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Meeting

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# DEPUTY DIRECTOR TRAUMA AND ADMINISTRATION

## Business Operations

### Committees and Meetings

- NA

### Outreach and Education

- NA

### Operational Activities

**Process:** Staff are actively seeking opportunities to enhance invoice coding and provide detailed payment descriptions in F&A.

**Return to Locality (RTL) program:** In compliance with § 46.2-694(A)(13)(e), Twenty-six percent shall be returned by the Comptroller to the locality wherein such vehicle is registered.

- **Status:** For the Q2 FY25 report, a total of **\$200,558.80** was disbursed to 8 localities under the RTL program.

**Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS)** - In compliance with § 46.2-694(A)(13)(a), Two percent shall be distributed to the State Department of Health to provide funding to the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads.

- **Status:** The quarterly fund distribution to the VAVRS was released in January 2025.
  - For the Q2 FY25 report, VAVRS received a total of **\$150,105.23**, with monthly payments of **\$47,785.27** in October, **\$62,368.19** in November, and **\$39,951.77** in December.

**Regional Council:** - In compliance with § 46.2-694(A)(13b) the Quarter 1 fund distribution to the Regional Councils were released starting in September with the final council paid in January 2025.

- **Status:** For Q1 FY25 - **\$919,119.39** has been paid with all councils submitting their reports September through December 2024.

**Travel:** OEMS continues to process all travel reimbursements submission through the Travel Intake Management System (TRiMS).

### Items of High Interest

NA

**KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:**

NA

## Division of Trauma and Critical Care

### **Committees and Meetings**

- Trauma Administrative and Governance Committee- workgroups for this committee have been meeting this past quarter per an initiative request from Mr. Kevin Dillard. The workgroup is collecting information and feedback from Trauma Centers from all levels concerning trauma designation and the current usage of Trauma Funding.

### **Trauma Fund**

- Current data collection is underway for the second part of the 2024 Trauma Fund payment, which is due to begin processing in March 2025.
- A memo template has been formatted and utilized for increased oversight and leadership correspondence concerning Trauma Fund invoice calculations and payouts.

### **Trauma Centers**

- 2 Trauma Centers have undergone review this quarter.
- 2 centers have submitted a letter of intent and an application this quarter with hopes to have a provisional review completed in Summer 2025.

### **Stroke Planning**

- Revisions and updates to the State EMS Stroke plan are due to be presented at the stroke committee meeting for feedback and flow through to medical direction.

### **Items of High Interest**

- NA

### **KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:**

Presentation of the TAG work group state designation recommendations at the February GAB meeting.

## Epidemiology - DATAWISE Team

### **Committees and Meetings**

- The Patient Care Informatics Team attended monthly meetings with trauma program managers and registrars to respond to any questions and provide updates on Virginia Statewide Trauma Registry (VSTR) system improvements.
- The Patient Care Informatics Team attended meetings with Virginia's EMS repository and VSTR vendor to discuss issues, 2025 documentation, and future data quality initiatives.
- The Epidemiology Team attended Virginia Overdose Prevention and Surveillance Workgroup meetings, held monthly. During these meeting, discussion topics include data surveillance and dissemination, comprehensive harm reduction, and naloxone distribution.

### **Outreach and Education**

- The Epidemiology Team attended the VDH All Epidemiologists meeting on December 10, 2024. During this meeting, the OEMS Senior Epidemiologist highlighted the positive impact of EMS data on local programs and policy in a presentation titled "Heat-related Illness Data and Local Applications", presented in collaboration with the Richmond and Henrico Health Districts and the VDH ESSENCE Data team.
- Monthly reports of agency data quality are published on the OEMS website. During Q4:
  - October data quality for 149,171 records submitted was 96.75,
  - November data quality for 139,650 records submitted was 97.13, and
  - December data quality for 149,048 records submitted was 97.27.
- Between November 2024 and January 2025, several data visualizations were added to the OEMS EMS & Trauma Data website. These include an EMS Call Volume Dashboard and a Medication Kit Transition Status Dashboard.

### **Operational Activities**

- During Q4 2024, the Patient Care Informatics team responded to 2500+ portal support tickets, 550+ voicemails, and 375+ EMS/trauma repository emails.
- Between November and January 15, the Epidemiology Team responded to 12 requests for EMS and/or trauma data.

### **Items of High Interest**

In Q2 2025, the Epidemiology Team will submit a research abstract to the 2025 NASEMSO conference.

### **KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:**

NA

## Division of EMS System Funding

### Committees and Meetings

#### Financial Assistance and Review Committee

- December 5 – regular business to include grant review and grading.
- January 1, 2025 – awards posted.
- January 3, 2025 – ePCR EMS System Initiative Award grant closes.

#### VCU's Center for Trauma and Critical Care Education and Violence and Injury Prevention Program

- November 19 – quarterly meeting to discuss general activity as it relates to the VCU grant for outreach. Mr. Tim Perkins from OEMS and myself are now part of the advisory council for VCU program.

#### Virginia Regional Medication Kit Transition Workgroup

- December 5 – participated in VDH/VHHA biweekly information webinar.
- December 16, January 13, 2025 – participated as part of a workgroup of the larger group. Reviewing additional clarification regarding DEA interpretations and CSR/DEA permitting.
- December 10 – participated in DEA work session (VFCA/York County hosted).

#### VDH/OEMS Statewide EMS Medication Workgroup

- November 26, December 12 – workgroup to develop dashboard with statewide data pertaining to EMS agencies and readiness for transition from regional drug box programs.
- January 7 – meet with BOP and released the public EMS Medication status dashboard.
- January 9 – host/participate in VDH/VHH biweekly webinar.

#### NOIRA Public Safety Council (NIOSH)

- December 3 – voting member, met virtually – topics revolved around upcoming proposed standards for wildland fire smoke exposure for all workers including healthcare workers.

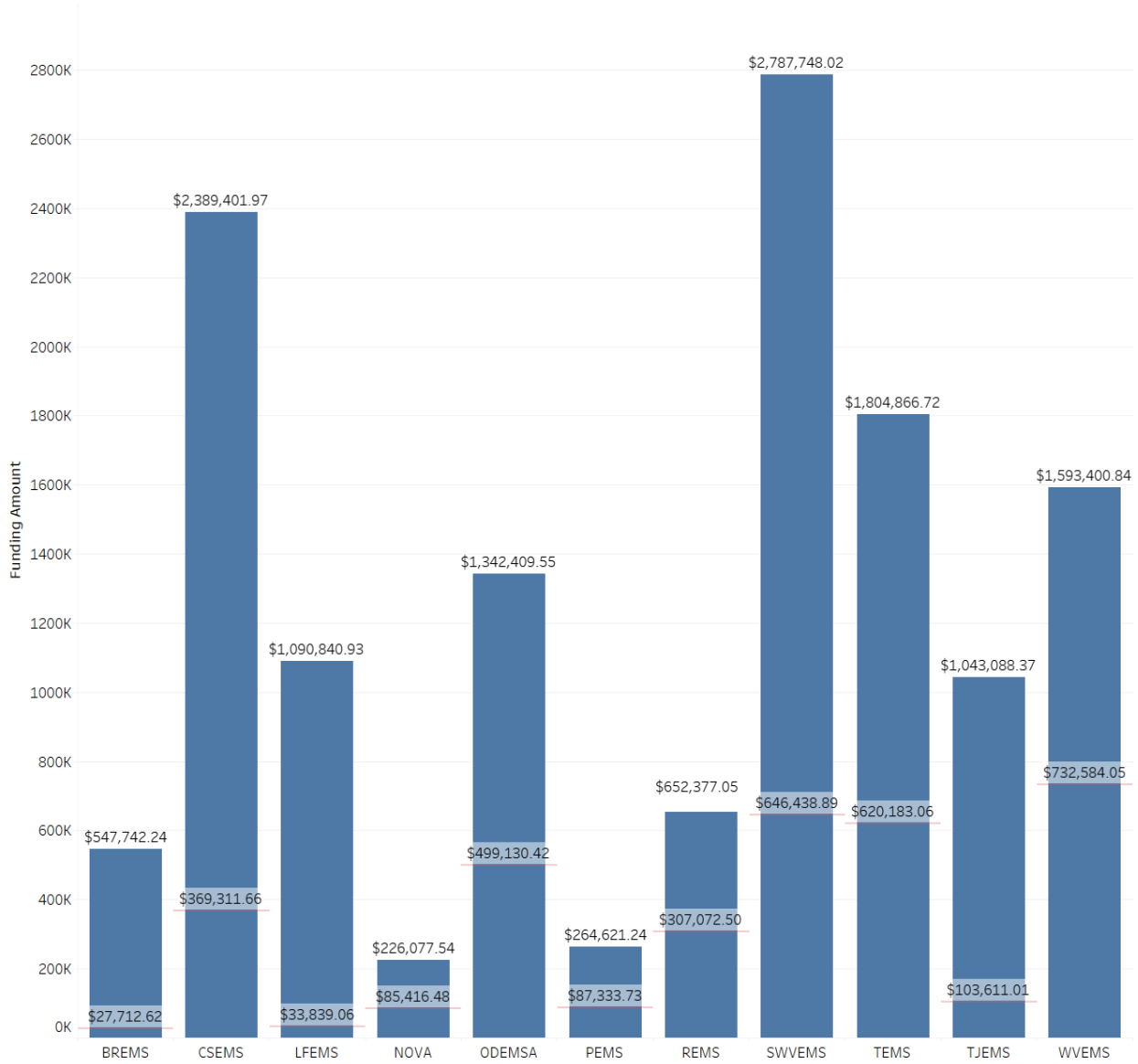
#### National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC)

- Virtual meeting held November 6-7, 2024

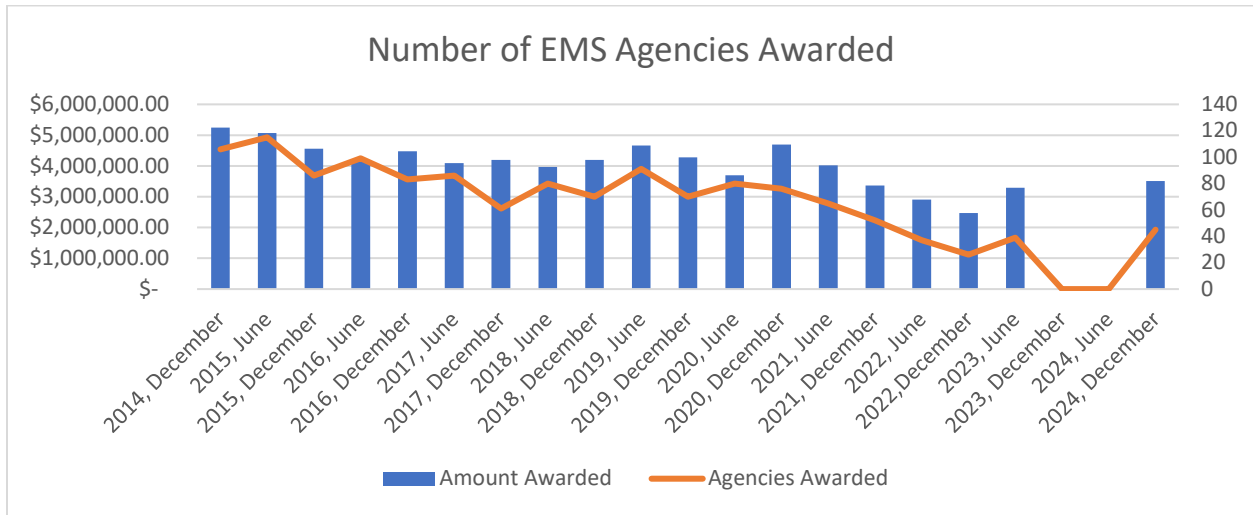
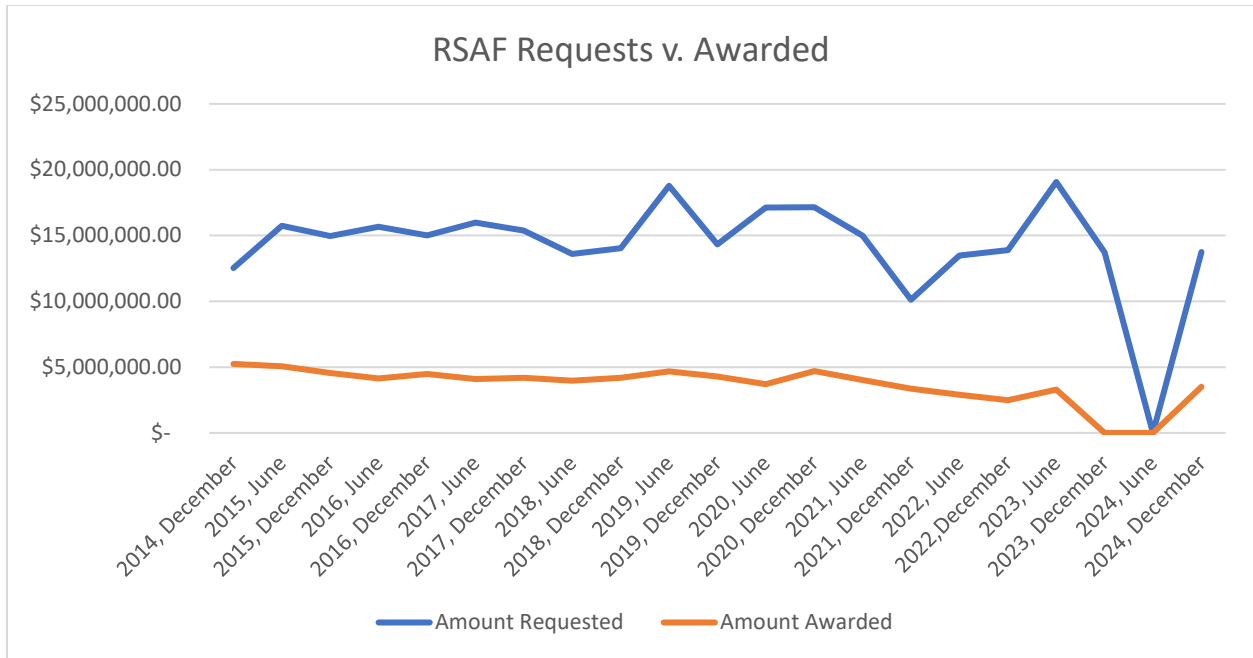
### Items of High Interest

The Fall 2024 Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grant cycle opened on August 1, 2024, and closed September 16, 2024. The awards were announced on January 1, 2025. A total of 84 grants were submitted, 74 – EMS agencies and 10 non-EMS agencies for a total of \$13,742,574.47.

Fall 2024 Regional Grants Requests/Awards







The ePCR EMS Special Initiative Grant program opened December 1, 2025, and closed on January 3, 2025. A total of 38 EMS agencies submitted applications totaling \$469,542.30 in state funding. The award date is March 31, 2025.

**KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:**

**Important Dates**

- FARC meeting – February 13, 2025
- ePCR EMS Special Initiative Grant Awards announced March 31, 2025
- Spring 2025 RSAF Grant application opens February 1, 2025, closes March 17, 2025

- April 15, 2025 – establish date for cessation of statewide hospital-based drug box exchange program.

#### Upcoming Events

- RSAF Grant training – BREMS, VILT February 4
- RSAF Grant training – TEMS EMS Expo, May 16, 2025

## DEPUTY DIRECTOR, COMPLIANCE AND EDUCATION

### Accreditation, Certification & Education Division

#### **Committees and Meetings**

- A. The Training and Certification Committee (TCC) meeting was held on January 8, 2025, at the Old Dominion EMS Alliance in Henrico, VA.
- B. The Medical Direction Committee (MDC) meeting was held on January 16, 2025, at the Old Dominion EMS Alliance in Henrico, VA. There are no action items.

#### **Outreach and Education**

- The ACE Division conducted several educational seminars during the quarter.
  - Education Coordinator Update in Abingdon on December 7, 2024, with 34 Education Coordinators in attendance.
  - Education Coordinator Update in Prince William County on January 31, 2025, with 42 registered education coordinators.
  - Education Coordinator Institute in Prince William County from January 28 through January 30, 2025, with 36 registered candidates.

#### **Operational Activities**

- During Q4 2024, the ACE Division:
  - Responded to 2, 950 Help Desk inquiries offering assistance in questions concerning portal access, certification and recertification inquiries.
  - Processed 228 reciprocity, legal recognition, and challenge applications with priority processing to active duty, retired and family of the military
  - Certified and recertified 3,718 EMS providers.
  - Received and approved 31 new Education Coordinator applications.

#### **Items of High Interest**

- The ACE division director is the Virginia representative on the NASEMSO EMS Education Council and participates in meetings bimonthly. Current activities include evaluation and update of the 2002 Educator Standards.
- The ACE division director participated with the Virginia Department of Education and High School EMT educators on the curriculum for the Emergency Medical Responder course on November 12, 2024.

#### **KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER**

- Training and Certification Committee Meeting, April 2, 2025
- Medical Direction Committee Meeting, April 3, 2025

## Regulation & Compliance Enforcement Division

### **Committees and Meetings**

- Quarterly – Virginia POST/POLST Collaborative Executive Committee Meeting
- Monthly - Regional EMS Medication Kit Transition Workgroup
- November 2024 – HB1309 – Treat/Transport of working K9 Workgroup
- November 2024 – OEMS Med Kit Transition Dashboard Workgroup (Bi-Weekly)
- December 2024 – DEA Compliance Presentation for EMS
- December 2024 – GAB (TCC/MDC workgroup) Future of Education in EMS
- December 2024 – Informal Fact-Finding Conferences (appeal hearings) 9 cases
- December 2024 – Interview for open Northern VA Program Rep.

### **Outreach and Education**

- NA

### **Operational Activities**

- Fingerprint Background Checks processed = 2,732 / RAP Reviews = 373 / Ineligible = 0
- Inspect = 53 Agencies / 3 New Agency / 501 Vehicles / 16 Spot / 116 New Apparatus
- Compliance Cases = Opened 96 Cases – Closed 83 Cases
- Enforcement Action - Warnings = 1 Correction Orders = 0 Citations = 1 Suspensions = 7
- Variances = 15 Requested – 10 approved and 5 denied
- Exemptions = 3 Requested – 2 approved and 1 pending review
- Accommodation Requested = 0
- Drug Diversions Reported = 0
- Endorsed EMS Physicians = 239 – New 5 - Re-endorsed 6 – Denied 0 – Expired 4

### **KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER**

EMS Agencies that utilize a hospital-based medication kit exchange program, please remain in contact with your regional EMS council to maintain a clear and up to date understanding of imminent changes and the available resources for the April 2025 transition away from hospital-based drug box exchange programs.

## DEPUTY DIRECTOR OPERATIONS

### Division of Emergency Operations

#### Committees and Meetings

- **2025 VDH Preparedness Summit** – weekly planning meetings.
- **Emergency Management Alliance of Central Virginia** -monthly meetings, regional planning and coordination
- **Mass Casualty Incident Exercise** – working with Blue Ridge EMS Council in planning for full-scale MCI exercise in Lynchburg area in October 2025
- **HB 1309 Treatment and Transport of Working Canines Workgroup**
- **9-1-1 Services Board Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)** – EMS representation on the main committee and the training workgroup.
- **EMS Advisory Board**
  - Staff Support to Communications Committee, Provider Health and Safety Committee, and Emergency Management Committee.
  - Liaison with Air Medical Committee

#### Outreach and Education

- **Mass Casualty Incident Management I/II** – November 9, 2024; Rappahannock Community College; Gloucester
- **FEMA/VDEM L103 Planning: Emergency Operations** – co-instruct, November 20-21, 2024; Prince George
- **Designated Infection Control Officer / Infection Control Officer** – December 10, 2024; Office of EMS, Henrico; January 19, 2025, VAVRS, Goochland

#### Operational Activities

- **VDH Marburg Virus Preparedness and Response Team** – EMS Unit Leader
- **VEST Activations – ESF#8**
  - Hurricane Helene
  - Winter Storm Blair / Richmond Water Emergency
- **COVAIMT**
  - Hurricane Helene – VEOC Command Staff (Planning and Operations)
  - Winter Storm Blair / Richmond Water Emergency – Special Liaison CVIMT/ CVHC

#### Training

- **FEMA All-Hazards Resource Unit / Demobilization Unit Leader** – December 2-5, Henrico
- **Virginia DHRM Basic Safety Officer Course** – completed November 13, 2025
- **VDEM/VDSS Mass Care Instructor Training** – January 22-23, 2025; VDSS HQ, Henrico

#### KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:

- **2025 Virginia Fire Chiefs Association** – February 17-22, 2025, Virginia Beach
- **2025 VDH Preparedness Summit** – March 25-26, 2025, Richmond
- **APCO/NENA Winter Summit** – February 13, 2025, Chesterfield

- **Virginia Emergency Management Symposium** – March 17-21, 2025; Roanoke
- **Virginia Department of Education High School Dispatcher Curriculum Review** – February 5, 2025, Richmond.

## Division of Community Health and Technical Resources (CHaTR)

### Committees and Meetings

- EMS Advisory Board – ChaTR staff to committees (all met on November 14):
  - Workforce Development Committee
  - EMS for Children (EMSC) Committee
  - Virginia Air Medical Committee
- Virginia Telehealth Network – December 10
- Rappahannock Rural Health Network – December 17

### Outreach and Education

- December 7-8 - EMS Officer 1 was presented at Loudoun County Fire Rescue with 18 graduates.
  - Current course completion dashboard below
- December 10 - EMS Systems Planner completed the Train the Trainer for Dedicated Infection Control Officer Instructor



### EMS OFFICER 1 COURSE COMPLETION DASHBOARD

COURSE YEAR	NUMBER GRADUATED	NUMBER OF CEUs AWARDED (24hrs)**	NUMBER OF CLASSES
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>11024</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>2025***</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>2376</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1848</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1728</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1608</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2017*</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2016*</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>1</b>
*Course awarded 16 CEUs		**Does not reflect instructor CEUs awarded	
*** Up to 8 CEUs Cat 1		Updated: 12/10/2024	

### Operational Activities

- Virginia Air Medical activities:
  - The amount of data submitted to the Medevac Helicopter EMS application (formerly known as WeatherSafe) continues to be robust. In terms of weather turndowns, there were 315 entries into the Helicopter EMS system in 4th quarter (Q4) of the 2024 calendar year. 75% of those entries (238 entries) were for interfacility transports. The total number of turndowns is a decrease from 353 entries in Q4 of 2023. For the 2024 Calendar Year, there were 1,732 entries into

the system. 71% of those entries (1,244 entries) were for interfacility transports. The total number of turndowns is an increase from 1,548 entries in 2023. At the February 2024 Air Medical Committee meeting, it was decided that the following items should be added to the “Hazard” section of Helicopter EMS: laser strikes, drone activity, and trees or other growth that affects take off/landing at a particular landing zone. None of those hazards were entered into the system as of January 1, 2025. This data continues to demonstrate a commitment to the program and maintaining the safety of medevac personnel and equipment.

- Technical Assistance activities:
  - CHaTR staff assists the Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VD FP) with evaluations of the Fire and EMS systems in localities in Virginia. The most recent study was conducted in Patrick County on August 26-28, 2024.
- EMS for Children Activities
  - EMSC program is continuing to participate in the Pediatric Readiness Recognition Programs Collaborative (PRRPC). This national collaborative is preparing states to establish both hospital and prehospital voluntary programs to recognize and celebrate a basic level of pediatric readiness.
  - The EMSC program continues to fulfill the obligations of the State Partnership Grant’s required reporting to HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) via the HRSA Electronic Handbook (EHB)
  - A limited supply of small (3-18 lbs.) ambulance child restraints remains available for distribution to EMS agencies with that need. Agency leaders with interest may contact Dave Edwards ([david.edwards@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:david.edwards@vdh.virginia.gov)) to discuss or request.

### **Items of High Interest**

On Dec. 23, 2024, **H.R. 6960**, the **“Emergency Medical Services for Children Reauthorization Act of 2024,”** was signed into law. The legislation sustains the work of the EMSC Program in ensuring high-quality emergency care for children across the United States through FY2029.

The CHaTR division director continues to chair the NASEMSO Rural EMS Committee and the Joint Committee on Rural EMS Care.

### **KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:**

NA



## Blue Ridge EMS Council

### Committees and Meetings

- October 2024
  - CVCC (Central Virginia Community College) Paramedic Program use of Immersive room and classroom.
  - VHAC (Virginia Heart Attack Coalition) STEMI meeting.
  - City of Lynchburg Debrief.
  - Regional EMS Committee meeting for MCI.
  - Tactical Resiliency Workshop supported by the Regional CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) Team.
  - BREMS & Centra discussion for EMS training program.
  - BREMS Board of Director's meeting and Grant Review.
  - BREMS & Pharmacy meeting.
  - BREMS & IFR (Impact First Responder) monthly meeting.
  - State Award nominee interview for awards submission.
  - Baxter Manufacturing Impacts on EMS.
  - First Responder Dementia Training- VILT program.
  - Regional EMS Medication Kit Transition Workgroup meeting.
  - Stroke Smart Event meeting.
  - VHAC
  - Virginia Stroke Systems Task Force Quarterly meeting- special session on VSSTF Administration and Structure.
  - Stroke Smart Event.
  - VA ADA Health Peer Group meeting.
  - Transition Discussion with Hybrid Councils & OEMS Central office.
  - Regional VILT CE Program- Tracheostomy Care & Emergencies.
  - Emergency Response Plan meeting.
  - Regional CISM Canine meetings.
  - Regional Trauma Core meeting
  - Kari Magner (OEMS) & BREMS meeting on full scale exercise in 2025.
  - Stroke Council meetings.
  - MCI Exercise Plan meeting.
  - Centra & BREMS Stroke Community Event (Saturday 8a-12p) in Bedford County- Bedford Memorial Hospital.
  - BREMS Regional EC (Education Coordinator)'s committee meeting.
  
- November 2024
  - CISM Debriefing for Campbell County Sheriff's Office.
  - Chest Pain Council meeting.
  - Hospital update meeting.
  - Meeting with Heroes Academy- Canine for CISM Team.
  - BREMS & Impact First Responder monthly meeting.
  - CVCC Paramedic Program use of the Immersive room and training room.
  - BREMS CE Weekend Discussion with EC Subcommittee meeting.
  - MCI Follow up Planning meetings.
  - BREMS Education Coordinator Committee meeting.

- RSAF Grant Training meeting with OEMS.
- VHAC Steering Group Meeting.
- SonoSim Virtual meeting.
- December 2024
  - Regional MCI EMS Committee meeting.
  - CVCC Paramedic Program use of the Immersive room and training room.
  - BREMS CISM Team Quarterly meeting.
  - Virginia Health Attack Coalition meeting.
  - Meeting with Board of Director's board member.
  - Regional EMS Medication Kit Transition Workgroup meeting.
  - BREMS & Impact First Responder monthly meeting.
  - BREMS Regional Performance Improvement Team meeting.
  - All Day EMT Advanced Open Training.
  - BREMS to Central Virginia Health District for Holiday Luncheon and Collaboration.
  - BREMS & Pegasus Solution meeting regarding Regional MCI sharing.
  - December meeting of the Virginia Regional EMS Medication Kit Transition Workgroup.
  - Advanced Paramedic Program entry exam for providers.
  - Regional MCI EMS Committee meeting.
  - BREMS Board of Director's meeting.
  - VHAC Steering Group monthly meeting.
  - Council Workgroup meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Session, Identifying Our Future.
  - BREMS & Pharmacy meeting.

### **Outreach and Education**

- Quarterly Regional CE Education provided by BREMS
  - CVCC Paramedic Program use of the Immersive room and training room.
    - 10/1/24
    - 10/23/24 – 10/25/24
    - 10/30/24 – 10/31/24
    - 11/13/24 – 11/14/24
    - 11/20/24 – 11/21/24
    - 12/3/24 – 12/5/24
  - 10/9/24- First Responder Dementia Training- VILT CE Training.
  - 12/13/24- All Day EMT Advanced Open Training at BREMS with Dr. Kayla Long.
  - Advanced Paramedic Program entry exam for providers.
    - 12/16/24
    - 12/18/24
    - 12/19/24
    - 12/20/24
    - 12/30/24
- Regional CISM Peer Team meets quarterly as listed above. We are activated to provide CISM after stressful events/calls in the region. BREMS works with Impact First

Responder to provide quarterly resiliency training across the region, and the Regional CISM Peer Team members can provide one-on-one meetings as well.

- 10/3/24- City of Lynchburg Debrief at BREMS.
- 10/23/24- Regional CISM Canine meeting.
- 10/29/24- Application for Canine meeting.
- 11/4/24- Debriefing for Campbell County Sheriff's Office- Regional CISM Team.
- 11/11/24- Meeting with Heroes Academy.
- 12/4/24 & 12/5/24- Regional CISM Team meetings.
- DART (Data to Action Resource Team) monthly meetings. BREMS continues to collaborate with our community partners to better understand how societal factors are impacting substance use and mental illness in Central Virginia. BREMS represents EMS in the region and other partners include, the Central Virginia Health Department, Horizon, Social Services, Public School systems, local law enforcement, State Police, etc. There are other community partners we invite as organizations are introduced.
- BREMS continues to meet with the Hospital and EMS Agency Liaison committee monthly. We are discussing medication kit exchange options, CSR/DEA licenses, restocking supply exchange with the hospital, and transfer of current drug boxes. BREMS is here to help the localities navigate the new path ahead and are looking for ways to support the agencies in this process.
- BREMS continues to work with Educators in the region through the regional Education Coordinator team meetings.
- BREMS continues to coordinate the Immersive Room training to provide familiarity to the application and software of the Immersive Room for training purposes.
- Protocols & Performance Improvement
  - Performance Improvement Committee met 12/12/24. BREMS continues to meet with STEMI, Stroke, and Trauma Services regarding data for the quarter to discuss during the next PI meetings scheduled. BREMS plans to compare data across the continuum of care to ensure EMS protocols and performance standards are being met.
  - Protocols: Timeline currently is to have them in the hands of the PI Committee February 2025, for a review before releasing to agencies/providers for training in March 2025.
  - The BREMS PI meetings are hosting several stakeholders from the Central hospital system and community partners that we have been working with as well, including but not limited to, stroke, trauma, and STEMI.

### **Operational Activities**

- BREMS continues to meet with the Regional EMS Liaison committee monthly. We are discussing medication kit exchange options, CSR/DEA licenses, restocking supply exchange with the hospital, ePCR & ESO/HDE software, and Council collaboration.
- BREMS has collaborated and coordinated with the Hybrid Councils to establish the BREMS Council network and other ongoing projects in the regional EMS system.
- Regional Communication System- Lifeline
  - As of November 2024, the latest update- the structural analysis was complete on Long Mountain, and we are awaiting to hear back from OEMS on how to proceed

with adding equipment on both Leigh Mtn and Long Mtn. to complete phase 3 of the plan.

### **Items of High Interest**

- BREMS continues to partner with Liberty University and the Pegasus Solutions Group to provide training and a regional MCI plan for the BREMS region. The date for the live exercise has been set for October 9, 2025. We have also set the planning meetings for February, April, and August as well. Partners in this collaboration will be LU, BREMS, VDH/OEMS, VDEM, VSP, FBI, and all regional EMS localities. We have completed the Regional MCI Plan, and it has been approved by the Regional EMS Committee for use in our region. We will begin working with OEMS and planning the train-the-trainer MCI courses for the region in early 2025.
- We have been awarded a grant through the Heroes Academy in Fredericksburg for a Canine to join our CISM Regional Peer Team. We are so excited about this new endeavor and will be announcing more in the coming third quarter as we introduce the canine and handler to our Regional Peer Team and providers.

### **KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:**

- Regional subcommittee of the Board of Directors formed to research and develop a regional blood program for BREMS.
- We have monthly regional CE In Person / VILT topic scheduled for FY 25 through the third quarter.
- Continue the ongoing work for the MCI project with Liberty University, Pegasus Solutions Group, stakeholders, and the EMS agencies in the BREMS region.

## Central Shenandoah EMS Council

### Committees and Meetings

- *Quarterly CIPS Meeting*                      2024-10-08 18:30                      [Agenda](#)                      [Minutes](#)
- *Quarterly Pharmacy Committee Meeting*                      2024-10-23 15:00                      [Agenda](#)                      [Minutes](#)
- *Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting*                      2024-10-29 14:00                      [Agenda](#)                      [Minutes](#)
- *Special Board of Directors Meeting*                      2024-11-06 14:00                      [Agenda](#)                      [Minutes](#)
- *Performance Improvement Meeting*                      2024-12-05 10:00                      [Agenda](#)                      [Minutes](#)
  
- *Quarterly MCRC FY24 Q4*                      2024-12-19 14:00                      [Agenda](#)                      [Minutes](#)

### Outreach and Education

<i><b>Event Name/Description</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>	<i><b>Date</b></i>
● <i>Training &amp; Certification Committee</i>	<i>ODEMSA</i>	<i>October 2, 2024</i>
● <i>Medical Direction Committee</i>	<i>ODEMSA</i>	<i>October 3, 2024</i>
● <i>Stroke Smart Proclamation</i>	<i>Bath County Courthouse</i>	<i>October 8, 2024</i>
● <i>WVEMS Council Mini Symposium: Documentation- An Essential Skill Class</i>	<i>Pulaski County Innovation Center</i>	<i>October 18, 2024</i>
● <i>Documentation- An Essential Skill Class</i>	<i>Salem Rescue Squad</i>	<i>November 9, 2024</i>
● <i>Bath County revenue recovery ordinance</i>	<i>Bath County Courthouse</i>	<i>November 12,</i>

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|   | <i>hearing - SME presentation</i>              |  | 2024                             |
| ● | <i>Stroke Education Training</i>               | <i>Waynesboro First Aid Crew</i>   | <i>November 13, 2024</i>         |
| ● | <i>Sip &amp; Save Lives</i>                    | <i>“Hands Only CPR”, Revive Training, Harm Reduction Kits. This was a partner event with VCSB and CSHD</i> | <i>December 2 &amp; 16, 2024</i> |
| ● | <i>Documentation- An Essential Skill Class</i> | <i>Highland Co High School (for Highland County EMS agencies)</i>  | <i>December 7, 2024</i>          |
| ● | <i>Stroke Education Training</i>               | <i>VILT/Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i>   | <i>December 11, 2024</i>         |

**Operational Activities**

CSEMS served an estimated 450 FieldPrint customers for background checks. This provides a critical resource for EMS agencies while offering resources and information to other members of the community on health, wellness, regional programs, and recruitment for EMS agencies. Staff share information on Stroke Smart, Public Access AED (Pulsepoint), and volunteer opportunities with EMS.

- Planning continues for [2025 Shenandoah Valley EMS Expo](#) in conjunction with TJEMS.
- The CSEMS Community Training Center provided the following certifications: ACLS - 66, ACLS Renewal - 24, BLS Healthcare Provider - 460, BLS Renewal - 257, Heartsaver Courses - 547, PALS Provider - 20 PALS Renewal - 9. PHTLS-5; AMLS 8
- Staff supported over 161 requests for technical assistance, with the highest areas of support in education (52%), technical support (19%), AHA Training (7%), and Performance Improvement (5%). Additionally, staff answered 51 requests for direct agency support.
- Rockridge came on board with PulsePoint in December. Highland Co PulsePoint began implementation in December. Upon completion, CSEMS will be the first EMS region and the largest PulsePoint connected contiguous geographic area in Virginia.
- Bath County became our third Stroke Smart Community in October 2024.

**Items of High Interest**

During this quarter, the Prehospital Whole Blood program currently has two sites functioning. Augusta Health Community Foundation awarded CSEMS a grant of \$5,000.00 to fund the Regional Whole Blood Program. CSEMS is currently operating a regional EMS medication

supply program. CSEMS has been awarded a DEA license and exploring agency license or distributor status.

**KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:**

- Board of Directors Meeting - January 28, 2025
- Performance Improvement Committee Meeting- March 6, 2025
- 2025 Shenandoah Valley EMS Expo March 13-15, 2025
- Medical Control Review Committee-March 20, 2025
- Presenting a resolution from the Board of Directors Former Board Member Robin Root

## Rappahannock EMS Council

### **Committees and Meetings**

- The following REMS Council Medical Review, ITM, Guidelines and Training, and Strategic Planning Committees as well as the Heart and Stroke WG met this quarter. The RSAF Grant WG met and reviewed applications for grading. The applicants were invited to attend the WG to give a review of the applications and be available for questions. The CISM Team met and featured a presentation by a service-dog team. The Protocol WG also met and updated the wording on Racemic Epi use.
- REMS Continues to contribute to the monthly VSSTF Stroke Smart WG and host a Regional Stroke Smart task force. A request from the VSSTF Stroke Smart WG to include Stroke Smart information on the VDH MRC training page was taken up by REMS staff.
- REMS Staff attended several external meetings including Rappahannock Area Quarterly Marcus Meeting, HHS/ASPE Project Echo Clinical Readiness Rounds virtual meeting, and DCJS Virginia First Responder Wellness Stakeholder Meeting. REMS participated in a special Virginia Stroke System Task Force meeting that discussed major restructuring of the Taskforce. REMS staff also met with the Director of Rappahannock Work and Learn Collaborative Career and Workforce Division and iQuasar, LLC to discuss details about VTOP Internship program.

### **Outreach and Education**

- REMS partnered with UMW Education Department to teach new educators CPR and FA topics. Training included Stroke Smart TTT education. Appropriate grade curriculum was distributed to the new teachers along with information for bringing Stroke Smart and Project ADAM to the schools.
- REMS conducted AHA BLS Provider and Heartsaver CPR/AED/FA community classes.
- REMS supported Lake of the Woods VRS, Culpeper VRS, Flint Hill VRS, Castleton VFRS, Sperryville VFRS, Chester Gap VFRS and Washington VFRS with their Safety Seat Check Stations. REMS also partnered with Stafford Sheriff's Office, Fredericksburg Police, and Trans Urban to provide a SCS safety event in Stafford County.
- READY SET Go program interviews were conducted for candidates from Stafford and Spotsylvania public schools. REMS Council provided training tools, location, and support for a weeklong agency training program.
- The REMS COPE program continued to collaborate with community partners twice a month. In December COPE hosted a special holiday event featuring Santa and Mrs. Claus, who delighted children with over 100 gifts. Families had access to free shoes, clothing, hygiene items, and wellness services offered by community partners.

### **Operational Activities**

- REMS partnered with Rapp at Home to submit a Wi-Fly Digital Inclusion Grant for aging residents in Rappahannock County. If awarded, the grant will provide 25



seniors with WiFi access, laptops, personalized computer training, telemedicine support, and emergency preparedness education.

- REMS Council has been supported by the volunteer work of ReEmployAbility, Rappahannock Area Health District's Medical Reserve Corps, and community members. A total of 772 volunteer hours were logged in projects which include digitizing student records (which is 90% complete) and community outreach with the COPE program.
- REMS Staff completed the first of a multi-step process of becoming a CPST Instructor.
- REMS submitted the re-designation application for EMS Council Designation.
- REMS submitted and completed locality funding requests for FY26.
- REMS COPE received funding from the Fredericksburg Savings Charitable Foundation Fund to support programs improving quality of life for seniors in PD 16. This initiative will address critical issues such as social isolation, food insecurity, health, mental health, and emergency preparedness, focusing on at-risk, homebound seniors in King George County.

### **Items of High Interest**

REMS, alongside local EMS and law enforcement agencies, hosted a delegation of German paramedics from the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squad's (VAVRS) exchange program. The visiting paramedics toured multiple key sites in Fredericksburg, Orange County, and Spotsylvania. Highlights of the visit included hands-on training with the REMS Council, a heavy-duty crash extrication demo with Spotsylvania Fire and Rescue, a ride-along with Orange County EMS, and specialized training with the Spotsylvania Sheriff's K-9 unit. The week concluded with a cultural trip to Washington, D.C., where the German team toured historic monuments and attended a Capitals hockey game.

### **KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER**

REMS Second Regional Anatomage Tournament is scheduled to take place at Colonial Forge High School on February 15, 2025. This event provides students with a unique opportunity to engage in advanced anatomy and medical science, utilizing 3D visualization technology to explore human anatomy in a competitive format. The tournament will include a series of workshops focused on emergency preparedness, veterinary medicine, disaster response, and the physics of trauma, promoting practical learning and skills development across various medical disciplines.

REMS Council will be hosting the Externship program in collaboration with Spotsylvania and Stafford County High Schools' R.E.A.D.Y SET Program.

## Southwest Virginia EMS Council

### **Committees and Meetings**

- Southwest Virginia EMS Council Board of Directors: September 10
- SW Paramedic Program Advisory Committee: October 29
- Regional EMS Council Director's Group: November 13
- EMS Advisory Board Orientation: November 14
- Rules & Regulations Committee: November 14
- EMS Advisory Board: November 15
- Virginia Medication Kit Transition Workgroup: October 7, October 28, November 11, December 16
- Southwest Virginia Healthcare Coalition Advisory Committee: December 6
- VDH/VDEM/Coalition Partners Update: Bi-weekly
- Weekly Hybrid Office Director Information Sharing Meetings
- Bi-weekly meetings of regional EMS council directors

### **Outreach and Education**

- Scheduled 3-hour free continuing education (CE) sessions conducted monthly at our facility in Bristol, VA. Sessions included Cardiac (10/22), Trauma (11/20), and Medical (12/12).
- Collaborated with Mount Rogers Health District to promote a Multi-Drug-Resistant Organism training for EMS providers and provided continuing education credit for individuals completing the course.
- Council staff assisted with the VAVRS convention in Virginia Beach and conducted infection control officer training.
- Started an EMT course at the council office.
- AEMT Course scheduled for Spring 2025.
- Preplanning for regional CE event in Spring 2025

### **Operational Activities**

- The Council serves as a FieldPrint Fingerprint site. For October-December, the Council completed 195 fingerprint screenings. The Council earned \$727 from this program.
- Promoted regional EMS Awards Program submission. Regional awards were screened and graded by our committee. Ten categories were filled, with nominations made to the Governor's EMS Awards program.
- Continued and monitored medication kit exchange readiness status.

### **Items of High Interest**

#### **Staffing Changes**

The council administrative assistant position became vacant in November 2024.

#### **Medication Kit Transition Project**

Council staff members have participated in statewide workgroups related to the EMS Medication Kit Transition. Guidance and tools have been developed and posted to assist agencies in

planning. On October 10, some regional hospitals agreed to extend the transition date based on information from the FDA. The statewide deadline for the transition was extended until April 15, 2025. Council staff continue to assist EMS agencies in medication kit transition planning, with a regional Virtual Town Hall scheduled for Thursday, November 12.

### **School Crisis, Emergency Management, and Medical Emergency Response Plan Review**

Section §22.1-279.8. D. of the Code of Virginia requires public schools to “develop a written school crisis, emergency management, and medical emergency response plan” and to include regional Council executive directors in the annual review process. The office launched a mechanism to engage with school systems to support this review process and notified all 16 public school systems in the region.

Currently, the Regional Director has reviewed and provided feedback to 53 schools. Three review processes were initiated at the school-district level (encompassing 37 affiliated schools), and 15 reviews were initiated through individual school plan submissions.

### **Regional Hurricane Response**

Council Staff assisted in regional hurricane disaster response. From 9/27 through 10/4, staff assisted by coordinating transport needs, logistics, and EOC operations.

### **KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:**

- EMT-Advanced Certification Course started January 12 (20 registered)
- Plan and conduct a regional EMS awards event (TBA)
- AHA Instructor renewal courses scheduled February 2025 (11 total) to support 143 individuals AHA instructors
- Continue working with EMS agencies on Medication Kit Transition (revised timeline)
- Planning for regional CE conference
- Audit/Annual Report