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VAGEMSA August 2019 Updates

Next Meeting: VAGEMSA meets again on **Friday, August 2, at 10:30** hours at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Richmond, as part of the Quarterly EMS Meetings. We hope to see everyone there!

Directions: [Embassy Suites by Hilton Richmond \(2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, Virginia\)](#)

Draft Agenda: [VAGEMSA Meeting Agenda \(08-02-2019\)](#)

Life Membership: At the next VAGEMSA meeting Retired Battalion Chief Dan Norville with Norfolk Fire and Rescue will be considered for a VAGEMSA Life Membership.



Battalion Chief Daniel Norville

Dan Norville has been a pillar of EMS in the Commonwealth of Virginia for 44 years serving in many capacities and roles. He eats, sleeps, lives, and breaths EMS. Dan knows no stranger, and no one in the Virginia EMS can say they don't know Dan.

Notwithstanding his 41 years of service and dedication to Norfolk Fire-Rescue, His accomplishments and leadership throughout his career are not just contained to Norfolk. He is serving, or has served, in many capacities throughout the Region, Commonwealth and Nation some of these accomplishments include:

- Member of VAGEMSA for over 20 years and has served as secretary for the past 6 years.
- Tidewater Emergency Medical Services Board of Director
- Member of the Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) for the Virginia Office of EMS
- One of the original flight paramedics for Nightingale regional air ambulance.
- Founding member of the Tidewater Regional Technical Rescue Team.
- Member of FEMA USAR Task Force 2
- Operations Section Chief for the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response Team.
- Logistics Section Chief of Virginia 1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team. (DMAT)
- Founder and current advisor of Boy Scouts Explorer Post 116. Actively mentoring youth who are interested in a Fire/EMS career.
- Serves as host/liasion for the Virginia EMS Symposium for the past 16 years.

His efforts have improved EMS care throughout the Commonwealth and will for many years to come.

Committee Vacancies: The follow committees have a VAGEMSA representative vacancy. Any member interested in representing VAGEMSA at these committees should email Jeff Meyer at president@vagemsa.org.

- Work Force Development (VA EMS Advisory Board Subcommittee)
- Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee

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VAGEMSA Membership: Below is the updated VAGEMSA membership list base on a review of dues paid for FY18 and FY19. For any updates to your agency please complete membership application and email it to Vice President Brian Hricik (second.vicepresident@vagems.org):

Membership application: [VAGEMSA Application Download](#)

VAGEMS MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR FY19					
Agency Name	Primary Delegate	Alternate Delegate	Alternate Delegate 3rd	Alternate Delegate 4th	Alternate Delegate 5th
Albemarle County Fire and Rescue	Steve Elliott	David Puckett			
Alexandria Fire Department	Brian Hricik	Ray Whatley	Byron Andrews		
Arlington County Fire Department	Anne Marsh				
Augusta County Fire-Rescue	Matt Lawler				
Bedford County Department of Fire & Rescue	Janet Blankenship	Seth Mowles			
Botetourt County Fire EMS	Jason Ferguson				
Caroline County Fire – Rescue	Jason Loftus	Mak Garnett			
Charlottesville Fire Department	Linda Johnson	Mike Rogers			
Chesterfield Fire and EMS	Robert Trimmer	Allen Yee			
Christiansburg Rescue	Dustin Williams				
Dinwiddie County Fire & EMS					
Fairfax County Fire and Rescue	John Chesek				
Franklin Fire and Rescue Department	William Ferguson				
Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services	Larry Oliver				
Goochland County Department of Fire-Rescue and Emergency Services	Edward Ferguson	William MacKay			
Hampton Fire & Rescue	Jason Monk	John Tucker			
Henery County Department of Public Safety	Suzie Helbert	Matt Tattum			
Henrico County Division of Fire	Alec Oughton				
James City County Fire Department	Jason Sweet				
King George County, Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services					
Lancaster County Emergency Services	Sofia Welch				
Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System	Micah Joel Kiger	Jamie Cooper			
Madison County EMS	Nick Freitas				
Manassas Fire and Rescue Department					
New Kent Fire-Rescue	Lisa Baber				
Norfolk Fire-Rescue	Dan Norville				
Northern Virginia EMS Council	Craig Evans	Michelle Ludeman			
Peninsulas EMS Council *	Michael Player	Amy Ashe			
Portsmouth Fire Rescue and Emergency Services	Jeffrey Meyer	Amy Ward			
Reston Hospital Center (Reston HCA) *	Keith Morrison				
Richmond Ambulance Authority	Chip Decker	Michael Colman	Bryan McRay		
Roanoke County Fire & Rescue	Don Altice	Stephen Simon	Rocky Patterson	Chad Wheeler	
Roanoke Fire-EMS	David Hoback	Billy Altman			
Rockingham County Department of Fire and Rescue	Jeff Michael	Lindsey Olinger			
Stafford County Fire and Rescue	Lori Knowles				
Tidewater EMS Council	David Long				
Virginia Beach EMS	Thomas Green	John Bianco	Bruce Nedelka	Kevin Lipscomb	Mike Lewis
Waynesboro Department of Emergency Management and EMS	Gary P. Critzer				
Western VA EMS Council *	Rob Logan				
Williamsburg Fire Department					
York County Department of Fire and Life Safety	Stephen Kopczynski	Tony Prata			

* Associate Membership

Membership Dues: Invoices for the FY20 are currently being sent out to member agencies and associate membership. These invoices will be coming from invoicing@messaging.squareup.com. The invoice will be emailed to the primary delegate and alternate delegates will be listed in the additional recipients list.

VAGEMSA traditionally runs a low treasury balance, reinvesting the available funds immediately back into the organization. Our two sizeable revolving expenses are our General Assembly lobbying fees and our annual EMS Symposium contribution. We really appreciate everyone’s help and consideration to keep the membership dues current.

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Membership Recruitment: One of this year's organizational goals is to increase the size of our membership. If you know of an organization who could benefit from or would like to become a member of VAGEMSA, please reach out to them and encourage them to join. Please contact Second Vice President Brian Hricik (second.vicepresident@vagem.org).

Membership application: [VAGEMSA Application Download](#)

VAGEMSA Shirts: We have established a business relationship with an embroidery vendor who is ready to start selling shirts and other items with the VAGEMSA logo. The first few we have received to date are very nice quality and reasonably priced.

Order Form: [VAGEMSA Shirt Order Form](#)

VAGEMSA COINS: We have VAGEMSA coins available for purchase. Please see any VAGEMSA executive committee member to purchase a coin.

Virginia EMS News

Register Now for the 40th Annual Virginia EMS Symposium – [More Information](#)

"Make the Call" Mental Health and Wellness Campaign media toolkit - [More info](#)

Virginia Office of EMS Bulletin - Summer 2018 Edition - <https://goo.gl/Yj1wHS>

National EMS News

PAHPA Act Passed By Congress, Heads To President for Signing - [More info](#)

Advocacy Campaign Alert! EMS Workforce Violence Legislation - [More info](#)

National Child Heatstroke Prevention Campaign - May 27, 2019 - Aug 11, 2019

[Click here to get your Heatstroke Prevention Toolkit](#)

Medicare Reimbursement for Treat no Transport and Alternative Destinations - [More Info](#)

Thinking About Applying for CMS' New ET3 Model? - [More info](#)

ET3 Request for Application – [More info](#)

HHS seeks public input on improving care coordination and reducing the regulatory burdens of the HIPAA Rules - [More info](#)

What's in the Opioid Bill? - <https://goo.gl/7Agqwm>

Drug/Opioid- Overdose Deaths — US, 2013–2017 - [More info](#)

Opioid Stats Update - [More info](#)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) - Fentanyl Safety Video for First Responders from - <https://goo.gl/jUVF8P>

Thank you for your support for VAGEMSA and
be safe in your daily work and jobs!