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**Training and Education Committee**

August 6, 2020, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Chair: Vacant

Vice Chair: Craig Bride, NRP, Chesterfield Fire

**Members and Guests Present via Big Blue Button:** Nakia James, Winnie Dunn, Charlies Feiring, Kenneth Williams, Adam Alford, Al Thompson, LeRon Lewis, Jay Gould, Greg Neiman, **Craig Bride**, Ashley Harman, Hunter Elliot, Ray Mallory, Mike Watkins, Marquita Whisonant, Lucian Mirra, Travis Jenkins, Amy Howard, Bryan Miller, Charles McLeod, Kyle Papelino, Lauren Dumas, Mark Garnett, Monty Dixon, Damian Winn

**Conference Line:** None

**ODEMSA Staff:** Tiffany Almeida, Tarsha Robinson, Lynette Eanes, Kathy Eubank, Ryan Scarbrough

**Minutes Scribed by:** Tiffany Almeida

**Materials provided:** None

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 1103 hours with a quorum present.	
Elect New Chairman	Adam Alford accepted a nomination as Chairman.  Kenneth Williams proposed interest but suggested a delay until the November election to allow for more time for all potential nominations.  Committee agreed to delay election of the Chairman until the November meeting. Craig Bride, Vice Chair, to direct the remainder of the meeting.	



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Approve Minutes	No proposed changes to the previous meeting minutes in May.	<b>Motion by:</b> Adam Alford, to approve the minutes of the last meeting at 1114 hours. <b>Seconded by:</b> Lauren Dumas <b>Vote:</b> Unanimously approved.
<b>Reports:</b> EMS  Lakeside VRS	Megan Middleton - Updating perception process to utilize Platinum Planner. Working with VCU to offer Stop the Bleed hybrid in September. New OMD is Brandon Nunnally. Working to provide a difficult airway class in November, to include trach suctioning for BLS providers. Restarting our ride-a-long process. Started accepting new member applications.	



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Goochland Fire	Mike Watkins - In the process of training and education programs back up and running. Updating field training manuals. Held a RSI bi-annual class with COVID precautions used. Working on establishing a monthly CE program. Thanks to ODEMSA for lending equipment.	
Henrico Fire	<p>Lauren Dumas – Recruit Class 74 all passed National Registry testing on first attempt. Stressing importance of ECMO to our EMS providers. Dr. Ferguson is requiring our ALS providers to have both ACLS and PALS certifications. Scheduled for this fall, alongside Shaun Wilson, we have developed 16 hours of Continuing Education to include medical, trauma and various skills.</p> <p>Due to technical difficulties (microphone), Marquita Whisonant unable to provide report. Lauren Dumas continued on her behalf.</p> <p>Lauren Dumas – Marquita is working on establishing Henrico Fire as an accredited program. First cohort currently has 6 students and are in capstone phase 1. Currently recruiting for the next cohort scheduled for January.</p>	
New Kent Fire	Travis Jenkins - Working on developing in-house continuing education. ACLS and PALS scheduled for February and March 2021.	



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Hanover Fire	<p>Lucian Mirra - Just started as Hanover Fire’s EMS Education Coordinator July 1. Recruit academy EMT class finishes next week. EMS in-service planned for second week of September running through mid-October for all companies.</p>	
Chesterfield Fire	<p>Ashley Harman - Our paramedic class has transitioned from online during the height of COVID-19 and has returned to in-class status utilizing social distancing precautions. 15 paramedic students on track and set to graduate November 7. ALS continuing education was put on pause due to COVID-19 but has since caught back up. Preparing for continuing education in the fall, this includes our mandatory airway training. Finishing up our first round of in-class BLS continuing education. In the process of pursuing ALS accreditation for our educational program with plans to begins first cohort in January 2021. Recruit school 61 starts next week with about 15 recruits. They will begin EMT school before moving on to fire school.</p>	
Richmond Ambulance Authority	<p>Ray Mallory - We continue with monthly training and ongoing QA/QI. New EMT class scheduled to being in mid-September. Utilizing AHA Heartcode with 1 on 1 skills testing as well as NAEMT courses with 1 on 1 skills testing. Continuing Education is ongoing.</p>	
<b>Hospitals</b>		
VCU	<p>Greg Neiman - Patient volumes are increasing to pre-COVID numbers. Construction is ongoing with occasional road closures. Will continue to keep all informed and release information regarding road closures as soon as possible.</p>	



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<p>HCA</p> <p>Bon Secours</p> <p><b>Accredited Programs</b></p> <p>VCU CTCCE</p>	<p>LeRon Lewis - Developing a web-based educational platform that will meet state requirements for online Cat 1 CE. Clinical areas are open to EMS students for rotations except for surgical areas.</p> <p>Al Thompson - Accredited programs should have received a letter advising Bon Secours is open to EMS students for clinical rotations on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Bon Secours is requiring eye protection and masks during clinical rotations. EMS students will need to provide their own eye protection (goggles or shield, safety glasses are not acceptable) and masks. All clinical rotations must be scheduled through Platinum Planner. Due COVID-10 the cadaver lab typically offered in the fall will not be offered. A reminder, all patients transported to hospitals via EMS must have a mask on upon entering the facility.</p> <p>Kenneth Williams - Courses are up and running. Switched to virtual learning in March. Came up with creative ways to deliver ACLS, PALS and other courses through Zoom. Adam has been helpful in this process with his experience in the virtual learning. Students for the most part are on track. Would be helpful to have a list of EMS agencies who are open to accepting EMS students for field rotations. Intermediate to paramedic bridge and EMT to paramedic courses are both a go for the fall. National registry has resumed testing either on-site or virtual. A local PearsonVue site did not mention they were closed for testing and one of our students was turned away. We are working with that student. We piloted a psychomotor exam with the state of VA using social distancing on June 17. The test site was successful and went smoothly. Additional local psychomotor exam sites are scheduled for October and November.</p> <p>Adam Alford - Developed an online Stop the Bleed course. The online lecture is provided by our medical director, Dr. Rossi. After, students come and perform skills, limiting the time spent on site. A certificate is provided at the end of the course. Developed a surgical cric training for Residents for surgical cric when an Attending is not available due to COVID-19. The resources are available for EMS agencies for training. Fall EMT class beginning in a couple of weeks.</p>	
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Reynolds CC	<p>Nakia James - Summer EMT course is completed, testing in the next week. This fall, EMT courses from now on will be a single semester instead of 2 semesters. We are offering an EMT course in the fall, utilizing social distancing. New paramedic cohort this fall. Finishing up 1 of 2 cohorts in Spring 2021. Currently advertising for a lead instructor/clinical coordinator. Please reach out if interested. Our program is up for re-accreditation next year, no date yet, due to COVID-19. Concur with Ken, also support a list of EMS agencies who are open and accepting EMS students for field rotations.</p>	
John Tyler CC	<p>Winnie Dunn - Facing same COVID difficulties as other programs. Moved our large lab space to 4 breakout rooms with plexi-glass installed to create space during scenarios on manikins. Students are returning to clinicals. In line with other programs, a list of all hospital and EMS agencies open for clinical and field rotations would be most helpful. A centralized area to find this information, for example the ODEMSA webpage, would be easier for all. One cohort ended in the spring. In that cohort, 4 of 6 have finished. 3 are now fully certified, 1 still in process and 2 are finishing up clinicals and capstone. New paramedic cohort and new EMT class will begin later this month.</p>	
<b>ODEMSA</b>	<p>Tiffany Almeida - Working with Megan Middleton on PTAP administration access for accredited programs. This is ongoing. ODEMSA is hosting a PHTLS course September 12-13. This is a hybrid course, day 1 online and day 2 is in-class skills at the ODEMSA office using social distancing and masks. Currently putting together an EMT hybrid course, no date yet. For equipment requests, please utilize our electronic inventory program, Libib. If you do have a profile, please visit our webpage, click on the Training and Education tab and in the drop down menu select Libib. Recently, took VDH Train the Trainer course for N94 fit testing. Developing a fit testing program, along with Ryan Scarbrough, to assist with EMS agencies who are unable to or limited in their ability to provide fit testing to their providers.</p>	



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<p><b>ODEMSA</b></p>          <p><b>Stop the Bleed Coalition</b></p>          <p><b>Old Business</b></p>          <p>EMS Educator Summit Fall 2020</p>	<p>Lynette Eanes - Developing Peer Support training. The training will be open to EMS agencies first and then to EMS education programs. The course will be 2 hours. The first course is scheduled for the mid-October. Additional courses will be every other month thereafter.</p> <p>Ryan Scarbrough – The ODEMSA phone app has been refreshed. Regional awards nominations are closed. Information regarding when the awards will occur coming in the next month. The awards will be online due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Jay Gould – We developed a hybrid version of Stop the Bleed course. Students will complete the online portion and then a certification is received. The student signs up for a skills site to perform skills 1-on-1. First course will be at Lakeside Volunteer Rescue Squad. Also working with the Jewish Community Center as an additional skills site. If you are interested as far as having a site or helping doing skills, please let me know.</p> <p>Tiffany Almeida - The workgroup established at the last meeting in May met July 20th via Zoom to discuss a suggested EMS Educator Summit. We discussed a basic structure. The summit remains in its infancy.</p> <p>Adam Alford – We discussed having a one day, virtual event about 8 hours, scheduled for either November 12 or 13. The intention of the summit is to increase networking among Education Coordinators and to provide a space for questions and assistance in our new reality of virtual learning. We discussed a wide variety of topics including, how to virtual learning, stress management for educators or how to navigate OEMS regulations for new Education Coordinators.</p>	



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<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p>Megan Middleton – The NREMT sent out the 2021 pricing. There has been an increase across all levels of testing. Ensure your EMS students are aware.</p> <p>Mike Watkins - Will this committee be creating education regarding the Ketamine and Terbutaline additions? I also suggest the EMS programs emphasize pain control, not only locally, but to national standards as well.</p> <p>Tiffany Almeida – The Ketamine education is already completed. The education, as well as Ketamine medication itself, were pushed back due to supply disruption caused by COVID-19. We will hold on to the Ketamine education until told by Dr. Yee or the Medical Direction Committee. For Terbutaline, Tarsha and I will get with Dr. Yee. This committee can certainly help, as it did with Ketamine.</p>	





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<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>The committee agreed to continue to meet virtually for the next meeting, scheduled for November 5, 2020 at 1100 hours. The meeting adjourned at 1205 hours.</p>	<p><b>Motion by:</b> Travis Jenkins to adjourn at 1205 hours. <b>Second by:</b> Greg Neiman <b>Vote:</b> Unanimously approved.</p>
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