



VAGEMSA Meeting February 3, 2017, Richmond Marriott West, Glen Allen, VA

President Gary Critzer called the meeting to order at 10:30 hours. President Critzer welcomed everyone to the meeting, lead the group with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters and. He warned all regarding the desk mikes. This was followed by individual introductions.

Approval of Minutes

Agendas and previous minutes were distributed and approved as corrected.

Officer Reports:

- President's Report – President Critzer discussed his attendance, representing the association, at the Democratic Leadership Meeting where is was able to share our concerns regarding EMS funding and legislative needs. Recognition and presentation to Eddie Ferguson, Immediate Past President for his service.
- 1st Vice President – Rob Lawrence stated he attended several legislative meetings. He encouraged all members to attend the next EMS on the Hill April 25th.
- 2nd Vice President – Jeff Meyer turned the floor over to Eddie Ferguson for a brief update on the upcoming VFCA conference. VAGEMSA is sponsoring an EMS track at the conference and will coordinate with the OEMS for CEUs. He stated several members and associates will be presenting subjects. Jeff Meyer advised that we will have a booth at the VFCA conference and is looking for volunteers. He also requested logos from all member agencies to display.
- Treasurer's report – Balance is \$2438.24. He promoted coins and shirts for members to purchase. Agencies were encouraged to catch up on their dues.
- OEMS Reports – Gary Brown see the Quarterly report on the website. Each Friday he is sending out the legislative grid and report regarding all bills regarding EMS. Gary and staff updated all regard some pending issues including a VA Supreme Court decision that has prompted legislation regarding DL suspensions and its impact on funding to EMS/Trauma. He reported REPLICA was passed by the General Assembly. 7 states are currently REPLICA states and 9 more are in process. Advised of new staff and interviewing for others. OEMS and Fire Programs are attempting to reconfigure both spaces to better use space. OEMS website is being updated. Cam reported on the Trauma System Report and progress toward improvement.
- Lobbyist's Report – Ed Rhodes reported on several bills. Report was submitted to the Secretary.
1) Two Mental Health Bills are in motion. 2) EVOC training for Firefighters 3) Budget amendments submitted to remove 12 lead funding as FARC distributing well over mandated. 4)

Spouses of Fallen FFs who remarry after July 1st will lose benefit. A bill was introduced to maintain current coverage, 20-25 that had been removed, for current survivors. 5) Study of Medivac. 6) Bill to request Lights and Sirens on POVs. Bills withdrawn or defeated after SPD changed wording of "light units" and organizations opposed sirens and recognition as Emergency Vehicles. 7) Bill to disallow state agencies to re-inspect anyone for 2 years or until all others in class are inspected. Bill modified to remove restriction from EMS. 8) Vehicle registration fee increase to go to SPD defeated. 9) Glucagon administration issue has been resolved. 10) Proposed changes to CISM will not impact EMS. 11) Fire Programs funding changes could leave VFP with a \$1M deficit. 12) Couple of bills regarding cancer presumption in committees. 13) Briefly discussed Fire Codes, Fireworks and Drones.

President Critzer advised all of the associations participation at the capitol.

Old Business:

President Critzer advised that a series of town halls regarding the I99 program are being held around the state. He encouraged all agencies to become involved in the conversation.

New Business:

President Critzer presented Chief Dave Barrick with Life Membership in recognition of his many contributions and accomplishments.

A Motion was made, seconded and approved to support the purchase of Challenge Coins.

Presentation by Dr. Yee regarding opioid overdose.

Committee Reports: (More detailed reports can be found in the EMS Quarterly Report booklet found on line the VA OEMS web site)

- Communications:
- Provider Health & Safety:
- Emergency Management:
- FARC:
- LAP:
- T&C:
- Medevac:
- MDC:
- Rules & Regs:
- Transportation:
- Workforce Development:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held May 5th, 2017, along with the other OEMS meetings.

Respectfully Submitted, Dan Norville

List of Attendees Present 2/3/2017

Dan Norville	Norfolk Fire-Rescue	Bryan S McRay	Richmond Ambulance
Gary Critzer	Waynesboro		Authority
Eddie Ferguson	Goochland	Al Thompson	Bon Secours
Rob Lawrence	Richmond Ambulance	Mike Harmon	Bon Secours
	Authority	Ed Rhodes	Rhodes Consulting
Jeff Meyer	Portsmouth Fire	Chip Decker	Richmond Ambulance
Ray Whatley	Alexandria Fire		Authority
	Department	David Hoback	VFCA / Roanoke Fire-
Michael LaSalle	Prince William Co.		EMS
Janet Blankenship	Bedford County F&R	Seth Mowles	Bedford County Fire &
Brian Andrew	Alexandria Fire		Rescue
Jason Ferguson	Botetourt Fire & EMS	Jim Chandler	Tidewater EMS Council
Lori L Knowles	Stafford Co Fire &	Luis-Pedro Gonzales	HRSA
	Rescue	Bob Ryalls	JCFD (RET)
Mark Garnett	Caroline Co Fire &	Jeff Michael	Rockingham
	Rescue	Marcia Pescitani	NV EMS Council
William Ferguson	Franklin Co. Public	Rob Logan	WVEMS Council
Safety		Chris Parker	GAB
Robert Lee	Newport News Fire	Chad Blosser	
David Barrick	Newport News Fire	Chris Vernovai	Highland County
(Ret)		Amanda Davis	OEMS
Eddie Ferguson	Goochland	Tim Perkins	OEMS
George Lindbeck	OEMS	Warren Short	OEMS
Tim McKay	Chesterfield Fire & EMS	Jennifer Kersey	BREMS
Larry A Oliver	Frederick County Fire	Mary Kathryn Allen	BREMS
	and Rescue	Marilyn McLeod	BREMS
Jose V Salazar	Loudon County Fire &	Gary Samuels	HCA
	Rescue	Ed Bonham	Caroline Fire Rescue
Allen Yee	OEMS	Cam Crittinden	OEMS
Stephen J Elliott	Albemarle County Fire	Michael D Berg	OEMS
Brian Hricik	Northern Va EMS	Gary R Brown	OEMS
	Council	Ray Willet	Suffolk Fire
Robert Trimmer	Chesterfield Fire & EMS	Don Altice	Roanoke County Fire &
			Rescue