



**VAGEMSA Meeting November 9, 2017, Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, VA**

President Gary Critzer called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, VA. President Critzer welcomed everyone to the meeting, lead the group in through the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen firefighters and EMS providers. In addition, Gary asked for support for the family and Squad Members of VAVRS Life Member Carlton Hudson. Gary asked that we keep Karen Wagner in our thoughts and prayers.

The minutes of 8/4/2017 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

**Officer Reports:**

- President's Report – A State Board of Health report to the legislature was tabled as it did not adequately describe EMS within VDH. Action within VDH for information sharing within hospitals and asked that EMS be involved in the discussion. We have a table downstairs and any assistance would be appreciated.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – April 18, 2018 is EMS on the Hill. Plan now to attend.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – New Website is up and running. Special thanks to the councils for space and Dave Coulling, TEMS, for help in framing up. Needs help with Department info, website address and patches. Needs a Historian. <http://www.vagemsa.org/>
- Treasurer's report – Aug 3, 2017 the beginning balance was \$779.52 and the ending balance was \$1,359.16. Coins are available for sale as well.
- Past President – On line to sponsor EMS classes and CEUs for VFCA Conference. Volunteers needed.

**OEMS Reports:**

- Chuck Faison – Briefed on training scholarships and continuing education funding. Additional information provided regarding internet processes.
- Warren Short – Instructor process update.
- Scott Winsted – Advised of pending personnel changes. Rules and regulations updates in process. DNR update in process. Comprehensive R&R review and comment period closed. No comments were received. R&R / REPLICA crosswalk being completed.  
As always OEMS quarterly report is posted to the OEMS website.
- Dr. Linbeck – Presentation on Response to Charlottesville Violence.

**Lobbyist's Report:**

- Lobbyist's Report – Report on file. L & G reviewed Fire Council proposed agenda.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Stop The Bleed Programs introduced.

Rumor that Anthem to stop reimbursement for Tx and No Tx. AG Opinion on file that limits what fire and EMS can bill for. Gary and Ed to investigate.

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

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

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Door Prizes were distributed. The next meeting will be held on February 2, 10:30 hours, at the Virginia EMS Symposium, Marriott 2 & 3, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.

Respectfully Submitted, Dan Norville

**List of Members Present**

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| Dan Norville, Norfolk Fire-Rescue          | Rob Ryalls, James City Co. Fire & EMS (ret) |
| Rob Lawrence, Richmond Ambulance Authority | Jan Brantley, City of Fairfax Fire          |
| Gary Critzer, City of Waynesboro           | Terrence McGregor, Lancaster County         |
| Ray Whatley, Alexandria FD                 | Lori Knowles, Stafford Co.                  |
| Brian Hrick, Alexandria FD                 | Jenny Collins, Dare Co. (NC)                |
| Eddie Ferguson, Goochland                  | CoCo Francois, Prince William Co.           |
| Jeff Meyer, Portsmouth                     | Terry Sheehy, Dare Co. (NC)                 |
| Frank Kinnier, Chesterfield Fire & EMS     | Larry A Oliver, Frederick Co.               |
| Alan Yee, Chesterfield Fire & EMS          | Rob Logan, WVEMS                            |
| Janet Blankenship, Bedford County          | Chris Vernovia, Highland County             |
| Tony Prata, Regional Councils              | Ed Rhodes, VAGEMSA                          |
| Joe Coyle, Christiansburg                  | Chuck Faison, OEMS                          |
| Robert Flu, Newport News                   | Warren Short, OEMS                          |
| Steve Powell, Rockingham County            | William Ferguson, Franklin County           |
| Seth Mowles, Bedford County Fire & Rescue  | Jose Salazar, Loudon County                 |
| Mark Garnett, Caroline Co. Fire & Rescue   | Craig Evans, NOVA EMS Council               |
| Amy Ward, Portsmouth Fire                  |   |