

OEMS QUARTERLY REPORTS

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Advisory Board Meeting

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Modernization & System Direction: The Office of EMS continues forward in a period of intentional modernization, with a focus on strengthening statewide coordination, improving transparency, and aligning resources for system-wide performance. This quarter reflects a clear shift from planning into implementation.

Regional EMS Council Transition: The most significant milestone this quarter is the transition to the new seven-region structure. The Board of Health approved the redesignation in October, and OEMS is now finalizing contracts to ensure the system is fully ready for launch on January 1, 2026. This transition represents more than an administrative change — it establishes clearer governance, stronger accountability, and a foundation for unified statewide system planning.

State EMS Plan – First Joint Deliverable: The first collaborative project under the new regional structure will be the full update to the State EMS Plan. This work begins next quarter and will realign statewide priorities including workforce development, training, trauma readiness, data modernization, and funding structure. This will be the first EMS Plan developed under a unified seven-region system.

Funding Transparency & System Stability: Biannual Trauma Fund payments were issued on schedule, every designated trauma center in Virginia is in good standing. The Return-to-Locality dashboard is now live, providing clear public visibility into the distribution of Four-for-Life funding. The RSAF fall grant cycle is underway, with improvements to scoring and tier methodology.

Governance, FOIA & Public Access Improvements Digital checklists, WebEx access, and Town Hall public-comment tools are now standard for all Board and committee meetings. Website modernization is in progress, enhancing navigation and access to regulatory, funding, and advisory information.

Internal Workforce & Culture: OEMS staff continue sustaining day-to-day operations while advancing major reforms. Their work reflects a culture grounded in collaboration, professionalism, and shared responsibility for statewide EMS outcomes.

Next-Quarter Priorities: Execute regional contracts and transition activities. Furthermore, we plan to launch the State EMS Plan rewrite. Advance trauma system modernization and portal development. Continue building a transparent, data-driven EMS infrastructure.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Committees and Meetings

- NA

Outreach and Education

- NA

Operational Activities

Process: Staff is 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 Q4 FY25 report, a total of **\$1,898,973.70** was disbursed to 32 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 VAVRS will be released in November 2025. For the Q1 FY26 report, VAVRS will receive a total of **\$160,693.45**, with monthly payments of **\$47,126.16** in July, **\$63,149.90** in August, and **\$50,417.39** in September.

Regional Council: - In compliance with § 46.2-694(A)(13b) the Quarter 4 fund distribution to the Regional Councils were released starting in September with the final council paid in October 2025.

- **Status:** For Q4 FY25 - **\$792,222.23** has been paid with 9 councils submitting their reports July through September 2025. The remaining 2 councils have submitted their reports, and their invoice is pending payment with OFM totaling **\$125,000**.

Trauma: The FY26 biannual Trauma fund payment process was a success; all trauma centers payment we issues on time for a total of **\$5,452,889.80**.

Division of Trauma and Critical Care

Committees and Meetings

- Emergency Response and Preparedness- reviewing the need for the meeting to remain in the form of a committee or a workgroup.
- Systems Improvement- reviewing the need for the meeting to remain in the form of a committee or a work group.
- Pre-Hospital- has reached out to TAG with the request to become a workgroup.
- Injury Violence and Prevention- reviewing the need for the meeting to remain in the form of a committee or a workgroup.
- Acute Care- reviewing the need for the meeting to remain in the form of a committee or a work group.

Trauma Fund

- Trauma Fund audit reports have been successfully submitted from centers for both the 2023 and 2024 calendar years.
- The trauma fund annual report for the usage of 2023 funds has been completed and forwarded to VDH.
- The first installment of the 2025 trauma funds has been successfully processed and invoiced to all qualified Trauma Centers.

Trauma Centers

- 1 trauma center has been approved for level III adult provisional status, which was previously a non-trauma center in the Chesapeake area.
- 3 Adult-level Trauma Centers have undergone successful completion of state review and have been recommended for the routine three-year designation cycle.
- There are no trauma centers currently on conditional designation status in the state of Virginia. This is the first instance of good standing amongst all centers in over three years.

OEMS Trauma Program Contributions

- The State EMS Stroke plan has been approved by the Medical Direction Committee is being forwarded to the Board of Health.
- The Trauma Program Manager is actively involved in the State Multidrug-Resistant Drug Task Force committee and the HB 1309 Treatment and Transport of Working Canines committees as an OEMS representative and trauma systems advisor.

KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:

- A significant movement is due to take place concerning preparing the Trauma Portal for a release date of 2026.

Division of EMS System Funding

Committees and Meetings

- August 4 – Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMS-C)
 - Met with HRSA liaison for EMSC grant program
- August 6 – NASEMSO Safe Transport of Children
 - Active member of committee and new EMSC Virginia partnership rep
- August 12 – EMS-C – Virginia Pediatric Emergency Care Champions/Coordinators
 - Introduction to Virginia PECC for new EMSC Program Director
- August 18 – FARC RSAF Application Workgroup
 - Review current application process for RSAF grants
- August 19, 21 – Pediatric Prehospital Readiness Project webinar
 - Explaining annual survey results regarding Pediatric Readiness by EMS agencies
- August 20 – HRSA EMSC Grants Meeting
 - Meet with HRSA grant manager regarding current EMSC grant
- August 25 – FARC RSAF Process Review Workgroup
 - Review current RSAF grant evaluation process
- August 26 – NASEMSO Pediatric Emergency Care Council
 - Quarterly Meeting of EMSC Program managers
- September 2 – FARC RSAF Application Workgroup
 - Continued review current application process for RSAF grants
- September 2 – NASEMSO Data Application Workgroup – PEC Representative
 - Develop criteria for data request process for NASEMSO
- September 3 – Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association
 - Re-establishing relationship as it pertains to EMSC involvement
- September 10 – EMSC- Family Advocate Network meeting
- September 16 – FARC RSAF Process Review Workgroup
 - Ongoing review of current RSAF grant evaluation process
- September 18 – NASEMSO South Region meeting
 - Sharing and collaboration for south region members
- September 18 – Pediatric Prehospital Readiness Project
 - Collaboration and sharing on hospital and EMS agency Pediatric Readiness
- September 22 – Meet with ODU Staff and David Long
 - Research means to create weighted scoring for RSAF grants
- September 24 – RSAF Funding Tier Workgroup
 - Seek means to create funding tiers for RSAF grants
- September 25- NASEMSO Bylaws Committee meeting
 - Representing Virginia
- October 1 – Training and Certification Committee of EMS Advisory Board
- October 2 – Medical Direction Committee of EMS Advisory Board
- October 8 – RSAF Funding Tier Workgroup
 - Seek means to create funding tiers for RSAF grants
- October 8 – NASEMSO Pediatric Emergency Care Council South Meeting
- October 9 – HRSA Virginia CLMS Update
 - Preparing for March 2026 national hospital survey on pediatric readiness
- October 10 – Meet with Delegate Runion on funding opportunities
- October 16 – EMSC- Family Advocate Network meeting
- October 16 - Pediatric Prehospital Readiness Project

- Collaboration and sharing on hospital and EMS agency Pediatric Readiness
- October 20 – Transportation Committee
 - Rank and grade RSAF grant requests for vehicles for FARC
- October 28 – FARC RSAF Application Workgroup
 - Continued review current application process for RSAF grants

Outreach and Education

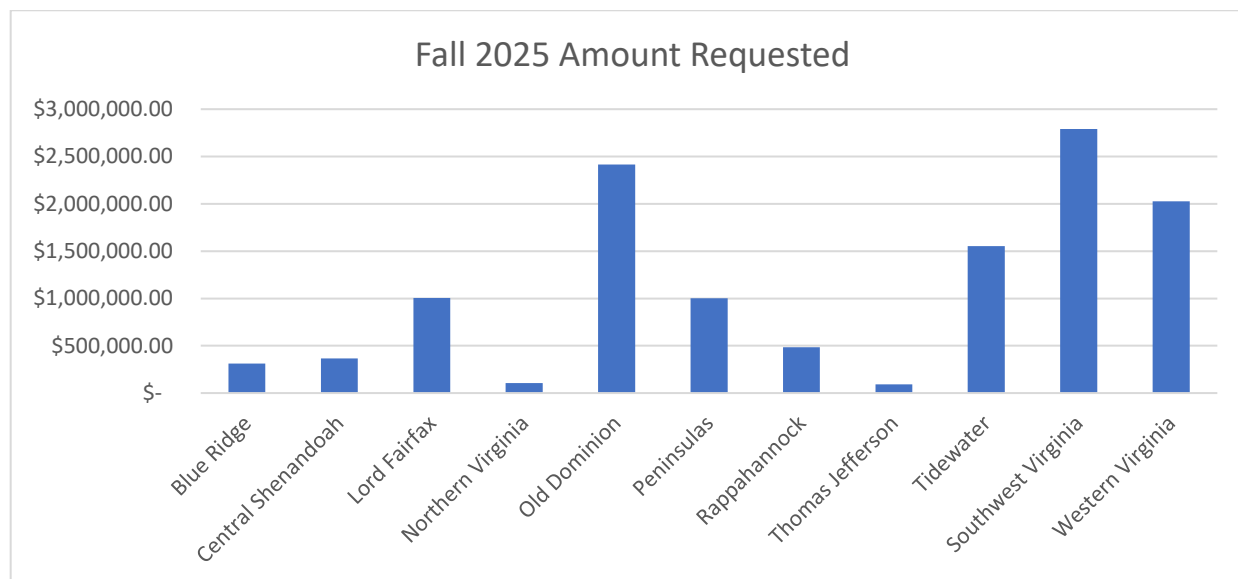
- August 9 - Lord Fairfax EMS Council
 - *RSAF Grants training*
- August 13 – Tidewater/Peninsulas EMS Council Combined Operational Committee
 - *RSAF/RTL/EMSC training*
- September 16 – Virginia Ambulance Association Webinar
 - *EMSC presentation*
- October 4 – Virginia Association of First Responders Conference
 - *RSAF Grant training*
- October 15 – Roanoke EMS Training Center
 - *EMS - Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) training*

Operational Activities

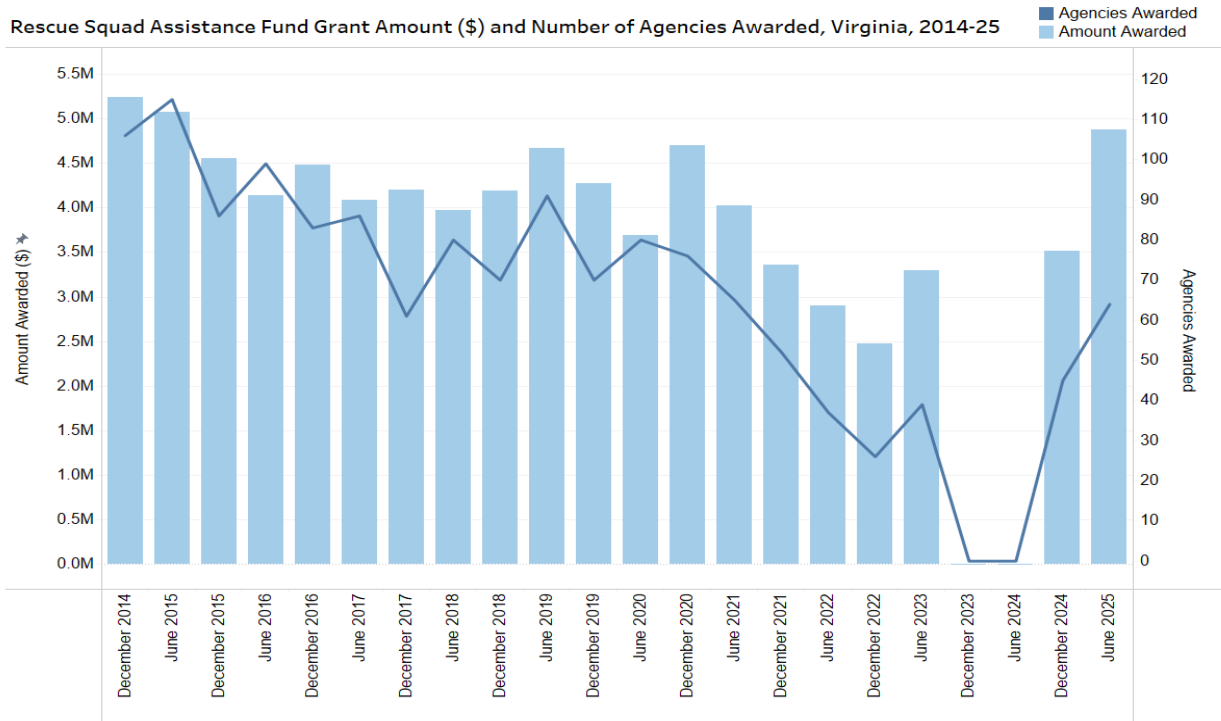
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Items of High Interest

The Fall 2025 Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grant cycle opened on August 1, 2025, and closed September 15, 2025. A total of **63 grants** were submitted (60 EMS agencies, 3 non-EMS agencies) for a total request of **\$12,150,746.12**. Of the 150 items requested, **\$7,589,705.53** is requested for in-state funds leaving \$4,561,040.59 in local matching funds. A breakdown of funding request is below:



Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant Amount (\$) and Number of Agencies Awarded, Virginia, 2014-25



The FY25 DMV Commitment amount for the 133 localities was released (April 1, 2025) and payments have been generated for those localities who have submitted their annual reports (102/133). With the assistance from the Epidemiology Division, a “Return-to-Localities Dashboard” has been developed and is available on the OEMS web page (<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/ems-trauma-data/data-visualizations/rtl/>). The dashboard will be updated to reflect the 2025 data but currently reflects FY20 through FY24.

KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:

RSAF Fall Grant Ranking and Grading, December 4, 2025, ODEMSA
Presentation – NVERS – December 3, 2025 – EMS for Children

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Accreditation, Certification & Education Division

Committees and Meetings

- A. The Training and Certification Committee (TCC) meeting was held on October 1, 2025, at the Old Dominion EMS Alliance in Henrico, VA. There were no action items
- B. The Medical Direction Committee (MDC) meeting was held on October 2, 2025, at the Old Dominion EMS Alliance in Henrico, VA. There were no action items.
- C. The Workforce Development Committee meeting was held on July 31, 2025, during the EMS Advisory Board meetings. There are two action items.
- D. The Provider Health and Safety Committee meeting was held on August 1, 2025, during the EMS Advisory Board meetings. There was not a quorum for the meeting and action item was brought to the Board for the approval of CISM and Peer Support Teams Accreditation.
- E. Monthly meeting for States with The National Registry of EMT on the first Thursday of every month.
- F. Bi-monthly meeting of the NASEMSO Education Council.

Outreach and Education

- **ACE Division Education Coordinator Institute and EMS Educator Updates**
 - EMS Educator Update in Staunton, VA on August 15, 2025, with 38 in attendance
 - EMS Educator Institute conducted September 24th through September 26th, 2025, at the Old Dominion EMS Alliance Council 24 Education Coordinator candidates attended and all were awarded their EC status.
- **EMS Officer I:** EMS Officer 1 courses have been offered multiple times this quarter:
 - September 3-4, 2025, offering in Augusta County is being rescheduled for a later date.
 - September 27-28, 2025, Frederick County, 30 Registered, 18 Completed Program
 - Currently 10 class offerings have been completed from January 1-September 30, 2025
 - Currently 3 class offerings are scheduled from October 1-December 30, 2025.
 - Additional class requests are received regularly.
 - 2026 course requests are being scheduled.
 - EMSO2 is in the early stages of development.



EMS OFFICER 1 COURSE COMPLETION DASHBOARD

COURSE YEAR	NUMBER GRADUATED	NUMBER OF CEUs AWARDED (24hrs)**	NUMBER OF CLASSES
PROGRAM TOTALS	637	14768	41
2025***	156	3744	11
2024	99	2376	7
2023	77	1848	7
2022	72	1728	4
2021	24	576	1
2020	39	936	2
2019	67	1608	4
2018	38	912	2
2017*	38	608	2
2016*	27	432	1
*Course awarded 16 CEUs		**Does not reflect instructor CEUs awarded	
*** Up to 8 CEUs Cat 1 starting 1/1/25		Updated: 10/16/2025	

EMS Safety Officer Course Research and Development:

- Continuing research and development of a Virginia EMS Safety Officer Program course development. Comparing existing programs and aligning with the various code requirements for EMS agencies including Infection Control, provider mental health, scene safety, proper body mechanics, substance abuse programs, EVOC, crew resource management, etc.
- Continuing to develop a process best suited for Virginia EMS agencies to promote the safety of EMS providers and the community.

CISM and Peer Support Accreditation:

- Continuing to process applications for CISM and Peer Support Applications. Full list is updated on the OEMS website at:
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/chatr/critical-incident-stress-management/cism-peer-support-accreditation/accredited-cism-peer-support-teams/>
- Beginning to collect data on teams utilizing support animals, (Facility Dogs, support dogs, etc.). Facility dogs are referenced in the Code of Virginia for support of law enforcement staff.
- Providing teams with a 90-day notice of upcoming expiration of accreditation.
- Currently 50 accredited teams across Virginia.
- Building a resource and collaboration program for accredited CISM and Peer Support Teams. Based in Moodle LMS, system (in final development phases).
 - Team Leads, Clinical Coordinators, Clinicians, Instructors and Support Animal Handlers.
 - Services available: Course requests/postings, Collaboration, Resource Sharing, Open Communications between accredited teams.
- Developing a dashboard through Tableau to display team locations and mapping

Accreditation:

- The Division Director participated in the CoAEMSP Accreditation visit for Newport News Fire on July 31st and August 1st, 2025.

- The EMS Systems Planner participated in the CoAEMSP Accreditation visit for Loudoun County Fire on September 8th and 9th, 2025.
- The Division Director participated in the CoAEMSP Accreditation visit for Northern VA Community College on September 22nd and 23rd, 2025.

Operational Activities

- During Q1 2026, the ACE Division:
 - Responded to 2,014 Help Desk inquiries assisting with questions concerning portal access, certification and recertification inquiries. By working with the Office of Information Management, procedures have been implemented that allows EMS providers the ability to unlock their portal account and reset their passwords which has led to a decrease in tickets by greater than 1,000 in this quarter.
 - Processed 215 reciprocity, legal recognition, and challenge applications with priority processing to active duty, retired and family of the military
 - Certified and recertified 3,299 EMS providers.
 - Received and approved 47 new Education Coordinator applications.

Items of High Interest

- The ACE division director participated in the Continuing Competency Workgroup at the National Registry on September 8th and 9th. She and 14 other stakeholders reviewed the future of continuing education requirements. Consensus opinion was that we move to evidence-based, best practice education. The National Registry will be focusing on their next steps working with their Research Fellows.
- The ACE division director consulted with one new program that will begin teaching EMT in the High School next calendar year.
- On July 14, 2025, the National Registry released their new data platform which created significant issues with certification and testing. The ACE division director continues to monitor the transfer of data between the National Registry and Virginia Office of EMS. While there are still issues being encountered, the majority of significant problems have been resolved.

Committees and Meetings:

- Training and Certification Committee Meeting, October 1, 2025
- Medical Direction Committee Meeting, October 2, 2025
- ACE Staff lectured at the VAVRS Convention on October 4th, 2025

Division of System Optimization

Committees and Meetings

- Served as Lead Planner for the VDH All-Epidemiology Quarterly Meeting (July session), themed *Our Public Health Story: Lessons, Triumphs, New Paths*, featuring former Virginia Health Commissioner Dr. Marissa Levine as keynote speaker.
- *OEMS Epidemiology Spotlight* at the OEMS All Staff Meeting.

Outreach and Education

- Virginia Tech Transportation Institute and DMV projects focused on funding and planning for linkage between EMS motor vehicle crash data and DMV's Traffic Records Electronic Data System (TREDS) and applying findings to prevention efforts.
- Supported OEMS Summer Intern Ty Roche's presentations on *Natural Language Processing for EMS Pediatric Pain Management* for the Medical Direction Committee, the EMS for Children Subcommittee, and the VDH Internship Academy Poster Session.

Operational Activities

During FY26Q1, the Epidemiology Team responded various requests for EMS and/or trauma data, ranging on topics such as Mass casualty incident (MCI) heat mapping, naloxone administration, Regional trauma triage metrics for local-level process improvement, Behavioral and mental health EMS call volume trends, Hypertension and stroke data, as well as several FOIA requests.

- Support items responded to:
- 1750+ portal support tickets.
- 250+ Voicemails
- 200+ EMS/Trauma repository emails.
- Welcomed two new reassigned members of the team: Daniel Linkins, *Division Director*, and Amanda Loreti, *System Optimization Specialist*
- Staff have been working through a Division Charter, Strategic Plan, and Visioning documents to redefine the Division around optimization of internal and statewide systems operations.

Items of High Interest

- The Epidemiology Team was recognized with a Best Trauma Abstract Award at the 2025 World Trauma Symposium as part of EMS World Expo for a statewide whole blood EMS-Trauma Registry linkage study in collaboration with ESO.
- EMS Data Quality Reports – Published monthly showing data quality per agency.
 - July 2025 – Records received – 156,584 – Data Quality – 98.24
 - August 2025 – Records received – 153,621 – Data Quality – 98.30
 - September 2025 – Records received – 151,340 – Data Quality – 98.49

KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:

- Continuation of the Trauma Registry Implementation project.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EMS OPERATIONS

Division of Emergency Operations

Committees and Meetings

- Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Meeting
 - VDOT/VSP Traffic Operations Center – Colonial Heights – July 11, 2025
 - SIEC HB 1820 Workgroup – OEMS, Glen Allen – August 20, 2025
- Virginia Emergency Communications Sector Monthly
 - Virtual, September 23, 2025

Outreach and Education

- Virginia Health & Medical Science Educators Association Summer Conference July 17, 2025
 - Presented - *"Can't We All Just Get Along? Breaking the Stigma: The Comm vs. The Field"*
- Mass Casualty Incident Management I and II Training Course
 - Bedford County – August 7, 2025
 - Amherst County – August 15, 2025
 - Campbell County – September 6, 2025
- 2025 First Responder Wellness Conference (DCJS)
 - Norfolk, September 9-12, 2025

Operational Activities

- Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Accreditation
 - Initial Accreditation: 2
 - Re-Accreditation: 1
 - Annual Reports Reviewed: 7
- 2025 HURREVAC Training
 - Virtual, July 28-31, 2025

Items of High Interest

Emergency Operations is part of a statewide, multi-agency initiative led by the Virginia Office of the Attorney General as part of a Department of Justice grant to strengthen the identification of and response to child and youth victims of human trafficking—particularly male victims and victims of labor trafficking. The initiative brings together government agencies, community partners, human trafficking experts, practitioners across various sectors, and lived experience consultants to address service gaps, align policies and

protocols, and promote survivor-centered, trauma-informed practices across the Commonwealth.

KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:

- *Support That Saves: A Guide to Building and Sustaining Peer Support*
 - This 3-day TEEEX program has been piloted in multiple locations across the country, but the Office of EMS will be hosting the first, full delivery of this class in the nation at its Glen Allen office on December 2-4, 2025.
- Blue Ridge EMS Council full-scale MCI Drill – October 9-10, 2025
- Virginia APCO/Interoperability Conference, November 4-6, 2025
- National Crash Responder Safety Week, November 17-21, 2025
- SIEC Emerging Technologies Conference, December 1-3, 2025

Blue Ridge EMS Council

Committees and Meetings

- July 2025
 - 7/1/2025
 - CISM Team Quarterly Meeting Update
 - 7/2/2025
 - Agency Forum
 - Regional Directors Group Meeting
 - Chest Pain- MI Registry Performance Achievement Award- Group Interview/Photo
 - 7/3/2025
 - Chest Pain Council Meeting
 - 7/8/2025
 - Monthly DART meeting
 - Regional OEMS Director Information Sharing meeting
 - Bi-Weekly Regional Council Check-In
 - 7/9/2025
 - Agency Forum
 - BREMS & Impact First Responders meeting
 - Bedford Co. Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - 7/10/2025
 - OEMS All Staff meeting
 - 7/14/2025
 - EMS Compact Workshop in Richmond
 - 7/15/2025
 - EMS Liaison Meeting
 - Regional OEMS Director Information Sharing meeting
 - 7/16/2025
 - Agency Forum
 - 7/17/2025
 - VHAC Steering Group Meeting
 - 7/18/2025
 - VSSTF Quarterly meeting
 - 7/22/2025
 - Regional OEMS Director Sharing Meeting
 - 7/23/2025
 - Agency Forum
 - 7/24/2025
 - Trauma PIPS Committee
 - Staff meeting
 - Monthly Meeting with Dr. Yee & OEMS Leadership
 - Monthly Stroke Council meeting
 - 7/29/2025
 - Regional OEMS Director Information Sharing meeting
 - 7/30/2025

- Regional Director's Meeting- ODEMSA
 - Agency Forum
- August 2025
 - 8/1/2025
 - Governor's EMS Advisory Board meeting
 - Bedford Stroke Smart Action meeting
 - 8/5/2025
 - Regional OEMS Director Information Sharing meeting
 - Bi-weekly Regional Council meeting
 - 8/6/2025
 - Agency Forum Meeting
 - 8/7/2025
 - VHAC (Virginia Heart Attack Coalition) meeting
 - Bedford County MCI training
 - 8/11/2025
 - Regional MCI Final Prep meeting
 - 8/12/2025
 - BREMS IT meeting
 - EMS Liaison meeting
 - Regional OEMS Director Information Sharing meeting
 - 8/13/2025
 - Agency Forum
 - Centra Virginia Health District Emergency Response Tabletop
 - 8/14/2025
 - All OEMS Staff meeting
 - BREMS Special Called BREMS Board of Director's meeting
 - Agency Forum meeting
 - BREMS Executive Committee meeting
 - Lynchburg LEPC meeting
 - 8/18/2025
 - Meeting with TJEMS Council
 - 8/19/2025
 - Regional OEMS Director Information Sharing meeting
 - Bi-weekly Regional Council Check-In
 - 8/20/2025
 - Agency Forum
 - 8/21/2025
 - VHAC Steering Group meeting
 - 8/26/2025
 - BREMS/Appomattox Co. Radio Communication Discussion
 - Regional OEMS Director Information Sharing meeting
 - 8/27/2025
 - Agency Forum
 - OEMS Provider Interview
 - 8/28/2025
 - Monthly meeting Dr. Yee & OEMS Leadership

- September 2025
 - 9/2/2025
 - Regional OEMS Director Information Sharing meeting
 - Bi-weekly Regional Council Check-In
 - 9/3/2025
 - Agency Forum
 - EMSC & Regional Coordinators meeting
 - 9/4/2025
 - BREMS Full Council / Board of Director's meeting
 - 9/9/2025
 - EMS Liaison meeting- BREMS
 - Regional OEMS Director Information Sharing meeting
 - 9/10/2025
 - Agency Forum
 - 9/11/2025
 - Bedford Stroke Smart Action Group meeting
 - All OEMS Staff meeting
 - 9/15/2025
 - Centra Training at BREMS
 - 9/16/2025
 - Lynchburg Rural Health Care Transformation meeting- VDH
 - 9/17/2025
 - Agency Forum
 - ODEMSA Board of Director's meeting
 - 9/18/2025
 - Centra Training at BREMS
 - NVERS Board meeting
 - Centra Health Groundbreaking on New Tower
 - WVEMS Board meeting
 - VHAC Steering Group meeting
 - 9/23/2025
 - Regional OEMS Director Information Sharing meeting
 - 9/24/2025
 - Agency Forum
 - 9/25/2025
 - All OEMS Staff meeting
 - Monthly meeting with Dr. Yee & OEMS Leadership meeting
 - 9/30/2025
 - EMS Student Eligibility Guidance for Field Rotations in Virginia meeting
 - Regional OEMS Director Information Sharing meeting
 - BREMS Asset Distribution
 - Regional Coordinator & Deputy Director meeting
 - Bi-weekly Regional Council Check-In
 - Agency Forum meeting
 - BREMS & Handtevy App Training

- 6/19/25
 - BREMS CISM All Day Training
- 6/24/25
 - Regional OEMS Director Information Sharing meeting weekly call
 - Bi-weekly Regional Council meeting
- 6/26/25
 - BREMS OEMS/VDH Leadership Regional Tour
 - Lynchburg Fire Department Station 1 & 6 visit
 - Amherst County EMS visit
 - Appomattox Volunteer Rescue Squad visit
 - Campbell County EMS visit- Station 6- Rustburg
 - Bedford County EMS visit
- 6/30/25
 - BREMS CISM Quarterly meeting

Outreach and Education

- BREMS building was used to support regional training for Centra Health during the first quarter multiple times a month.
- Regional CISM Peer Team meets quarterly. During the 1st quarter we met in September.
- 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. [DART Report](#)
- BREMS continues to meet with the Hospital and EMS liaison committee monthly.
- BREMS attended the Lynchburg Rural Health Care Transformation Listening Session on September 16th.

Operational Activities

- BREMS, in collaboration with Pegasus Solutions, and Liberty University held our Regional MCI live exercise on October 9, 2025 on the Liberty University exercise. We held our final planning meeting on August 11th. BREMS, Pegasus Solutions, Liberty, and Lynchburg Fire Department held a check-in meeting on August 6th & 8th. We met with many regional partners in the week leading up to the Regional MCI exercise on Thursday, October 9th. Below is media coverage of this exercise.
 - **WSET (Preview)**
[First responders to participate in mass casualty training exercise in Lynchburg, Virginia \(Liberty University\)](#)
 Published: Before the event (Preview coverage)
 - **WFXR (Coverage)**
[“Bad people do bad things”: Liberty University holds mass casualty training](#)

[to strengthen emergency preparedness](#)

Published: October 9, 2025

Type: Post-event coverage

- **WSLS (Coverage)**

[Watch: Liberty University hosts mass casualty training](#)

Published: October 10, 2025

Type: Post-event coverage

- [News & Advance Article](#)

- BREMS has collaborated and coordinated with the Hybrid Councils to discuss and review ongoing projects in the regional EMS system.
- Regional Communication System- Lifeline
 - September and October, BREMS held multiple meetings with the BRMES Executive Board, Centra Health, Appomattox County EMS leadership, and Administration to discuss how to ensure Appomattox County continues to have radio communications with the hospital after the discontinuation of the Lifeline.

Items of High Interest

- We continue to work with our localities and regional stakeholders on programs.

KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:

Central Shenandoah EMS Council

Committees and Meetings

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|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Quarterly CIPS Meeting | July 8, 2025 | Agenda | Minutes |
| • Quarterly Board of Directors | July 29, 2025 | Agenda | Minutes |
| • Regional Council Directors Group | July 30, 2025 | (See RDG Report) | (See RDG Report) |
| • Quarterly MCRC | 2025-09.18 14:00 | Agenda | Minutes |

Outreach & Education

<i>Event Name/Description</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>
• Image Trend Help	Millboro Rescue Squad	July 08, 2025
• National EMS Memorial	Arlington, VA	July 19, 2025
• OMD Workshop	Central Shenandoah EMS Council	July 23, 2025
• Technical Assistance setting up a new blood site	Lexington Fire Department	July 23, 2025
• OEMS EC Update	Central Shenandoah EMS Council	August 15, 2025
• Technical Assistance setting up a new blood site	Weyers Cave Fire Department	September 18. 2025
• Technical Assistance setting up a new blood site	Grottoes Fire Department	September 23. 2025

Operational Activities

CSEMS served 608 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, Stroke Smart, Pulsepoint, and EMS opportunities.

- The CSEMS Community Training Center provided the following certifications: ACLS - 29, ACLS Renewal - 32, BLS Healthcare Provider - 763, BLS Renewal - 428, Heartsaver Courses - 776, PALS Provider - 9, PALS Renewal- 12
- Staff logged 54 requests for general assistance with the top categories of Community Training Center (60%); Education & Training (21%); General Information (10%), and Performance Improvement (6%); Other (3%)

Items of High Interest

CSEMS Regional EMS Whole Blood Program

- This quarter has seen the expansion from one site to two sites operational. Welcome to the Rockbridge-Lexington Area. They are now fully functional with the ability to provide blood as needed in their respective area of operations.
- The Council is actively in the process of opening the third and final blood site to cover the northern area of the region. Training will be completed 23 September with the expected start of operations in the first week of October 2025, with first scheduled delivery of that month.
- CSEMS Board of Directors is initiating discussions on the transition from the “Hybrid” EMS Council model to a contracted non-profit, beginning continuity of operations planning for services provided to the region. Ongoing discussions continued with a resolution to change to 7 EMS Councils, and the Board voted to support NVERS’ application for designation while maintaining the 501(c)3 as a foundation to continue medication support programs and the Community Training Center.
- Two OEMS-appointed regional staff began split roles in the Division of System Optimization effective July 10, 2025, and initiated plans to cease operations as a Regional Office of OEMS by the end of 2025.

KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:

- Board of Directors Meeting -October 28, 2025
- Medical Control Review Committee-November 13, 2025
- OEMS Employees’ last day in regional positions - November 24, 2025
- End of term as Designated EMS Council - December 31, 2025

Rappahannock EMS Council

Committees and Meetings

The Boards of Directors for the Rappahannock EMS Council (REMS) and the Thomas Jefferson EMS Council (TJEMS) met jointly on July 9 and July 14 to focus on the upcoming council merger and the Request for Applications (RFA) process for new regional EMS council designations. During these sessions, the boards discussed potential structures and naming for the merged organization. The proposed name for the unified entity is the Rivanna-Rappahannock Emergency Medical Services Council. After discussion, the boards voted to cooperate with the Northern Virginia Emergency Response System (NVERS) as they prepare and submit the regional designation application.

During the quarter, REMS staff participated in multiple Virginia Heart Attack Coalition (VHAC) workgroup meetings focused on the development of a statewide EKG training course. The course will be presented at the October 9th meeting.

REMS facilitated the joint REMS/TJEMS Regional Stroke Smart Workgroups during this reporting period (July 22, August 26 and September 23). Highlights include Stafford County achieving Stroke Smart Community designation, expansion of outreach to food clinics, and increased utilization of MRC volunteers to support community events.

REMS staff is a member of the eGift Application Workgroup which was formed on the behest of the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Service's Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC). The goal of this workgroup is to review the current RSAF application (completed in eGift) and offer potential improvements to that process. The workgroup met September 2nd, and September 16th during this reporting period.

Outreach and Education

REMS continues to support the VDH Safety Seat Check Site program with its site in Orange County at Lake of the Woods VRS. (August 21 and September 18).

During the quarter, COPE conducted community outreach and education on key public health topics, reaching 248 individuals in July with information on Fall Prevention and Healthy Vision, 256 individuals in August on Immunization and Public Health, and 390 individuals in September on Suicide Prevention, Domestic Violence, and Sleep Health. Participation continues to rise, reflecting increased community demand for health education and support, as well as growing engagement from partner organizations.

September 27 REMS supported Mary Washington Healthcare's Trauma IMPACT Team at Germanna's Fall Community Health Fair. REMS Staff discussed car seat safety, fitted and distributed bicycle helmets, and taught two sessions of Stroke Smart.

September 30 REMS joined the Claude Moore Advisory Committee to support the local school system and its specialty education programs (CHAMP, EMS, etc).

Operational Activities

The REMS Volunteer Program provided technical support for the MRC student file digitization project on multiple dates, totaling 45.75 volunteer hours. Additionally, ReEmployAbility volunteers

assisted with logistical and maintenance projects, front desk tasks, and administrative digitization. Total volunteer service for the third quarter exceeded 430 hours.

Items of High Interest

Impact WORLD 2026: Healing Across Borders

From April 22–27, 2026, Impact WORLD, organized through REMS's Community Outreach and Patient Engagement (COPE) Program, will launch a multi-nation humanitarian mission across Benin, Ghana, and Nigeria. The initiative will unite international doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals to provide care, share knowledge, and strengthen local health systems.

The mission blends clinical exchange, medical donations, and collaborative learning, featuring hospital tours, bedside partnerships, and professional roundtables hosted by local facilities. Each site will receive a customized donation of essential medical supplies, supporting frontline providers and long-term system capacity. REMS Community volunteers packed over 150 boxes of supplies, weighing more than 3.6 tons.

Key Events of the Coming Quarter:

- [Registration](#) will open for the 3rd Annual REMS Council [Anatomage Tournament](#) to be held on **February 13, 2026 at Colonial Forge High School in Stafford, Virginia**. Confirmed workshops this year include hands on workshop by NVERS, FEMA's USAR TF-1, CISA - Cybersercurity, and a Wellness Toolkit workshop for future responders. New this year, the champion team will be presented with a **\$500** award sponsored by the Virginia Credit Union.

Southwest Virginia EMS Council

Committees and Meetings

- VHCC Workforce EMT Program Meeting: July 1
- JMH Stroke Program Meeting: July 8
- Lenowisco Partners Meeting with HEART: July 9
- Bristol EMS Meeting: July 9
- SWEMS Board of Director: July 15
- SWHEC Healthcare Partner Meeting: August 6
- Regional PI Committee: August 7
- SWEMS Board of Directors: August 13
- Regional Medication Kit Transition: August 30
- Regional PI Committee Call: September 10
- Southwest Virginia Healthcare Coalition Advisory Committee: September 12
- Rural Health Care Transformation Listening Session: September 18
- Southwest Virginia Health Workforce Partnership: September 25
- SWEMS Board of Directors: September 25
- Lenowisco Executive Planning Committee: September 28
- VDH/VDEM/Coalition Partners Update: Monthly
- Weekly VDH Agency Forum: Weekly
- EMS educator group meetings: Monthly
- Regional Office Director Information Sharing: Weekly
- Regional EMS Council Directors Information Sharing: Bi-weekly
- Regional EMS Council Group: Monthly

Outreach and Education

- Began an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification program at the council office on August 10
- Obtained an extension of our EMT/AEMT accreditation to partner with Virginia Highlands Community College (VHCC) and the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center (SWVHEC) to conduct EMT/AEMT certification course through the VHCC workforce development program
- VHCC EMT course began September 10 as a Fast Forward program
- Field Coordinator Josh Wilkinson conducted infection control training (basic and DICO) in July
- Director Greg Woods conducted a presentation on EMS workforce trends and needs at the SWVA Health Workforce Partnership Meeting on September 25
- During this quarter, the regional AHA training center conducted 142 basic life support (BLS and Heartsaver) courses and 55 advanced life support (ACLS and PALS) courses. We issued 694 BLS cards and 180 ALS cards.
- Affiliated agencies conducted 2 hands-only CPR events, with a total of 3,210 people trained

Operational Activities

- The Council serves as a FieldPrint Fingerprint site. From July-September, the Council completed 188 fingerprint screenings.
- Continued transition planning from regional office model to nonprofit model. The Council submitted a response to the Regional EMS Council Request for Applications process.
- Lead Field Coordinator Bryan Kimberlin was appointed as Acting Assistant Director
- Participated in review of school response plans for 23 public schools in our region.

Items of High Interest

Medication Kit Transition Project

Council staff remained engaged in regional medication kit transition activities. Final transition from regional medication kits for select EMS agencies occurred on August 30.

Southwest Virginia Regional Health Workforce Partnership

The regional director continues working with a regional partnership to address workforce needs in health and life sciences sectors. Staff members attend health education partnership meetings.

Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant Program

The council promoted the RSAF grant program, including provision of grant writing assistance. Staff assisted three agencies with RSAF grant processes.

Regional Medical Protocols

OMDs continued reviewing and revising existing protocols as part of a major review period. This included an evaluation of a new protocol app. Website redesign was begun.

KEY EVENTS OF THE COMING QUARTER:

- Launch AEMT certification course in partnership with VHCC and SWVHEC and continue strengthening EMS training offerings.
- Work with Council Board to finalize transition to nonprofit office; Regional Director Greg Woods will transition fully to OEMS Regional Coordinator in November 2025.
- AHA Training Center will continue supporting regional EMS agencies, healthcare facilities, and schools.