

NCAR&EMS 58th ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting Minutes for August 7-9, 2014

Opening

NC Association of Rescue & EMS, Inc.

August 7-9, 2014

Greenville Convention Center, Greenville NC

Commander Robert Poe called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Carnie Hedgepeth.

Welcome was given by Commander Robert Poe

Adoption of order of business; Motion to approve by Bill Henderson; second Bob Twomey; motion carried.

Roll call of voting delegates; Jerry Bradshaw called the names of 22 voting delegates. A complete list is available in the office.

Guests were recognized; Regina Godette-Crawford Chief OEMS and staff, David Starling NC Treasurers Office Fire & Rescue Pension Fund, Wayne Goodwin & Staff NC OSFM, Melissa Greene NCEM, Chris Barron NCEMSC, and Fred Bone of Bone & Associates.

Old Business

None.

Agency Reports

OSFM:

Wayne Bailey

- Recognize Mike Edwards, Jonathan Sowers and Shawn Haynes.
- Rescue Officer pilot coming up this month. See Joel Faircloth for any questions
- TR rewrites are happening Requals will be sometime 2015
- FF Instructor's requals are happening as we speak through the end of September.
- Dive Rescue is in the works. Pilots should be happening in 2015
- OSFM is offering a Lifting Risk Reduction for Instructor and Direct Delivery. See Shawn Haynes.
- NFA Department Health and Wellness Program is available for Direct Delivery. See Shawn.

- NFA Highway Safety Program has been revised
 - Go to Commission's page under Training and look for "Request Fire Rescue Training" to request a class. Class should have a Minimum of 10
- New staff person in the office. Carol McDermott. She replaced Tammy Marcum that had top leave to take care of a aging mom in FL.
- Department of CC is working on a state wide calendar to list certification classes
- Rescue grants.
- The grant may be used only for purposes related to services that the unit is authorized to provide.
- - Priority order for grant applicants is as follows: rescue units, rescue/EMS units, EMS units that are licensed as EMS providers under G.S. 131E-155.1, and finally EMS units that are volunteer fire departments that are a part of the county's EMS system plan
- Operation medicine drop

NCEM:

Melissa Greene

Tied in with the legislation in Session Law 2014-27 for firefighter background checks, the General Assembly formalized the State Urban Search and Rescue program. The legislation also opens the door for potential funding in the future for specialized rescue.

There's a good bit of training coming up;

We'll be offering a Swiftwater Boat Operator class in Morganton August 25-29, with another Basic and Advanced course and 2 Water Rescue Logistics/Outboard Maintenance courses in September and October.

There will be 2 USAR courses in October in Charlotte. The 10 day Structural Collapse Technician course will be held October 20-29 and a Heavy Equipment and Rigging Specialist course will be held October 18-21.

The DuPont Rescue Experience will be held again in Henderson County, November 7-9. During the exercise we will be offering a Mountain and Wilderness Rigging course. And we'll be offering the the winter/alpine operations course again in February.

We appreciate everything the association and it's member squads do for the State. If there is ever anything we can do for you please don't hesitate to contact us.

OEMS:

Regina Godette-Crawford

Staff Changes/Retirements/New Hires at the OEMS

New Staff

- Will Ray- Healthcare Coalition Coordinator
Development will drive the HPR&R Program
- David Ezzell- Education/Credentialing
Wright Building (Raleigh Office)
- Rob Glover-Regional Specialist
Eastern Regional Office (Greenville)

VIPER Update/Grant Update

- All VIPER sites are operating on the P25 network.
 - o Training of operators
 - o Understanding for users is being provided regarding the new UPPER CASE channel zones.
- Equipping all permitted EMS vehicles with VIPER mobile radios. Currently, we have successfully awarded 230 Viper mobile radios to 66 different agencies throughout the state. The second round of grant awards will be released shortly. We are considering adopting an “application” process to improve efficiency in awarding this equipment.
- Lower vs. UPPER case identifiers
- “Second Touch” for hospitals – efforts are underway to provide a “second touch” for hospital VIPER radios to remove the older VIPER channels and make the radio “home” to the new UPPER CASE viper channel.
- First Net has been to NC Connect –is a 2 year project/plan. The grant was transferred to ICS. This is a cloud based application.

Healthcare Preparedness

National Mobile Disaster Hospital

- On April 28th, 21 tornadoes plowed through Mississippi.
 - One EF4 tornado was confirmed to have touched down in Louisville, MS.
 - 1,119 homes were destroyed.
 - 2,390 families were affected.
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- Mississippi EMA requested portions of the MDH to augment medical capabilities in Louisville, due to the destruction of Louisville Medical Center.
 - N.C. SMRS, MDH Staff, MCT Overhead Team, and NCBM Logistics Support Team responded to Louisville, MS to work with MS EMA to put staff of Louisville Medical Center back to work, until their facility can be rebuilt.
 - This portion of the Mobile Disaster Hospital is expected to remain in Louisville, MS for 12 to 18 months while the Medical Center is being rebuilt.
 - Thanks to the SMRS, NCEM, Dr. Lew Stringer, NCBM, MCT, and others for a successful deployment.

Paramedic Competition

Preliminary Paramedic Competition held on July 25th at Five (5) sites across the state. 45 teams competed. Please visit our website to see the Champions and Alternates from each site.

Preliminary Competition Sites:

Gaston College
Surry Community College
Wake Tech Community College
Fayetteville Tech Community College
Cape Fear Community College

Please visit our website to see the Champions and Alternates from each site.

Emergency Medicine Today '14 - October 4th – 8th, 2014
Koury Convention Center

Registration is Open!

Ongoing OEMS Initiatives

- ☒ Redesign of EMS Patches - Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks, to develop opportunities for submission of ideas.

Suggestions will be accepted until September 15th.

Winners will be announced during Banquet @ EM Today on October 7th.

Paramedic, Medical Responder, EMT, Intermediate.

- Interest has been expressed by the NCEMSA Executive Committee to look at another State Ambulance Contract.
- This would be entirely different than the previous Ambulance Contract, similar to the Florida Sheriff's Association Contract.
- Stakeholders will be brought to the table to assist in developing this document with State Purchasing and Contract.

RULES UPDATE

- Task Force Chair will present the final "Draft" version to the Advisory Council at their August 12th meeting.
- The Medical Care Commission meets in September, we hope to present and receive approval to continue with rulemaking.
- This timeline should allow rules to become effective between April 1st and July 1, 2015.

Next rule revision is underway to address Community Paramedic Programs. We anticipate these rules to be ready for review by the Advisory Council by November '14 meeting.

Legislative Update

Senate Bill 797

- Governor McCrory Signs Law Requiring 911 Center Backup Plans
- Signed into law on July 9th
- Every 911 center in NC will be required to have a backup call response plan.
- Of the 127 PSAPs in North Carolina, only 26 have backup plans in place.
- PSAPS have until July 1, 2016 to comply with the new law.

Senate Bill 761

- Governor McCrory signs into law 7/10/14 – Military Training and past experience converted into College credit.

- Instructs the UNC and NC Comm. College systems to develop programs that will convert military training into college credits and the state's licensure boards into professional certifications and licenses.
- Information will be discussed to determine impact on EMS.

State Treasurers' Office:

David Starling, NC Treasurers Office, NC Fire / Rescue Pension Fund

- The Fire & Rescue Pension have been reviewed by NCGA, PED, Treasurer Office Staff, IT, Buck Consultants and others over the last 18+ months.
- Current financial status of the Fund as of June 30, 2014
 - Last Actuary evaluation.
 - 40000 Members of the Pension Fund
 - 12000 Retired members
 - Assets of \$318 Million
 - Funding Ratio just above 80%
- Legislative changes from HB 1034
 - All members who have reached 55 and 20 years of service can receive their pension, so those that may still have been compensated by a fire rescue agency would be able to receive the benefit starting Oct 1, 2014.
- Operation Update
 - Receiving Contributions are heavy at the beginning of the year during the first quarter and they are working changes to help them better handle that workload in the beginning of the year.
 - Roster have been received in a timely fashion by the Association
 - In the process of selecting a new pension fund coordinator and working to get staffing back up to proper levels.
 - F/R Pension was added to the Orbit system but not fully built out, but are currently working to write the program for that.
 - Review of the NCGA Program Evaluation Report.
 - Working to communicate better with everyone through their website and other means.

Boards & Commission Representative Reports

Certification Board:

Terry Foxx

- The Certification Board has met twice since our last directors meeting.
- The Policy and Procedures Manual has been reviewed for a couple of clarifications that were needed.
- Currently the TR Rewrites are ongoing and will be back to OSFM staff by September 30, 2014.
- The Dive Standard is also continuing to move forward.
- The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in Salisbury.

EMS Advisory Committee:

Robert Poe

NC EMS Advisory Council 5-13-14

- Mr. Graham Pervier was reelected chairman
- Dr. Benson be reelected as vice chairman
- Mr. Bob Bailey presented the Outstanding Leadership Award to Jesse Lee “Tony” Seamon, Jr. in grateful appreciation for his superior leadership qualities and 43 years of dedication to the State EMS Advisory Council. Mr. Seamon recently passed away, and the award was presented to his wife, Mrs. Judy Seamon.
- On behalf of the Disciplinary Committee, Dr. Roy Alson presented a plaque to Ms. Kimberly Sides in appreciation and honor for her 30 years of devoted service to EMS and with special recognition of her successful efforts to establish the EMS Chemical Dependence Program.
- OEMS is working with shareholders and stakeholders to develop a Community Paramedicine curriculum and various other education projects.
- State Medical Director Dr. Winslow gave a report on Senate Bill 20 which encourages the use of Naloxone for lay personnel which also expanded the access of Naloxone to pre-hospital personnel. In working with Dr. Kanoff, the OEMS staff and Dr. Kirby from the NC Medical Board, we have expanded the scope of practice for medical responders to use intranasal Naloxone. Also, law enforcement officers may carry and use this as long as it’s done under the supervision, education and protocols all approved by the county medical director.
- The 41st Emergency Medicine Today conference will be held in Greensboro on October 4 – 8
- The Rules Task Force that was appointed by Chairman Pervier has held public comment meetings and has been very busy. We are scheduled to make a full report to the Advisory Council at the August meeting which is Tuesday

Fire & Rescue Commission:

Robert Poe

- Meeting April 8, 2014
- Kevin Gordon gave a update on activities of the Certification Board
- Instructor qualifications were discussed and passed as written by the Certification Board.

- A lengthy discussion concerning reciprocity and firefighters and rescue squad workers coming into North Carolina from other states and also North Carolina residents going out of state to obtain certification due to significant less hours.
 - Disciplinary policy concerning suspension of instructors was reviewed and found to be sufficient.
 - Mike Edwards and staff is working on 2 new LODD
 - Kim Williams gave a update on NFIRS (Fire Dept Reporting)
- Rick McIntyre and Cloyce Anders gave a brief report on the Volunteer Workers Comp and rate increases coming in July 1, 2014

Volunteer Safety Workers Comp Fund Board:

Gordon Joyner

- There is now a dedicated funding source for the fund. There have been evaluation put in place to review the fund to ensure stability of the fund.
- Increases in rates occurred to the Part-time and Full-time but not volunteers.

Fire & Rescue Pension Fund Advisory Board:

Debbie Poe

- No additional information than what was in report from David Starling of the NC Treasurers Office.

Stroke Advisory Council:

No Report

911 Board:

No Report

Committee reports were given as follows:

Advisory Committee:

Terry Foxx. No Report

Finance Committee:

Gary Whitman

- Financial Statements presented for information only.

- Budget for FY 2014-2015 was approved at the April 2014 Board of Directors Meeting.

Personnel Committee:

Jeff Hinshaw

- Everything seems well with staff.

Credentials Committee:

Jerry Bradshaw

- 22 voting delegates.

Constitution Committee:

Glenn Cowan. No Report.

Rescue Competition:

Tim Pennell

- Competition is coming from the suggestions that people have sent and has not been done before.

BLS Competition:

Terry Foxx

- BLS Competition will be held at the annual meeting. Allen Johnson with OEMS brought a propose equipment list for the upcoming competition to be considered. That list was approved by the Board at the April Directors' meeting. Please pay attention to the times listed on the agenda.

Training And Standards Committee:

Terry Foxx

- The training and standards committee met in Goldsboro on Saturday, April 5.
- Brian Barnes, SAR Coordinator with NC Emergency Management was on hand to discuss the request to implement a NC Alpine & Mountaineering Standard. A draft copy of the propose standard was discussed and approved by the Board to move forward. Currently training curriculum is being developed, potential dates for training being worked out and

implementation is being scheduled for January 1, 2015. This will allow use of the Rescue Grant for purchase of equipment if need be. A copy of the approved standard will be available for review beginning September 1, 2014. NO INSPECTIONS for this will be done until after January 2015.

- The REMS class will be held in March 2015 and the Graduate School will be held sometime in April 2015.
- All of the standards will be reviewed for clarity, consistency, additions and deletions and these revisions will become effective on January 1, 2015. It should be noted that no additions that will cause purchasing of additional equipment are expected

Special Committee Reports:

Relief Fund Board:

Robert Poe

- Presented and approved the refinancing of the building through the bank and not out of the Relief Fund.
- Increase the scholarships. \$12000 will increase to \$15000, \$8000 will increase to \$9500.

Rescue & EMS Memorial, Ways & Means Committee:

Robert Poe

- Bill Henderson has been named as Chairman to replace Fitz McKeel after his passing.
- The drawings are being reviewed and have been sent for some updating.
- If you have any suggestion please make contact with Bill and let him know your thoughts.

Bone & Associates - Legislative Update

Fred Bone:

A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes in the office and available upon request.

New Business

Association Life Membership

Robert Poe, Commander

- Nominations of Jeff Hinshaw and Joel Faircloth. Voting by the voting delegates and announced at the Awards Ceremony.

STATE of the ASSOCIATION

Commander Robert Poe.

I would like to thank Becky, Lynette, Joel, Gordon and Lena. Without the hard work and dedication of these individuals who give 100% every day, this Association would not be in the great shape that we are. Their collective hard work makes our association run like a well oiled machine, for that we should be grateful.

We went through a Program Evaluation last year as mandated by the NC General Assembly. Their findings suggested a couple of items. One was that we refinance the building. The Relief Fund Committee members met and presented a plan to the Board of Directors which resulted in us refinancing the building actually at a lower percentage rate than we were paying. The other item was after looking at our investments they suggested we spend more money from the relief fund helping our members. One item that the Relief Fund Committee looked at was increasing the scholarships. We communicated via e-mail, met on this and came up with increases which will take effect in 2015. The \$12,000.00 will go to \$15,000.00; the \$8,000.00 goes to \$9,500.00.

We continue to work hard in a proactive manner with our State Agencies to affect change in our communities. At this time I would like to recognize some of these agencies that we work with.

OSFM is top notch in keeping you the members of this association quality programs which are second in the US only to the Dept of Defense. Working closely with OSFM staff are our appointed members on the Fire and Rescue Commission, the Certification Board and sub committees concerning rescue.

The Office of EMS with Chief Crawford at the helm is continuing to work and provide EMS and rescue departments with programs and oversight on all levels of quality patient care in North Carolina.

We have started working more with NC Emergency Management which I believe will be good for both agencies as well as the victims we serve. Jointly working with them we will have the NC Alpine Mountaineering Rescue Standard in January 2015. This will be a great program to add to our Rescue Standards.

Bone and Associates continues to keep us on top of Legislative issues that are important to our members and guide us through the legislative process in an ethical and professional manner. Our affiliation with Bone and Associates has been a very good investment.

To all of you and those who you represent I would like to say Thank you for a job well done. In closing just to reiterate , we are financially stable, always looking for ways to improve benefits for our members.

The meeting was recessed until the Awards Presentations.

AWARDS PRESENTATION CEREMONY

August 09, 2014

Welcome Commander Robert Poe

Presentation of Colors by Greenville Public Safety Pipe and Drum

Invocation by Carnie Hedgepeth

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Carnie Hedgepeth

Memorial Service Greenville Public Safety Pipe and Drum played Amazing Grace.

Introduced the head table and guests Commander Robert Poe

N. C. Association of Rescue & EMS Auxiliary Officer Introduction and Installation

President: Donna Stanley

Vice President: Stephanie Lassiter

Secretary/Treasurer: Melva Thompson

N. C. Association of Rescue & EMS, Inc Awards

NCAREMS Lifetime Membership:

Jeff Hinshaw

Joel Faircloth

NCAREMS Emeritus Membership:

Rhonda Stevens, Retired NC Fire & Rescue Pension Fund

Chad M. Smith Memorial Spirit Award:

North Mecklenburg Rescue

Steve Richey Memorial Award:

George Crawford

William F. Osborne Outstanding Chief Memorial Award:

Jeff Hinshaw - Yadkin County Rescue Squad

Director of the Year Award:

Tim Pennell - Area XI

Technical Rescue of the Year:

1st Place - Transylvania Rescue Squad

2nd Place - Fayetteville Fire Department

Technical Rescue Competition:

1st Place - Alexander Rescue Squad & EMS

2nd Place - North Mecklenburg Rescue

Craig A. Helms Memorial Technical Rescue Challenge:

1st Place - Alexander Rescue Squad & EMS

2nd Place - North Mecklenburg Rescue Squad

3rd Place - Transylvania Rescue Squad

Jr BLS Competition:

1st Place - Tabor City Emergency Services

2nd Place - Fremont Emergency Services

3rd Place - Gates County Rescue & EMS

Sr BLS Competition:

- 1st Place - Tabor City Emergency Services
- 2nd Place - Alexander Rescue Squad & EMS Team #1
- 3rd Place - Piedmont Triad Ambulance & Rescue
- 4th Place - Alexander Rescue Squad & EMS Team #2
- 5th Place- North Mecklenburg Rescue Squad

Benediction by Carnie Hedgepeth.

Closing:

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

Author/Etc.:

Gordon A. Joyner/Executive Director

(Not official until approved by the Board of Directors.)