

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

Members Present:

Allen Yee, M.D., Chair
 Stewart Martin, M.D.
 Charles Lane, M.D.
 John Morgan, M. D.
 Chief Eddie Ferguson
 Kayla Long, D.O.
 George Lindbeck, M.D.
 Samuel Bartle, M.D.
 Asher Brand, M.D.
 Christopher Turnbull, M.D.

Members Absent:

E. Reed Smith, M.D.
 Tania White, M.D. - EXCUSED
 Amir Louka M.D. - EXCUSED
 Rahil Dharia, M.D.
 Paul Phillips, D. O. - EXCUSED
 Scott Weir, M.D. - EXCUSED

Staff:

Debbie Akers
 Chad Blosser
 Michael Berg
 Jessica Rosner
 Jasper Williams
 Wanda Street
 Daisy Banta
 Amanda Loreti
 Jennifer Kersey
 Jeffrey Reynolds

Others:

Joann King
 Greg Neiman
 Al Thompson
 Michelle Ludeman
 Megan Middleton
 Jeffrey Ferguson
 Peppy Winchel
 Michael Vitto
 Dr. N. Sullivan

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	Dr. Yee called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. A moment of silence was held in honor of recent fallen EMS and fire service members.	
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 July 13, 2023 minutes. The minutes were approved.	Approved by consensus
V. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) & Board of Pharmacy (BOP) Compliance Issues – Dr. George Lindbeck	Nothing from DEA & BOP. Dr. Lindbeck feels that the Virginia hospital pharmacists and their professional group and the hospitals may make changes in the system before the DEA gets their regulations out.	
VI. Special Reports	a. Quarterly Data Report – Jessica Rosner, OEMS Epidemiology Jessica gave the data report for the 2 nd Quarter of 2023 for chest pain, asthma, and trauma. The committee discussed some of the findings and discussed ways to narrow down some of the data. The report will be sent out to the committee.	
VII. Unfinished Business	Workgroup PA Recommendations – Dr. Lane The workgroup looked for current models. The only models found were in academics. The top position would be the EMS Operational Medical Director (MD or DO). The second position is EMS Associate Medical Director (MD or DO). The third position EMS Assistant Medical Director (PA or Nurse Practitioner). Then there's the EMS Duty Physician. There would obviously be some change to the <i>Code of Virginia</i> . The committee had some robust	

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	<p>discussion on this topic. This will be taken back to the workgroup to get a consensus. Dr. Brand also mentioned the workgroup that worked on the removal of language for “EMS Physician”.</p> <p>Dr. Brand made a motion that we remove the term “EMS Physician” from the rules and regulations from the Code of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Dr. Martin. There were no abstentions. The motion carried.</p>	
VIII. New Business	<p>a. Culture of Safety – Dr. Sullivan</p> <p>b. Preservation of quality improvement and OMD functions – Dr. Sullivan Dr. Sullivan discussed dangers to the Quality Improvement processes. She explained a particular situation that occurred at her former facility. To enhance the OMD effectiveness, she is asking for 1) regulatory change to preserve OMD records, 2) guarantee of availability to the State and the next OMDs in perpetuity, 3) that QI records are not used for anything other than QI unless reviewed by legal counsel, 4) specify that QI is a non-disciplinary process.</p> <p>Dr. Yee stated that everyone in this room commends Dr. Sullivan for her dedication. (Everyone applauded) Comments were made by committee members about the QI process. Dr. Brand asked if there is a way to add Dr. Sullivan to this committee. At the very minimum, the State should investigate the providers and the agency for contract violations. Dr. Yee stated that maybe we should not tackle the regulations yet. We should create two different Bill of Rights per se, a TQI Bill of Rights (Culture of Safety) and a OMD Bill of Rights (what we expect (or are afforded) as Medical Directors). This could be in the form of two white papers. Dr. Morgan and Chief Eddie Ferguson will work with Dr. Sullivan on both of the papers.</p> <p>Greg Neiman mentioned adding the OMD’s name and contact number to the agency listing. Is this something that OEMS can add?</p> <p>c. Pediatric Intubation – Dr. Stewart Martin TEMS is in the process of updating their protocols for age consistency. Some protocols say 12 while others say 13. The State has adopted HandTevy which identifies pediatric as 13 and below. The dots on the Scope of Practice says 12. Dr. Martin proposes to change the dots to 13 to be consistent with HandTevy. The trauma centers define pediatrics as 14 and younger. Dr. Martin made a motion to query HandTevy to change the age to 14, if possible. We will change the Scope of Practice to 14. If HandTevy is unable to change it, the Scope of Practice will be changed to 13 for more consistency. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lane. There were no abstentions. The motion carried.</p> <p>d. Virginia Board of Pharmacy (BoP) Regulations (Schedule 6) – Dr. John Morgan Dr. Morgan spoke about securing Schedule 6 meds. Other states are not required to secure these meds by Code. There is a financial cost to the agencies as they take on the administrative burden of monitoring the meds. He feels the efforts and attention should be more focused on the narcotics. The next steps are to find a legislative sponsor to establish a workgroup to review the issue. Dr. Yee recommended that the Office to look at the rules and regs of other States. Dr. Lindbeck suggested collaborating with the Board of Pharmacy</p>	<p>Dr. Morgan and Chief Eddie Ferguson will work with Dr. Sullivan to create two white papers.</p> <p>Chad put in a request to add the OMD contact information to the agency listing.</p> <p>Invite Board of Pharmacy to the next meeting. Dr. Lindbeck will work with Ron Passmore on the invite.</p>

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	<p>early in this process. Should we invite them to the next meeting? The committee agreed that BoP should be present.</p> <p>e. Glucometry at EMR Level – Dr. Yee Dr. Yee was recently asked why a first responder can't do an Accu-Chek Glucometry. This is not a national Scope of Practice for EMRs. Dr. Yee asked the group to consider it and vote on it at the next meeting.</p> <p>f. VA Code 8.01-225 – Good Samaritan Law – Dr. Charles Lane Dr. Lane discussed the different coverages under this law. It is very comprehensive. Dr. Yee asked should we bring in the Attorney General (AG) to discuss how this applies to us? There are items which are contradictory.</p> <p>g. VA Code 37.2-808 – Psych TDO Law – Dr. Allen Yee Dr. Yee gave an example of a gentleman who had some mental/medical issues. Where is the boundary between psych ECO and medical ECO? Where does one end and the other one start? The committee discussed APS. Dr. Yee would like to obtain guidance from the Attorney General on this. Dr. Lindbeck will work on getting guidance from the AG. Dr. Yee will send Dr. Lindbeck the information.</p> <p>h. LCCR for Quality Improvement – Dr. Asher Brand Local Continued Competency Requirements for Quality Improvement was mentioned at the Central Shenandoah Regional Council Board of Directors. Could we develop a multi-disciplinary workgroup to get a dedicated number of CE hours per year? The workgroup would develop educational content. Dr. Brand is proposing that the MDC support the development of a workgroup to look at this issue. Debbie informed the committee that in 2012 a workgroup was put together to review the national recommendations, the local and individual. The decision at that time was that the State would not mandate this in the regions. This is topic driven. Debbie stated that there will be a big paradigm shift in the way continuing education is done from the national level in the next couple of years. She understands what Dr. Brand wants, but there is a pathway to do this now.</p>	<p>Dr. Lindbeck will work on getting guidance from the AG. Dr. Yee will send Dr. Lindbeck the information.</p>
IX. Research Requests	None. Dr. Lindbeck announced that there will be an OMD Workshop will be held on November 9 th at the Office of EMS. The usual tour around the state will continue.	
X. State OMD Issues – Dr. George Lindbeck		
	<p>a. Pediatric age definitions – This topic has been discussed.</p> <p>b. Scope of Practice Modification Process – Dr. Yee A slide was shown on this to promote transparency and to increase collaboration from other stakeholders as well as promote academic discussions. Agenda items should be submitted 4 weeks ahead of time and three weeks the proposed agenda comes to the committee. In two weeks, the agenda is published on the OEMS website. The same with the Scope of Practice changes or discussions. Debbie will send this out to the committee and will vote on this at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Debbie will send this out to the committee for a vote at the next meeting.</p>

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	<p>c. FDA Letter to King-Ambu This topic was brought forward for awareness. Apparently, when they got their Ambu King LTS-D approved, it was not submitted for pediatrics. However, they advertised and promoted it for pediatrics. FDA refers to the device as an adulterated device.</p> <p>d. NFPA Position Statement This is a three-page press release/document on current resuscitation practices. This topic is also brought forward for awareness.</p>	
XI. Office of EMS Division Reports		
	<p>Accreditation, Certification and Education</p> <p>Chad Blosser, Education Program Manager The EMS Scholarship program has been reduced from \$2 million to \$1.5 million due to the budget crisis that OEMS is facing. There is \$737,000 remaining for the fiscal year for scholarships. The payment schedule has changed and is longer than previously. As for the Education Coordinator program, there was an Institute last week in Virginia Beach and we had 30 new educators come aboard. We now have 763 educators in Virginia. There are 240 candidates in the pipeline. All EC Institutes and updates are published on the OEMS website.</p> <p>Debbie Akers, Division Director The sunsetting of the ALS psychomotor testing has been confirmed from National Registry. The new Cognitive Exam will be implemented July 1, 2024. Stay tuned for more information on this. Course Approvals have been taking some time and Debbie is approving and processing them as quickly as possible. As you may know symposium has been cancelled, but there is an opportunity to teach at the Virginia Fire Chief's Association Conference February 19-24, 2024. Please let Debbie know as soon as possible.</p> <p>Executive – Gary Brown, Director; Scott Winston, Assistant Director Regulation & Compliance – Ron Passmore, Division Director Emergency Operations – Karen Owens, Division Director Community Health and Technical Resources – Tim Perkins, Division Director Trauma & Critical Care – Mindy Carter, Division Director Additional OEMS Staff Reports – FARC – Mike Berg gave a brief update on FARC division matters.</p> <p>No other OEMS Division Directors were present.</p>	<p>Attachment 'A' – EMSSP Report</p> <p>Attachment 'B' – Accreditation Report</p>
XII. PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Open Discussion</p> <p>Dr. Ferguson discussed advanced procedure field requests such as amputations, c-sections, etc. and assisting EMS providers. More guidelines may be needed. What is appropriate training in these situations? These are</p>	<p>This topic will be an agenda item Under Unfinished Business at</p>

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	relatively rare cases. The committee discussed delegation, guidance and other specifics dealing with this topic. The committee will discuss this further at the next meeting, create a workgroup and entertain a motion.	the next meeting in January.
XIII. Future Quarterly Meeting Dates	January 4, 2024 April 4, 2024 July 11, 2024 October 3, 2024	
XIV. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:05 p.m.	

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

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Attachment A

EMSSP Report

Virginia EMS Scholarship Program

First Quarter Report

Virginia Department of Health

Office of Emergency Medical Services | October 2023

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.

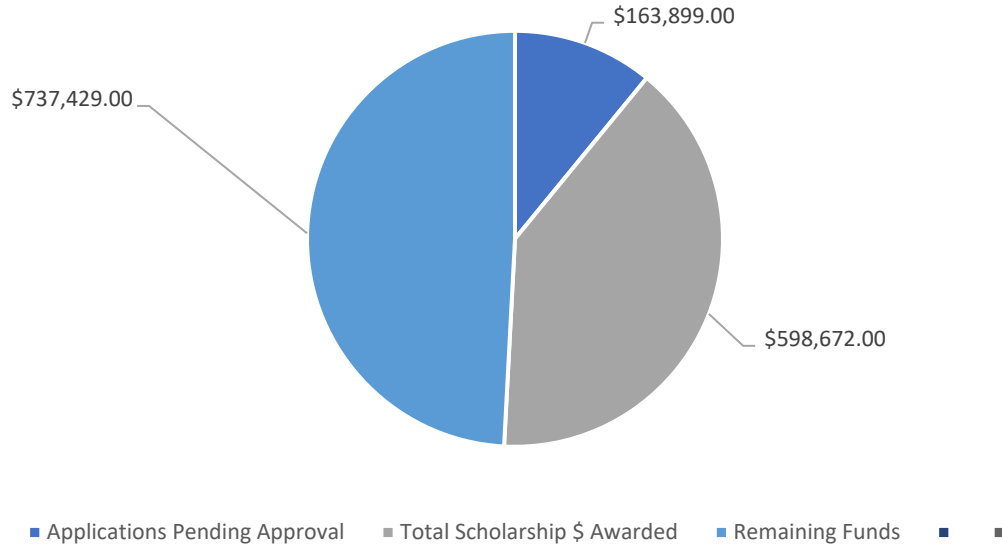
FY21 Scholarship Budget

The FY24 budget for the Virginia EMS Scholarship Program is \$1,500,000.00. The following chart shows a breakdown of funding based on three (3) categories:

- 1) Applications Pending Approval
- 2) Total Scholarship \$ Awarded
- 3) Remaining Funds

- **Application Pending Approval** – this category includes the total dollar value for all applications received through September 30, 2023. This covers Q1.
- **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.

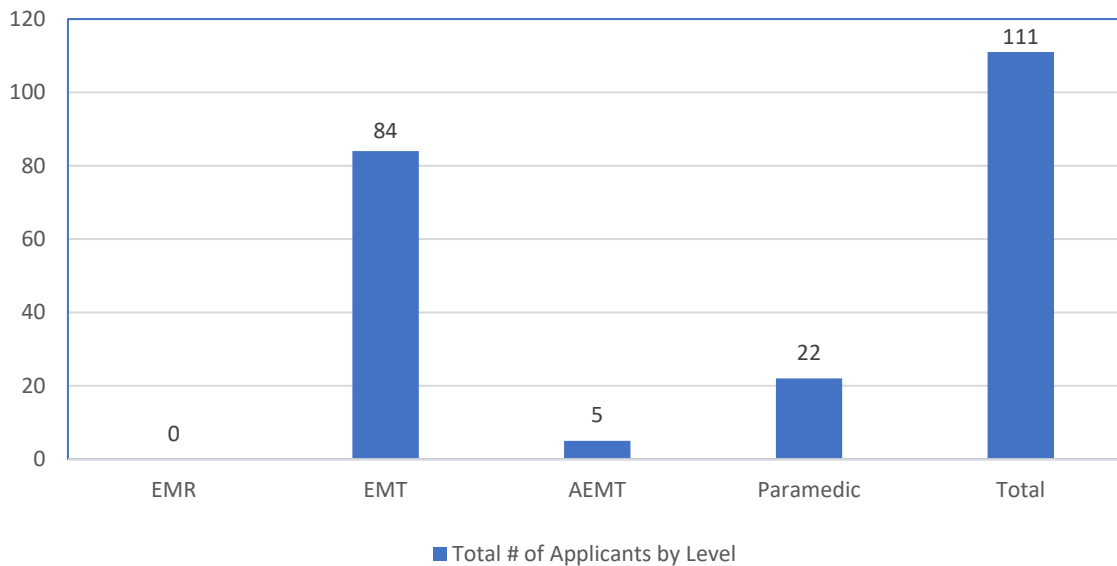
Scholarship Funding Overview



Breakdown of Pending Applications

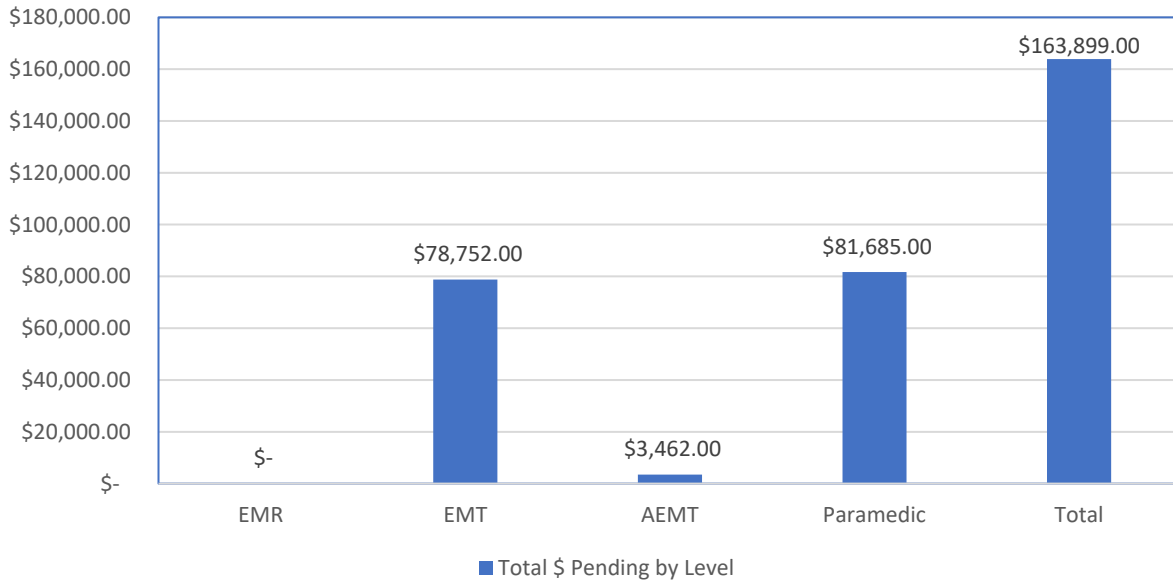
The following chart show of pending scholarship applications by training level. This includes all pending applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses from June 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

Total # of Pending Applicants by Level



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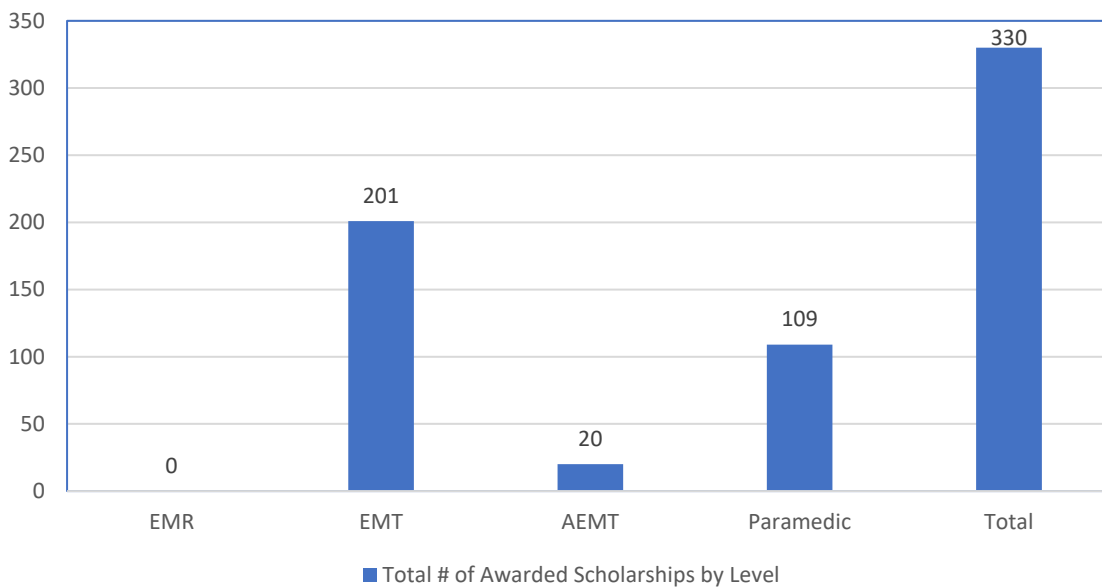
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Breakdown of Awarded Scholarships

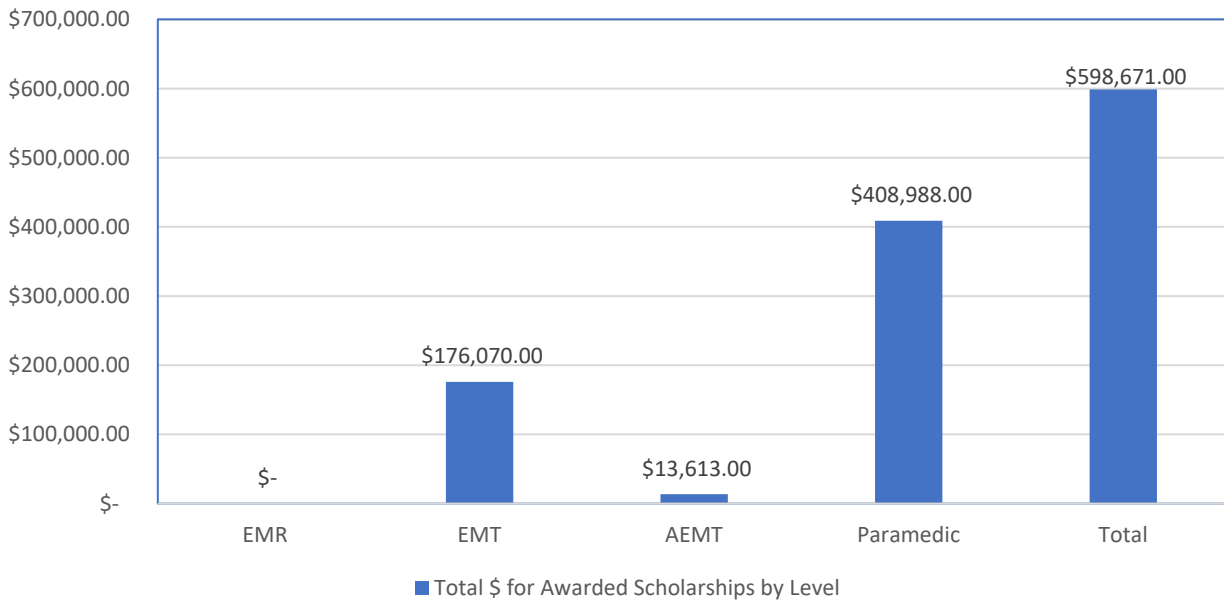
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Attachment B

Accreditation Report

Accredited Training Site Directory

As of July 11, 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 – LOR	
<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 – Initial	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	6	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Virginia Peninsula Community College</i>	83012	Yes	2	CoAEMSP – Initial	

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

Hanover Fire EMS Training has named Michael Biamonte as their new Program Director.

Tidewater Community College has named Kristina Long as their new Program Director.

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	December 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	December 31, 2023
Norfolk Fire and Rescue	71008	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Northern Neck Advanced EMS Education Alliance	19318	No	--	State – LOR	December 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

Rockbridge County VRS has submitted a self-study for consideration of issuance of a Letter of Review.
 Prince Edward VRS has submitted a self-study for consideration of issuance of a Letter of Review.

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
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