatch. It is all computerized. They also have off-line capabilities so that you can still pull up the instructions if you lose the connection. There is one agency in Virginia that has their own in-house standards. Waynesboro Lifesaving Crew has their own product for EMD that follows the NHTSA standards. APCO's guidecards has a list of questions they ask the caller. The first 4 questions are perhaps the most important when assessing the caller's need. 1) What is the address? 2) Do you need police, fire or rescue? 3) Is the patient conscious, awake and aware of their surroundings? 4) Is the patient breathing normally? Based upon the answers to these 4 questions, the dispatcher will know how to respond. If they say the house is on fire, obviously, you would call the fire department. There are EMD cards for many scenarios. If a patient isn't breathing, there is a card with instructions on performing CPR. If you suspect or know a patient has overdosed on drugs, there's a Narcan card and instructions on how to administer it. Rich gave a wonderful presentation.</p>	
V. Unfinished Business	None	No further action is required
VI. New Business	None	No further action is required
VII. Adjournment		No further action is required