

# OEMS: CHANGE IN A CHANGING WORLD



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# WHO ARE WE?

## MISSION STATEMENT:

Support the essential functions of public health through a coordinated, people centered Emergency Medical Care system for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## VISION STATEMENT:

Support a comprehensive, efficient, and resilient Emergency Medical Care System within the Commonwealth of Virginia that is focused on the core public health mission.

## Translation:

We are responsible for planning and coordinating an effective and efficient statewide EMS system.

Our programs and services are designed to assure quality prehospital patient care, from when the call is received to the delivery of the patient to the trauma center or hospital.



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# SO, WHAT DO WE ACTUALLY DO?

- Accreditation, Certification & Education
- Grants and Funding:
  - Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF)
  - Trauma Center
  - Four for Life
- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) / Peer Support
- Emergency Operations
  - Training
  - Equipment
  - Liaison Point of Contact (POC)
  - Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Accreditation / Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD)
  - Emergency Support Function (ESF) – 8 / Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)
  - Health & Medical Emergency Response Team (HMRT)
  - Mass Casualty Incident Management (MCIM)
  - Emergency Planning and Preparedness
  - Provider Health and Safety
  - Traffic Incident Management (TIMS)



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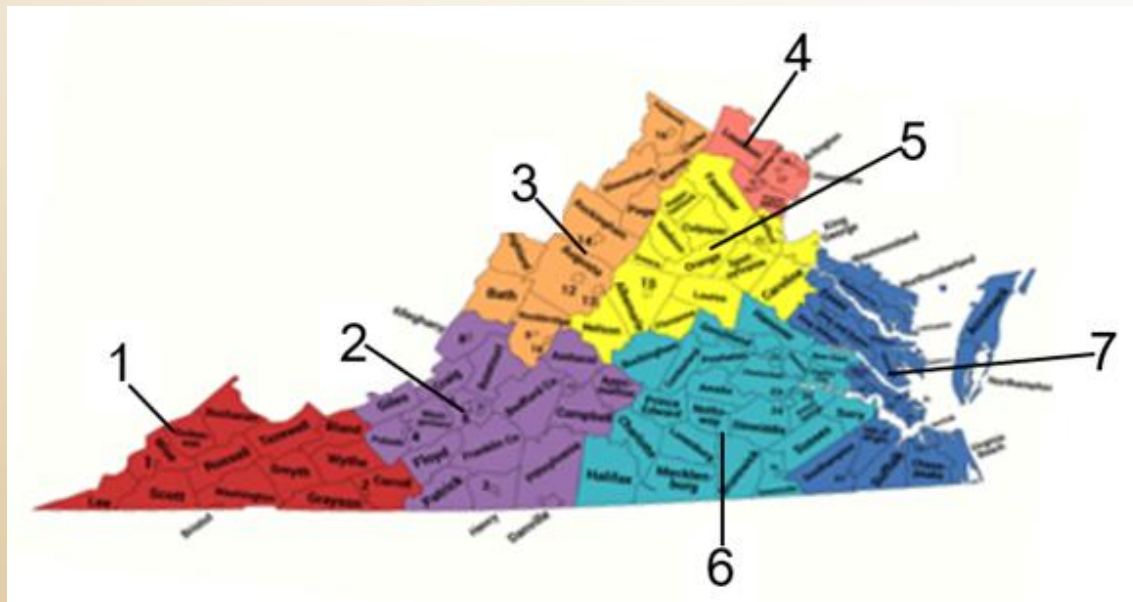
- Data Analytics and Technology for Advanced Teamwork, Information Stewardship, & Epidemiology (EMS DATAWISE)
  - Virginia Pre-hospital Information Bridge (VPHIB)
  - Virginia Statewide Trauma Registry (VSTR)
- Regulation & Compliance Enforcement
  - EMS Agencies
  - Endorsement of EMS Physicians
  - Certification of Providers (Guidelines)
  - EMS Vehicles
  - Compliance
- Trauma and Critical Care
  - Trauma System (center) Management
  - Burn Centers
  - STEMI System
  - Stroke System
  - Patient Care Informatics



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# BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE

- Liaison and Coordination with the Regional Councils
- State EMS Advisory Board
- Virginia EMS for Children (VA EMS-C)



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# HOW CAN WE HELP?

- Information and trend tracking between the field and receiving centers
- Training course creation, support, instruction, and train-the-trainer
- Emergency incident and event support
- Regulation interpretation and coordination
- EMS Subject Matter Expert (SME) support



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# OEMS IN A CHANGING WORLD

- Embracing technology and automation
- Increased information sharing and empowerment of the EMS Regions
- Greater coordination with other offices and departments within VDH, the Commonwealth, and localities
- Community / Provider engagement



**Education Support Request**

To help us route your request to the most appropriate resource, please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

[Start now](#)

## Accreditation, Certification & Education



Virginia Office of EMS  
Education Support Request Form  
<https://tinyurl.com/EducationSupportRequest>



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# THE WORLD WE LIVE IN TODAY

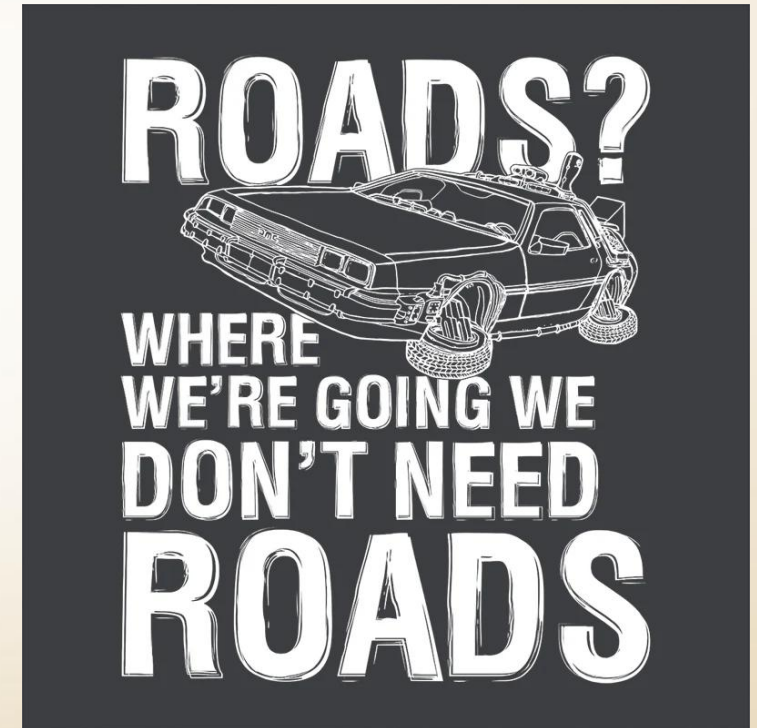
- EMS today is different than EMS 25 years ago
- We are looking at how we can provide training, resources, and cooperation to the field to prepare for possible threats
- Evolution of EMS services
- Tracking of trends and situational awareness



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# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- Enhanced information sharing
- Building bridges not walls
- Points of contact
- Identifying where we can help and who we can reach



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

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“The needs of the many, outweigh the needs of the few, or the one.”  
-Spock, Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan



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