

N.C. Association of Rescue & Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
66th Annual Meeting & Directors Meeting
September 9-10, 2022
Beaufort Hotel, Beaufort NC

Call to Order

Welcome - Josh Shumate

Invocation - Joel Faircloth

Adoption of order of business; Motion to approve Bill Henderson, second Tim Pennell, motion carried.

Recognition of guests - Josh Shumate

Tom Mitchell Chief OEMS, Allen Johnson, OEMS, Brain Wade, NCOSFM, Greg Palmer, NCOSFM, Brian Barnes NCEM, David Starling, NC Fire Rescue Pension Fund, and Fred Bone of Bone & Associates.

Roll call of Voting Delegates; Jerry Bradshaw 14 voting delegates. A complete list is available in the office.

Roll call of Directors; Joel Faircloth. 22 Area Directors, Past Commander, Vice Commander, Executive Director, were present.

Minutes of Directors Meeting 05-01-2022: Motion to approve, Bob Twomey, second by Scott McCaskill, motion approved.

Old Business

Agency Reports

OSFM: Brian Wade

- Rescue Grants open and online submission made by Oct. 1.
- Supplemental Grants should be paid out soon they are working to get those completed
- Kim Williams has retired and so there is some reorganization going on within OSFM. Brian Wade will have Kim's duties and training in the interim and grants will be under ratings and governmental services.
- TR program updates will be forth coming in the next year or so.

OEMS: Tom Mitchell

EMS medication treatment grant for EMS and the opioid issue. It is going through Department of Mental Health. This will help to put someone with an overdose in contact with treatment or if that is delayed then EMS can administer saboxone so they can keep from overdosing before they can get in to treatment. The money will help to expand it from 2 to 10 programs.

Planing for EMS expos 2023 April 28- May 3 Greensboro.

A new website has been created to pull all their different websites together in to one for OEMS/DHHS.

New NCEP protocols are to come out October 15 and implement January 15.

CAS version 3 was adopted this year. New ambulances will have to built to this standard after July 01. They have seen that some trucks have been delivered with those standards marked on the sticker but then upon inspection some equipment such as a back up camera may have not been installed. OEMS will temporary permit those until those items can be corrected. Please contact the office and they will be glad to assist to make sure they prior to delivery the standards are met. Staff will assist with questions.

Working to allow more access for agencies to be able to get data back out of OEMS system.

NCEM: Brian Barnes

-Scott Zander is Search and Rescue Coordinator

- Search and Rescue Rules are open for comment until October 15 and will take effect in December. There will be advisory teams for the different disciplines.
- Disaster medical is being incorporated in to the program as well.
- SHP was approved for a new helicopter and will be incorporated in when it is up to speed on search and rescue and be hoist equipped.
- USAR, Swiftwater, HART programs have smart phones deployed for them to be able to utilize and collect data for those to help with recovery and statistic. The other programs will be included in data collection as well.

Treasurer's Office: David Starling

- Actuary study will be coming out later this year.
- They have seen increases in all areas in the retirements systems division.
- Looking to be able to help to automate more and have the departments on line where they can manage there documents there. 35% are participating at this time and they are looking to increase that.
- Significant increases in retirement requests across the retirement system. Also increase in buy back requests.
- Deaths have increased by 30-40% across all plans. They are working to process as quickly as possible.
- Reminder to designate beneficiaries on your NC retirement plans accordingly. Be sure if you have multiple plans there that those beneficiaries are named on all.
- Increasing communications through updating website and mailing letters. Such as contacting members that are 55 and have the years to be able to retire. Also to get up with those that have an account that is inactive. A updated newsletter should be coming out as well.

Boards & Commission Representative Reports

Fire & Rescue Commission: Robert Poe

Have not met since the last meeting.

Fire & Rescue Commission Certification Brd: Terry Foxx

The Certification Board has not met since our last meeting; but will meet on September 15, 2022, at Kernersville Fire Department at 10AM.

EMS Advisory Council: Robert Poe

NC EMS Advisory Council

5/10/22

Trauma Center Designations

Asheville 4 years

Cape Fear Fayetteville 1 year

Naval Medical Center Camp LeJune 3 years

Wake Med Cary 4 years

From 2/1/22 to 4/30/23 there were 1198 credentials sent out

EMS Disciplinary Committee 29% are due to Violent Offences

6% due to Patient Care Issues

Program Coordinator workshop are ongoing

Out of the 161 instutions that are required to attend this only 119 are in compliance. All must be in compliant by June 30 2022

Medical Directors Update-RSI is being looked at closely

EMS Expo had 824 attendees

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Drexel Pratt was awarded posthumously the Dr George Johnson Award

There were 2 new awards this year The Graham Previer Award and the Kent Spitler Award

Graham Previer Award was Dr Staci Marine a Medical Director in the Memorial Mission system and Robert Poe
The Kent Spitler Award was awarded to Tom Ferrell a former employee of OEMS and Sandhills Community College

OEMS started a Memory Wall with the names, agency affiliation and date of death of 248 that had deceased since the last conference

VSWCF Board: Joel Faircloth

No premiums will be paid for the next 2 years by departments that participate in the VSWCF. Claims have been down. Please encourage every to continue being careful and keep claims down.

Fire & Rescue Pension Advisory Brd: Debbie Poe / Gary Whitman
Met June 1 information covered NC Treasurer report.

Stroke Advisory Council: Hervy Kornegay Jr./Tom Mitchell
Have not met since last meeting.

911 Board: Greg Foster

911 Board Updates ESINet Telephone System - As of September 8th, 2022

- 125 PSAPS (911 Centers) are live on State ESINet

- 2 active Projects

i3 (North Carolina Next Generation 911 GIS Status Update) as of September 8th, 2022

- 113 PSAPs are Data i3 ready

NC 911 Financial Report as of June 24, 2022 Board Meeting

- NG 911 Financial Reporting (June 2021

Month End Balance \$ 76,125,411

Disbursement \$ 2,419,955

- CMRS Financial Reporting

Month End Balance \$ 2,787,472

Disbursement \$ 0.00

- PSAP Financial Reporting

Month End Balance \$ 18,288,802

Disbursement \$ 3,904,705

- PSAP Grant/Statewide Projects Account

Month End Balance \$ 23,594,722

Grant Fund Committed \$ 21,804,586

FY 2023 PSAP Grants:

NC 911 Board Update September 10, 2021

At the August 26th, 2022 meeting of the NC 911 board, we voted to approve approximately 13.7 million dollars in grants which includes the replacement or renovation/relocation of two of the counties 911 centers.

- These grant aware announcements are currently being made.

The Board also voted on a second grant cycle for 2023 which will open in October of this year and to offer another Priority One Collaboration Grant of \$5,000,000.00 which focuses on collaboration of PSAPs in the following areas:

- Consolidation of two or more primary 911 centers among contiguous or regional jurisdictions where economies of scale and cost savings efficiencies may be realized. This may include bricks and mortar

projects, radio communications, and CAD to CAD. (Not to include transfer of 911 calls between primary PSAPs.)

- Consolidation studies.
- Primary to primary backup capabilities. Creation of backup capabilities at a current primary PSAP—removing the standalone backup. (Logical network backup versus a physical backup.)
- Radio communications consolidation for dispatching capabilities to establish a single primary answering point with more than one dispatch center in a jurisdiction.

The N.C. 911 Board's Next Generation 911 project has earned awards from two national groups recognizing its innovation and leadership in utilizing IP infrastructure and geospatial data to improve the accuracy and reliability of emergency calling. NASCIO Enterprise IT Management Initiative award and the NSGIC Geospatial Excellence Award: Catalyst

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ulg9qs9HOIU>

The next 911 Board meeting will be held on September 30, 2022 at 10:00 am and is open to anyone who wishes to attend. For more information:

<https://it.nc.gov/about/boards-commissions/nc-911-board/events>

Technical Urban Search & Rescue Advisory Committee: Terry Foxx

The Technical Urban Search & Rescue Advisory Committee has not met since our last meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Advisory: Bob Twomey

No Report. Bob did write the article for the Carolina Fire & Rescue Journal that talked about the benefits of the association and benevolent brotherhood.

BLS Competition: William Mauney/Allen Johnson

Ready to use the new competition format. Please be on time Saturday morning with equipment ready.

Constitution: No Report

Credentials: David Stamey

14 Voting Delegates

Finance: Joel Faircloth

Motion to approve all financial statements for Association, Brotherhood, Memorial Fund by Bill Henderson, second by Bob Twomey, motion approved.

Motion to use Nunn, Brasher, & Uzzell for audit, second Bob Twomey, motion approved.

Relief Fund financial statements presented for information.

Personnel: Jeff Hinshaw

Remember Carnie in prayers and hope health improved. Joel is working through work flow.

Rescue Competition: Mac Smith

Ready for competition beginning the afternoon and Saturday morning. Rescue competitions will be out on the dock and outside.

Standards & Training: Terry Foxx

The current Association membership is 28,967 members. We all need to work toward getting more to enroll into the Brotherhood. To date we only have 4370 Brotherhood members. The standards updates were sent to Joel for review. Once his review is complete, he will send to the committee. Once the committee reviews them, we can get them implemented. Three additional updates need to be looked at pertaining to our prussiks, water rescue rope and traffic direction lights/wands. Terry to work on those and get them added to the standards prior to implementation.

Relief Fund Board of Trustees: Joel Faircloth
2022 applications were announced May 15, 2021.

All winners are posted on line and everyone who applied should have received an email. Please remind everyone to keep up their email and contact information on file in our office.

We are working to turn around benefits as quickly as possible. Please let us know if you know of anyone who could be eligible for a benefit so we can follow up.

Convention Committee: Josh Shumate/Joel Faircloth

The plan is to go west for the next convention dates in 2023, September 7-10. Options to check, Clemmons, Double Tree, and Renaissance in Asheville.

Make motion for Joel to be able to potentially hire a group/co such as Upton to take care of finding a place and manage convention and pricing by Robert Poe, second Tim Pennell motion passed.

New Business

Legislative Update: Fred Bone

Updates were given on various bills of interests and outlook on the upcoming election.

State of the Association Report: Hervy Kornegay Jr.

The Association remains strong throughout another challenging year. We continue to meet the needs of our members through the efforts of our staff and direction provided through our Executive Director and Board. The Office itself continues to go through change. Due to COVID 19, our staff had to learn to operate efficiently from home. Like many businesses we found that we can continue to do this with greater efficiency and increased employee satisfaction; hopefully extending the careers of our staff.

Financially we have remained stable.

We continue to work with our partners at the NC Office of EMS, the NC Office of the State Fire Marshall, and North Carolina Emergency Management to enhance the services that we provide. These relationships are vital to our success and I would like to personally thank them for their support.

Most importantly I would like to thank our members for continuing to answer the call. You all are heroes.

In closing, I would like to thank Executive Director Joel Faircloth and Vice Commander Josh Shumate for all of their support both personally and professionally over the last year.

Our mission is enhanced by our working relationships with our partners at the NC Office of EMS, the NC Office of the State Fire Marshall, and North Carolina Emergency Management. These relationships are vital to our success and I would like to personally thank them for their support.

I am proud to serve you as Commander.

Directors Meetings 2023

Recommendation for January 21 @ Transylvania, April 30 @ Greensboro EMS Expo. Motion to approve Dale Whitlock, second Bob Twomey, motion approved.

Appointment of Committee Chairpersons: Josh Shumate

Motion for all committee chairs to remain as it with the exception of the Constitution Committee to be changed to Donnie Houston by Bob Twomey second David Stamey, motion approved.

Appointments of Personnel Committee: Josh Shumate

Motion to re-appoint Kim Haddock and Jerry Bradshaw, and appoint Debbie Poe by Tim Pennell, second Bill Henderson, motion approved

Recessed until Awards Presentation Ceremony

Presentation Ceremony September 10, 2022

Welcome

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Invocation

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Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Josh Shumate

Memorial Service

Joel Faircloth

Introduction of Special Guests

Josh Shumate

Director of the Year Award

Scott McCaskill

Josh Shumate

Craig Helms Challenge

1st Alamance County Rescue Josh Shumate & Alex Beaver

2nd Alamance County Rescue William & Chris Mauney

3rd Alamance County Rescue Julie Garner & Hasten Watson

Mac Smith

Technical Rescue Competition

Alamance County Rescue

Mac Smith

Senior BLS Competition

Whiteville Rescue - Julie Garcia & Malik Washington

William Mauney

Junior BLS Competition

1st Tabor City Emergency Services - Joshua Wooster & Diesel Ward

2nd Whiteville Rescue - John Blackwell & Brandon Hunt

3rd Gaston Fire - Jaidyn Robinson, Derek Lassiter, & Deon Brooks

4th Tabor City Emergency Services - Lauren Locklear & Kayla Stanley

William Mauney

Benediction

Joel Faircloth

Adjourn

There being no further business the convention / annual meeting was adjourned.

Joel Faircloth

Executive Director

(Not Official until approved by the Board of Directors)