

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE
Office of Emergency Medical Services
Embassy Suites, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
Thursday, January 5, 2023
10:30 AM

Members Present:

Allen Yee, M.D., Chair
 Stewart Martin, M.D.
 Charles Lane, M.D.
 Rahil Dharia, M.D.
 John Morgan, M. D.
 Christopher Turnbull, M.D.
 George Lindbeck, M.D.
 E. Reed Smith, M.D.
 Amir Louka M.D.
 Samuel Bartle, M.D.
 Asher Brand, M.D.
 Chief Eddie Ferguson
 Paul Phillips, D. O.

Members Absent:

Scott Weir, M.D. (Excused)
 Tania White, M.D. (Excused)

Staff:

Debbie Akers
 Chad Blosser
 Gary Brown
 Scott Winston
 Jasper Williams
 Ron Passmore
 Melinda Carter
 Amanda Loreti
 Daniel Linkins
 Wayne Perry
 Kelsey Rideout
 Wanda Street
 Karen Owens
 Tim Perkins
 Jessica Rosner
 Kari Magner
 Jennifer Kersey
 Gregory Woods

Others:

Gary Samuels
 Peppy Winchel
 Chris Christensen
 Al Thompson
 Monty Dixon
 Greg Neiman
 Dan Norville
 Collin Smith
 Tim Fields
 Greg Neiman
 Paula Ferrada, M.D.

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	Dr. Yee called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Gary spoke of the passing of Susan McHenry, who was the second Director of the Office of EMS. She started in 1976 and left in 1996. She was Gary's former boss. In the 80's she was named as one of the movers and shakers in EMS. A moment of silence was held in her honor.	
II. Introductions	All attendees introduced themselves.	
III. Approval of Agenda	Approval of today's agenda.	Approved by consensus
IV. Approval of Minutes	Approval of the October 6, 2022 minutes. The minutes were approved.	Approved by consensus
V. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) & Board of Pharmacy (BOP) Compliance Issues – Dr. Lindbeck	No update. Mr. Passmore stated that two meetings are coming up with the Virginia Board of Pharmacy for clarification of Virginia drug kits.	

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VI. Special Reports	<p>a. Neonatal Resuscitation Training – Dr. Joe Khoury – VCU Neonatology Dr. Khoury is the Medical Director for Transport and part of his job is outreach. They do NRP training with staff at several hospitals in the State. They also do training with EMS agencies. Dr. Khoury would like to set up training at this level on neonatal resuscitation. He has reached out to the Office of EMS for data on neonatal, pregnancy and delivery calls for two years. There was a significant number of calls. The committee agreed that there is a huge need for this training. How do you train 36,000 providers? It was suggested using a Train the Trainer method. Could this be a special RSAF grant initiative? Yes, it possibly could. This should be a hands-on course due to intubations. A PowerPoint was shown and there was great interest in this.</p>	
VII. Old Business	<p>The committee received an update on Dr. Sullivan’s hospital who has patients waiting outside in the ambulance for long periods of time. This is still an ongoing issue with other hospitals across the state. Office of Licensure and Certification will be invited to speak on this at an upcoming meeting. Gary suggested that this could be a main topic at the Executive Committee meeting on February 2.</p>	
VIII. New Business	<p>a. Patient Care Committees – Dr. Amir Louka A Pediatric Care Committee was established for PEMS and has been extraordinarily successful. Pediatric protocols were created. Is this something that other regions are doing? Do you feel that this is a need? Dr. Brand stated that they have a Peds Committee. Dr. Yee said that in ODEMSA, they reach out to the Directors of the Peds ED to review protocols. If anyone is interested in this, please reach out to Dr. Louka. Committee members are welcome to attend one of the meetings as well. The EMS for Children Committee of OEMS is also a helpful resource per Dr. Yee.</p> <p>b. ASCOT Trauma Triage Guideline Discussion – Dr. Allen Yee The middle of last year, ASCOT updated the trauma triage criteria. Now there are basically two steps: 1 & 2; red or yellow. The committee discussed burn injuries, extremes of age to include geriatric and other items related to the updated criteria.</p> <p>c. Needle Decompression Education – Dr. Allen Yee This was not discussed. Dr. Yee will speak with Jason Ferguson concerning this.</p> <p>d. APP’s in EMS – Dr. Allen Yee We have Advanced Practice Providers in the EMS environment. They are recognized as a level in our EMS system. What do we, as an industry, need to do about this? A draft document was displayed for discussion. This is not addressed in the regulations and is a future work product. The committee had lively discussion on this topic. Dr. Brand made a motion to create a workgroup to look at the nomenclature issues regarding medical professionals in EMS. Dr. E. Reed Smith seconded the motion. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Smith made a motion to create another workgroup to define APP requirements. The motion was seconded by Dr. Louka. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</p>	

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IX. Research Requests	None. VDH has an IRB.	
X. State OMD Issues – Dr. George Lindbeck		
	<p>a. Administration of Patient Supplied Medications A draft white paper was displayed, and the committee discussed the protocols and some scenarios. HB 1449 deals with situations of patient supplied medication administration. It was suggested to create a guidance document. Dr. Martin made a motion to add “approval by the agency Medical Director”. The motion was seconded by several committee members. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</p>	Attachment A
XI. Office of EMS Reports	<p>a. Division of Accreditation, Certification and Education</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education Program Manager – Chad Blosser The Virginia rollout of the National Education Standards finished up in December. A lot of sites around the state were visited and have encountered approximately 200-250 instructors. New guidance will be followed effective Jan. 1, 2023. Scholarship document was distributed. An Institute will be held in Abingdon in about 2 weeks with 30 candidates. 2. Division Director – Debbie Akers The Accreditation report was distributed. Newport News was just put under letter of review by CoA to offer their first paramedic program. Richmond Ambulance Authority has been approved by the Office of EMS on letter of review to offer their first Advanced EMT program. Associates in Emergency Care has been issued their 10th satellite site to offer a paramedic program at Richmond Ambulance Authority. The Call for Presentations for the 2023 Symposium opens tomorrow and will remain open until March 31. Debbie encouraged everyone to submit classes. <p>b. Director/Asst. Director – Gary Brown The next Advisory Board meetings will be held February 1-3. The General Assembly process has begun, and Gary will send out weekly grid beginning next Friday. Please pay attention to the bills.</p> <p>c. Asst. Director – Scott Winston Scott mention House Bill 1449, as mentioned previously by Dr. Lindbeck. He also mentioned HB 1447 which amends professional use by practitioners and adds language that clarifies the ability of EMS providers to administer medications and devices. The committee discussed HB 1447. Scott also mentioned HB 1472 which is to recognize EMS as an essential service.</p> <p>d. Regulation & Compliance – Ron Passmore OMD Workshops have started last month, and dates and times are on the OEMS website. The final copy of the Regs were sent out yesterday by Debbie and if you have any concerns email them to Dan Norville.</p>	<p>Attachment B</p> <p>Attachment C</p>

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	<p>e. Emergency Operations – Karen Owens Karen stated that Covid, pneumonia, flu, Ebola are real and the health department is actively engaged in planning and information gathering for each of these. Kari has been working with agencies to see if there are Ebola capable as defined by the CDC. Free Covid tests and free PPE are no longer available. Karen stated that the Emergency Management formed a workgroup to look at whether Virginia should teach SALT or START or both and the workgroup also looked at updating the triage tags. The workgroup recommended that Virginia should only teach SALT – Sort, Assess Lifesaving Intervention and Treatment Transport. They also felt that Virginia should still use a standardized triage tag which should be redesigned. Karen and Kari are here to get feedback on these recommendations. Dr. Yee stated that the concept of SALT has been a long time coming; however, the triage tag is very busy. Northern Virginia prefers START. The committee members gave feedback on the tags. Tag use should be decided at the agency level or at regional levels and should be optional. Many agencies will not use them.</p> <p>f. Community Health and Technical Resources – Tim Perkins No report.</p> <p>g. Trauma & Critical Care – Mindy Carter No report.</p>	
XII. PUBLIC COMMENT	None.	
XIII. Quarterly Meeting Dates for 2023	April 6, 2023 July 6, 2023 October 5, 2023	
XIV. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:50 p.m.	

Respectfully submitted by:
Wanda L. Street
Executive Secretary, Sr.

Attachment A

Administration of Patient Supplied Medications

Administration of Patient Supplied Medications

Prehospital clinicians may be requested to administer medications that the patient has been prescribed and keeps at home to allow urgent treatment of unusual conditions that require medications that would not usually be carried in typical EMS drug kits.

Examples include:

hydrocortisone (Solu Cortef) for the management of adrenal insufficiency, which may occur in condition such as Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH)

complement (C1) esterase inhibitors (Haegarda, Cinryze) for the management of hereditary angioedema

coagulation factor concentrates (Factor VIII or Factor IX) for the management of hemophilia

For patients and their care-givers:

Patients who might require the administration of home medications are encouraged to contact the EMS agency that will respond when they call 911 and develop a “pre-plan” for administration of medications that they keep at home.

This plan should include detailed instruction on the reconstitution and administration of the medication and a note from the prescribing physician that will be available to the EMS clinicians responding.

For EMS clinicians and Medical Directors:

Any medications to be administered should have detailed directions available to emergency responders for reconstitution and administration. A note from the prescribing physician would be preferred as well.

The medication and route of administration must be within the Scope of Practice of the administering EMS clinician.

EMS clinicians should make early use of on-line medical command for assistance, if required, in these situations. The agency medical director may be of most assistance as they are most likely to be familiar with the EMS clinicians, their scope of practice, and any “pre-plan” developed with the EMS agency.

Attachment B

Scholarship Report



Quarterly Report

Virginia EMS Scholarship Program

Second Quarter – FY23

Accreditation, Certification & Education

Background

The Virginia EMS Scholarship Program is managed by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services providing scholarship awards to current Virginia EMS Providers and those seeking to become EMS providers in the Commonwealth.

The scholarship program supports students who are accepted into an eligible Virginia approved initial certification program—EMR, EMT, Advanced EMT and Paramedic.

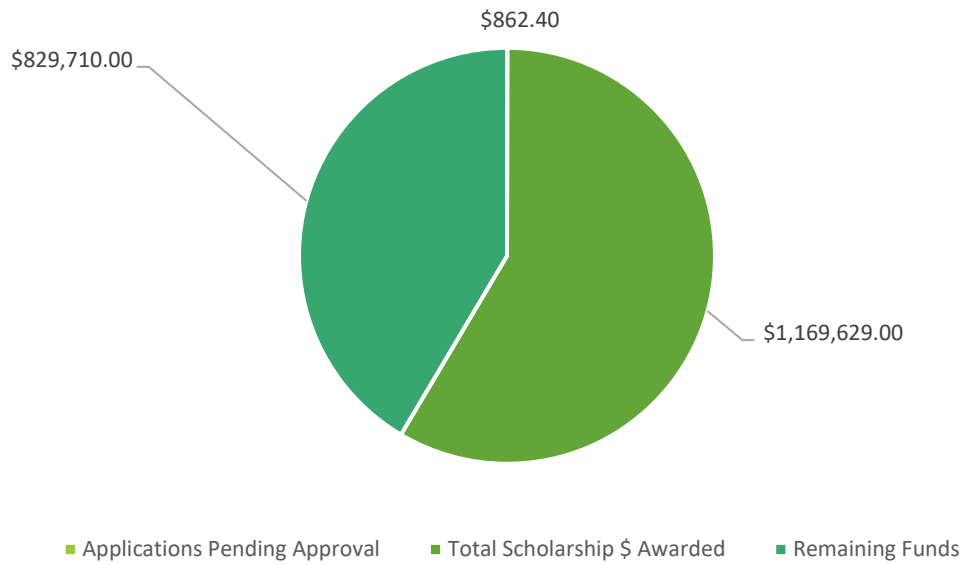
The scholarship program is not designed to provide 100% funding for a training program.

FY23 Scholarship Budget

The FY23 budget for the Virginia EMS Scholarship Program is \$2,000,000.00. The following chart shows a breakdown of funding based on three (3) categories: 1) Applications Pending Approval, 2) Total Scholarship \$ Awarded, and Remaining Funds.

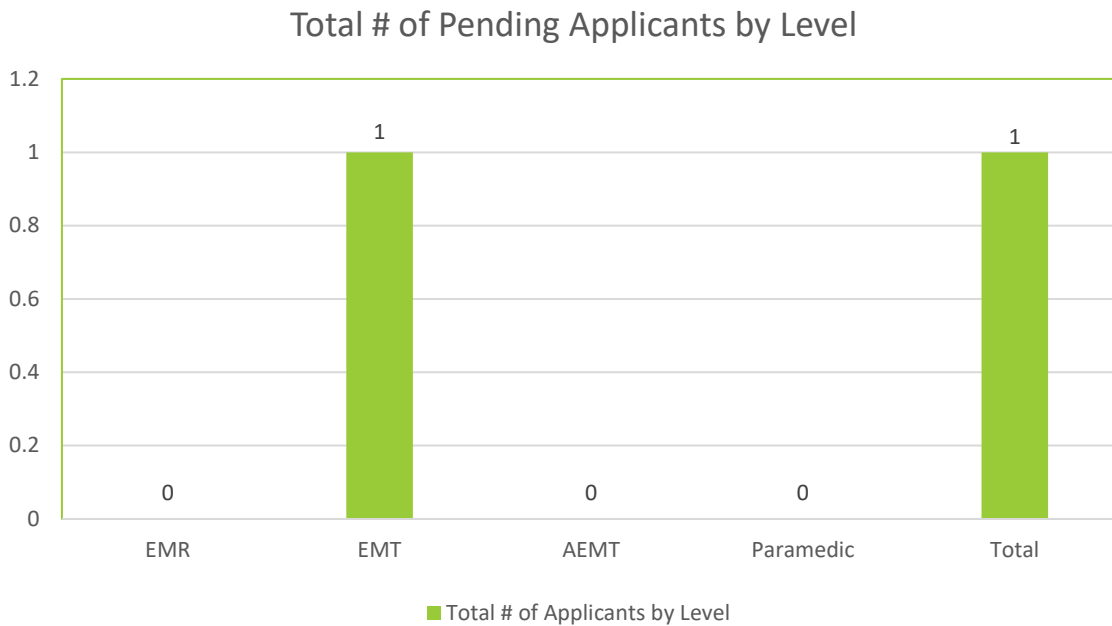
- **Application Pending Approval** – this category includes the total dollar value for all applications received through December 31, 2022. This covers Q1 & 2.
- **Total Scholarship \$ Awarded** – this category is the total dollar value for all scholarship applications which have been approved and are in the process of being paid. Since the Virginia EMS Scholarship module is new, OEMS staff have only approved a small group of test applications as we work through the payment processes with the VDH Office of Financial Management.
- **Remaining Funds** – this category is the total dollar value of funds remaining in the scholarship program and available for to students for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Scholarship Funding Overview

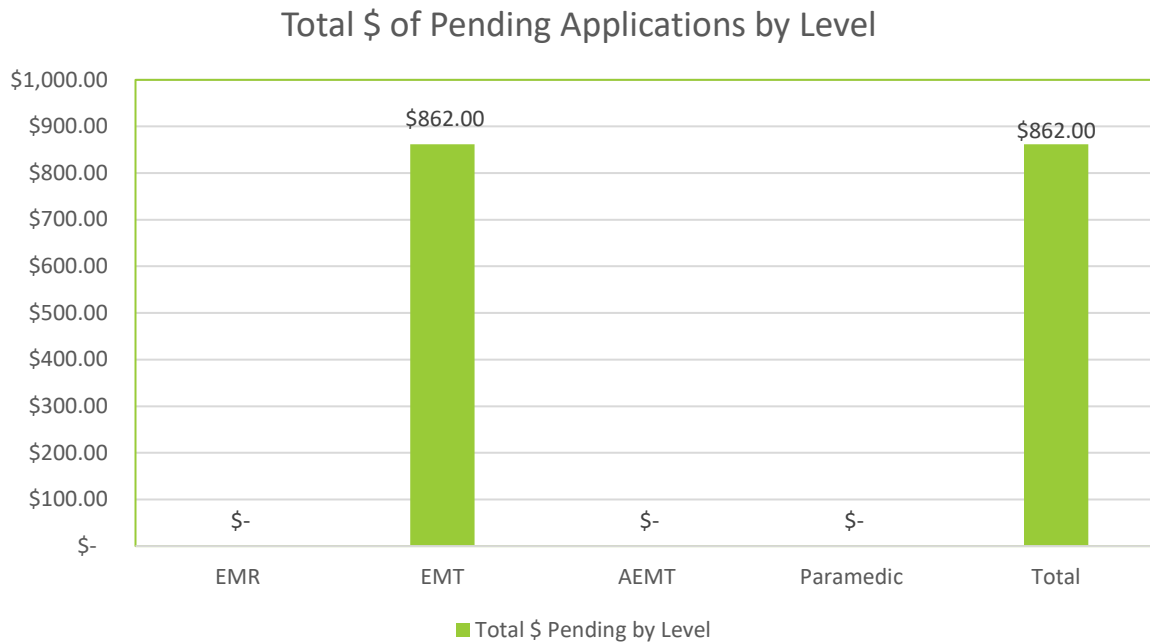


Breakdown of Pending Applications

The following chart show of pending scholarship applications by training level. This includes all pending applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses from June 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

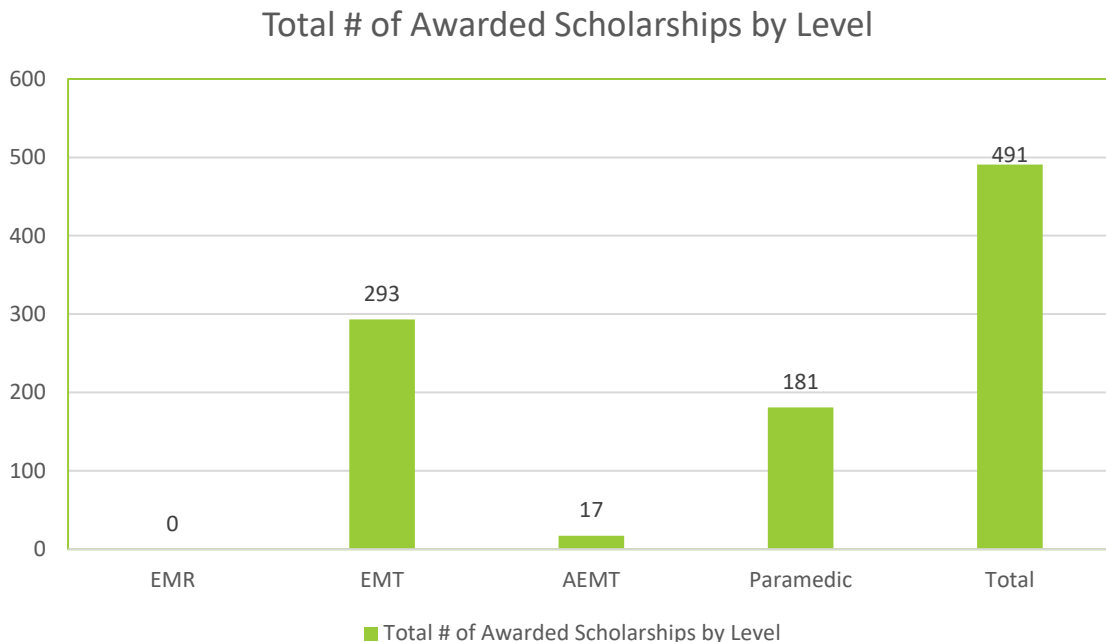


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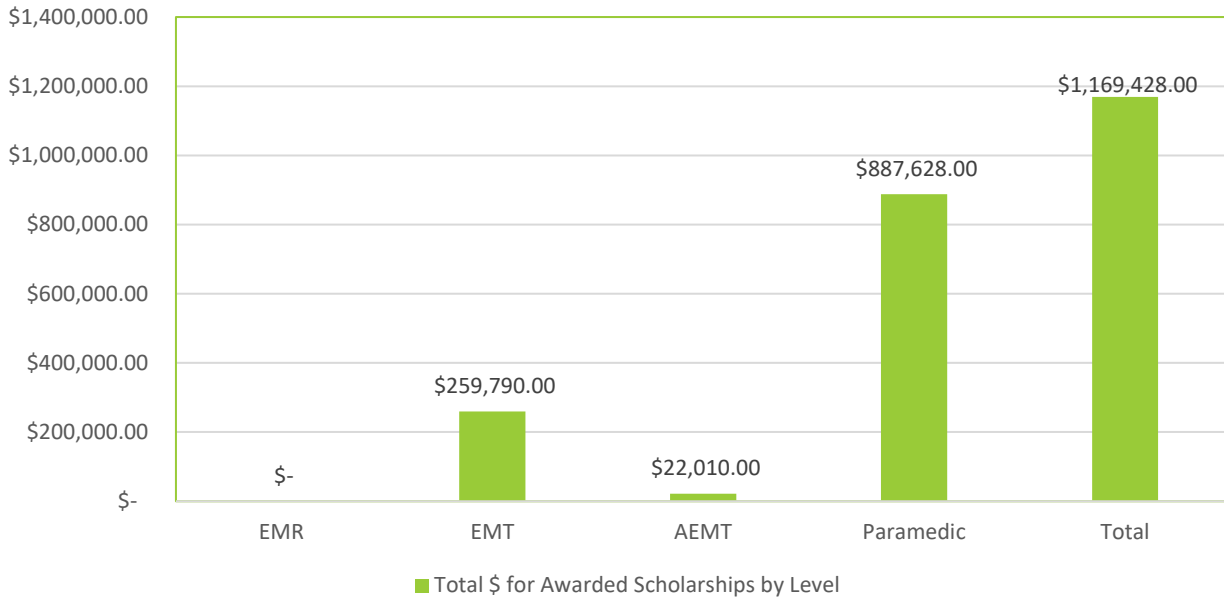
Breakdown of Awarded Scholarships

The following chart shows data for all scholarship applications which have been awarded by training level. This includes all awarded applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses from June 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.



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Total \$ for Awarded Scholarships by Level



Attachment C

Accreditation Report

Accredited Training Site Directory

As of January 2, 2023



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Accredited Paramedic Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
<i>Blue Ridge Community College</i>	79005	Yes	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
<i>Brightpoint Community College</i>	04115	Yes	--	CoAEMSP - Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Central Virginia Community College</i>	68006	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Chesterfield Fire and EMS</i>	04103	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
<i>ECPI University</i>	70017	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Germanna Community College</i>	13720	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – LORO	
<i>Hanover Fire EMS Training</i>	08533	Yes	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
<i>Henrico County Division of Fire</i>	08718	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
<i>J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College</i>	08709	No	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Laurel Ridge Community College</i>	06903	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Loudoun County Fire & Rescue</i>	10704	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Newport News Fire Department</i>	600975	Yes	--	CoAEMP – LOR	
<i>Northern Virginia Community College</i>	05906	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Patrick and Henry Community College</i>	08908	No	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Piedmont Virginia Community College</i>	54006	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Prince William County Dept. of Fire and Rescue</i>	15312	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Radford University Carilion</i>	77007	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Rappahannock Community College</i>	11903	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Southside Virginia Community College</i>	18507	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Southwest Virginia Community College</i>	11709	Yes	2	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Stafford County & Associates in Emergency Care</i>	15319	Yes	10	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Tidewater Community College</i>	81016	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>VCU Health System Authority</i>	76011	Yes	5	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Virginia Peninsula Community College</i>	83012	Yes	2	CoAEMSP – LOR	

Programs accredited at the Paramedic level may also offer instruction at AEMT, EMT, and EMR, as well as teach continuing education and auxiliary courses.

CoAEMSP In-person Site Visit was conducted at Virginia Peninsula Community College on December 5th and 6th. Anticipate program to be moved to CAAHEP in August, 2023.

CoAEMSP In-person Site Visit is scheduled for Henrico County Division of Fire on February 16th and 17th.

CoAEMSP virtual Site Visit is scheduled for Central Virginia Community College on March 20th and 21st.

Accredited AEMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Accomack County Dept. of Public Safety	00121	No	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2023
Augusta County Fire and Rescue	01521	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2023
City of Virginia Beach Department of EMS	81004	Yes	--	State – LOR	March 31, 2023
Danville Training Center	69009	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Fauquier County Fire & Rescue – Warrenton	06125	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2023
Frederick County Fire & Rescue	06906	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Hampton Fire & EMS	83002	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Hampton Roads Regional EMS Academy (HRREMSA)	74039	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2023
James City County Fire Rescue	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
King George Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services	09910	No	--	State – LOR	August 31, 2023
Newport News Fire Training	70007	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2023
Norfolk Fire and Rescue	71008	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Northern Neck Advanced EMS Education Alliance	19318	No	--	State – LOR	August 31, 2023
Paul D. Camp Community College	62003	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Richmond Ambulance Authority	76031	No	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2023
Rockingham County Fire and Rescue	16536	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2023
Southwest Virginia EMS Council	52003	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
UVA Prehospital Program	54008	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
WVEMS – New River Valley Training Center	75004	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023

Accredited EMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Albemarle Co Dept of Fire	54013	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2023
Arlington County Fire Training	01305	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2023
City of Virginia Beach Fire and EMS	81004	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Dept.	05918	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2023
Gloucester Volunteer Fire & Rescue	07302	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2023
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire EMS	71006	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Roanoke Valley Regional Fire/EMS Training	77505	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2023