

N.C. Association of Rescue & Emergency Medical Services, Inc.

60th Annual Meeting & Directors Meeting

September 08-10, 2016

Hickory-Metro Convention Center

Call to Order

Welcome - Terry Foxx

Invocation - Carnie Hedgepeth

Adoption of order of business; Motion to approve Scott McCaskill, second Bob Twomey, motion carried.

Recognition of guests - Terry Foxx

Tom Mitchell Chief OEMS, Chuck Lewis, Assistant Chief, Allen Johnson, OEMS, Donna Boyette NC Treasurers Office Fire & Rescue Pension Fund, Shawn Haynes, NCOSFM, Jonathan Sowers, NCOSFM, Bruce Hodges, NCOSFM Eric Wiseman, NCEM, Charlie Laird, NCEM, Brian Barnes NCEM, and Fred Bone of Bone & Associates.

Roll call of Voting Delegates; Jerry Bradshaw called the names of 23 voting delegates. A complete list is available in the office.

Roll call of Directors; Joel Faircloth. 22 Area Directors, 2 Past Commanders, Vice Commander, Commander, Executive Director, and Executive Director Emeritus were present.

Minutes of Directors Meeting 05-14-2016: Motion to approve, Bill Henderson, second by Tricia Lee, motion approved.

Old Business

Agency Reports

OSFM: Shawn Haynes

- Dates for qualification schools are posted on the OSFM website if you need those.
- Fall High School has been posted to the website.
- Any course that are needed please make those request.

OEMS: Tom Mitchell

Let me start by updating you on the Asst. Chief position that was vacant, when we last met in May. Chuck Lewis was hired as Asst. Chief OEMS on June 6th. As many of you are aware, Chuck used to work for the office as Western Regional Manager, up until October 2014, when he entered the private sector. We are glad to have Chuck back, and he has already proven that he will be a great asset, and has definitely hit the ground running. Chuck & I both will be here with you throughout the convention, if you need to speak with us.

I would also like to recognize Allen Johnson, who continues to be our liaison with the Association. He does a great job in that role, and has been coordinating the BLS competition for many years. We will have other staff arriving tomorrow to assist with the competition on Saturday morning.

In regards to items of interest within OEMS:

- Community Paramedicine Pilot Project – We were successful in getting the General Assembly to extend the reporting period of the Community Paramedicine Pilot Project. Originally, the final report was due to the General Assembly in October '16, but was extended in the budget bill to March 31st, 2017. We are receiving CP Data from Wake, New Hanover and McDowell, and working with DMA to match it with Medicaid data for the same patients visited by the CP. DMA will then be assisting with forecasting the projected savings to reflect statewide savings.
- Relocation of the Eastern Regional Office to GTP (Kinston)

- EM Today (Sept. 30th – Oct. 5th) is being held at the end of the month in Greensboro. Schedule is set, and everything is on schedule. Registration is still open, and currently have around 700 people registered.
- DNR/MOST Forms
- Rules Update – Proposed Rules are going back to Medical Care Commission in November to have them approved, prior to being codified in January '17. These are the 46 rules that include the implementation of the new credentialing levels. These were available for public comment in the NC Register until August 15th. Comments were related to Weapons on Ambulances, Community Paramedicine concerns, and repeal of .0203.
- Rules Update - .0204 rule was carried to Medical Care Commission in August to obtain permission to enter into rule-making. The proposed language in this rule will be published in the NC Register for comment on September 15th – October 31st. This rule addresses the licensing requirement for Air Medical Programs, and their requirement to have affiliation with Level I and Level II Trauma Center. This was deemed by Administration to prohibit entry into the market, enjoined by the Federal Court Injunction in 2010.
- The transition of EMS personnel to the new credentialing levels will be unveiled at EM Today. A website is being created to facilitate smooth transition for all personnel. This will affect approx. 41,000 personnel. We have narrowed the list of personnel needing to transition to approx. 26,000. Others have already transitioned through the NR, Community College transition or local EMS agency transitioning.
- Ambulance Standards
- Provider Violence Tool
- Workforce – In NC, the average age of the EMS professional is 39 years of age. This is a problem, reflecting young people aren't coming into the profession. Another concerning number is we have 41,000 credentialed technicians in the state. Over the past year, 30% (12,300) responded to an EMS call completing a patient care report as a member of an EMS crew. That means 28,700 credentialed technicians have not provided medical care to a patient in the past 12 months.
- Impaired Provider Program – how do we keep our providers in EMS that become addicted while in EMS.
- Updating of NCCEP Documents to reflect new levels. (NCMB Listing)
- Position Statements for Concussive Athletes

NCEM: Brian Barnes

- Todd Brown is new Deputy Operations, Brian Barnes is the Emergency Services Coordinator, Charlie Laird, NC Search and Rescue Coordinator.
- Deployed some resources for Hermine
- YTD 129 student of the EM Mountain Rescue Program and is continuing to grow.
- EM is working on putting on some part time engineers for structural specialist
- NC Search and Rescue Technical advisory committee is meeting in October.
- Working with OEMS of finalizing planning for Hurricane Response and hospital or facility evacuation plans
- Planning next hurricane exercise for the winter.
- Next SERC is October 21, 2016 at the state EOC.

Treasurer's Office: Donna Boyette

- Roster for 2015 were uploaded successfully this year. 85% of the departments submitted the monies on time. If it is not in on time it will cost to pay late.
- Fully staffed since April 2015 4 full time and 2 temporary.
- Working to contact those that are 53 and are approaching retirement.
- Encourage those that are not going to stay in emergency service that they get that out if they are leaving their department.
- Issuing a newsletter now through email. Hoping for the next one to come out in December.

- SB 886 was passed concerning Line of Duty Death and payout of the pension to survivor and later a designated beneficiary after July 01, 2018
- Please submit rosters in time for them to be sent in our office on time and payment for 2016 by March 31.

Boards & Commission Representative Reports

Fire & Rescue Commission: Robert Poe

No report the July 2016 meeting was cancelled.

Fire & Rescue Commission Certification Brd: Terry Foxx

The Certification Board met June 07, 2016. The agenda items were mainly follow up information. The TR Rewrites are complete and the revised program, Technical Rescuer went into effect January 1, 2016. The New Chapter 19, Machinery Rescue went into effect on July 1. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on September 20, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in Salisbury. Due to a very light agenda that meeting was cancelled and all business will be handled at the December 13, 2016 meeting.

EMS Advisory Council: Robert Poe

EMS Advisory Council 8/9/2016

An update on the Chemical Dependency Program was given. The number of participants are very low. Most of this thought to be due to the cost of the program. For an individual the cost for the evaluation, treatment plan, drug screening and other miscellaneous cost can be from \$3000.0 to upwards of \$18,000.00. The Disciplinary Committee is looking for ways to get assistance for individuals.

There were 34 formal complaints received at the 3 Regional Offices from May 1 to July 31.

The Disciplinary Committee reviewed 18 cases during this time period.

Reasons to be reviewed were criminal arrest, unprofessional conduct, lack of competence and other.

The Agency issued 1146 EMS credentials through initial courses and 2200 EMS credentials through continuing education

The 2016 annual preliminary Paramedic Competition were held on July 15

They were Cape Fear Community College; Hoke County EMS2
 Fayetteville Technical Community College: Surry County ES2
 Wake Technical Community College: Surry County ES1
 Surry Community College: Rowan County ES
 Gaston College: Cabarrus EMS 2

Final competition will be October 2 at Emergency Medicine Today

The agenda for classes have been set for the 43rd Annual Emergency Medicine Today Conference

Transition to the Agenda for the Future: An EMS Systems Approach will be rolled out at EM Today
 Statewide transition will begin on January 1 2017

Institutions and Instructors will have until December 31, 2017 to be compliant

Individuals will have until December 31, 2018 to transition

A presentation was given on the Community Paramedicine Program. There are currently several such programs in the state with 3 programs receiving grant monies from OEMS.

OEMS is working with high school trainers and the NC High School Athletic Association concerning athletic emergencies

Approximately 2/3 of the technicians credentialed in the state did not do any patient care in the last 12 months

VSWCF Board: Joel Faircloth

Financially the fund is in a better position due to funding stabilization. Rates will be coming up for discussion in September. Please keep encouraging everyone to be safe and reduce risk.

Stroke Advisory Council: Tom Mitchell

STROKE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 19, 2016 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM American Heart Association
3131 RDU Center Drive, Suite 100, Morrisville, NC

Karen McCall, UNC Healthcare Communications & Marketing; Peg O'Connell, Fuquay Solutions; Abby Fairbank, American Heart Association; Betsy Vetter, American Heart Association; Sarah Jacobson, American Heart Association; Anna Bess Brown, Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force; Cathy Thomas, NC Division of Public Health; Alicia Clark, NC Division of Public Health; Donna Beaman, Wilson Medical Center; Leighann Sauls, Alliant Quality; Pam Duncan, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center; Ryan Swanson, Blue Cross Blue Shield; Ron Cromartie, Innovative HealthCare Consulting; David Huang, MD, UNC Comprehensive Stroke Center; Sherée Vodicka, YMCA; Carmen Graffagnino, MD, Duke Comprehensive Stroke Center; Monique Mackey, NC AHEC Program; Kunal Thakur, American Heart Association; Chelsea Yu, American Heart Association.

Members/Partners by Phone:

Haley Wetmore, Medtronic; Stephanie Ebert, Medtronic; Robin Jones, Mission Health System.

Welcome, Introductions and Approval of April 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Karen McCall, co-chair, welcomed Carmen Graffagnino, MD from Duke Comprehensive Stroke Center; and attendees introduced themselves.

Ron Cromartie made a motion that the minutes from the April 16, 2015 meeting be approved as submitted; the minutes were approved with no corrections.

Acknowledging the impact of the Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force (JWTF) and the Stroke Advisory Council on the establishment of the framework for how NC deals with stroke, participants discussed their priorities for the Stroke Advisory Council:

Stroke Advisory Council Priorities Prevention

1. Focus on **primary prevention** to prevent stroke; decrease tobacco use and increase physical activity and healthy eating; seek funding for prevention interventions.
2. Increase **awareness** of the need to call 911 to shorten time to treatment for acute stroke. Seek funding for awareness activities; consider health literacy and priority populations in education efforts.
3. Stress **secondary prevention**; explain the link between high blood pressure and stroke.

Access to Care

4. Increase **access** to healthcare; support Medicaid expansion, Care4Carolina.
5. Address the needs of the working poor who cannot afford **insurance** and of the insured who cannot afford co-pays and other costs.

Stroke Registry

6. Integrate the Stroke Registry with larger reporting systems and **seek funding** for the Registry.

Partner and Promote

1. **Partner** with groups to increase awareness of stroke symptoms and treatment options; partner with community and faith-based groups.
2. Develop and maintain a stroke **resource directory**; connect patients to community resources.

1. Engage **pharmacy staff** with education, adherence, and blood pressure checks.
2. Increase use of **public health nurses and community health workers**.

EMS/Getting to Care

11. Optimize **stroke systems of care** for acute treatment and service.
12. Update and disseminate **EMS Triage Destination Plans. Care and Care System**
13. Improve **communication** between hospital systems and primary care providers for patients who have received care for strokes.

Post-Stroke Care

14. **Post-acute stroke care:** integrate acute/post-acute services for secondary prevention, recovery, health, and medication management; ensure quality metrics.

Announcements

Peg O'Connell, co-chair, announced that Betsy Vetter of the American Heart Association has received the NC Stroke Association's Stroke Heroes Advocating Prevention and Education (SHAPE) award. The award honors health care providers and advocates who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment and passion for stroke prevention and education in North Carolina. The official presentation of the SHAPE award will take place November 22.

Following the meeting, the group watched the CDC Public Health Grand Rounds: Mind Your Risks and Act FAST to Prevent and Treat Strokes which featured NC's own Cheryl Bushnell, MD, MHS, Professor of Neurology & Director of the Comprehensive Stroke Center at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. You may access this archived webinar [here](#).

Closing Remarks and Adjournment:

Karen McCall thanked all for their ideas and expressed the urgency of coordinating and collaborating with JWTF on action plans.

Anna Bess encouraged attendees to turn in their priority lists for compilation and use in setting the goals and agenda for the future, and she asked participants to keep their suggestions coming.

Save the Dates

The next Stroke Advisory Council meeting will be held **October 13 from 10 AM-1 PM** at the American Heart Association with lunch provided by Medtronic. The purpose of this meeting will be to finalize priorities.

The Stroke Advisory Council will meet again from **1-2 PM November 22** at the UNC Center for School Leadership Development following Betsy's award celebration luncheon. We will hear a presentation from Ali Zomorodi, MD, Medical Director of the Duke Raleigh Skull Base and Cerebrovascular Center, on the latest in stroke treatments. **Please plan to join us.**

911 Board: Jimmy Stewart

No Report

Standing Committee Reports

Advisory: Bob Twomey

No Report

BLS Competition: William Mauney/Allen Johnson

Please look at the agenda and be sure your teams are on time and where they need to be.

Constitution : Glen Cowan

No Report

Credentials: Jerry Bradshaw

No Report

Finance: Gary Whitman/Terry Foxx

Motion to to approve financial statements for Association by Bill Henderson, second by Robert Ivey, motion approved.

Motion to to approve financial statements for Brotherhood by Bill Henderson, second by Robert Ivey, motion approved.

Motion to approve financial statements for Memorial Fund by Bob Twomey, second by Robert Ivey, motion approved.

Relief Fund financial statements presented for information.

Personnel: Jeff Hinshaw

No new report. The office reorganization will come into effect with the new budget year starting in October.

Rescue Competition: Tim Pennell

Competition will be held in the parking deck tomorrow afternoon. Please thank the convention center staff and other committee teams members, OSFM and others for their help in setting up for competition.

Judges qualification will be coming up next year. It is time for re-certification of judges.

Standards & Training: Terry Foxx

The current Association membership is 28,087 members. We all need to work toward getting more to enroll into the Brotherhood. The training and standards committee continues to bring our standards in compliance and make minor changes as they relate to the new Technical Rescuer program and the ever changing equipment and technology.

In addition to the above all of the standards are being reviewed for clarity, consistency, additions and deletions and these revisions will become effective on January 1, 2017. Due to some confusion over the several TR rewrites, the T & S committee elected not to change anything on our Standards until all the new TR changes had gone into effect. It should be noted that no additions that will cause purchasing of additional equipment are expected. The committee hopes to have a standards revision up and running by January 1, 2017.

Relief Fund Board of Trustees: Terry Foxx/Joel Faircloth

Scholarships awarded in May of 2016 will start this Fall and they should have been notified. 2017 applications will go on line January 1, 2017 - March 31, 2017.

Please remind applicants keep their contact information up to date with the office.

Ad Hoc Committee Report

Convention Committee: Robert Poe

We have tweaked the schedule some this year. There will be a keynote speaker and classes for both rescue and EMS, as well as competition. Review of the schedule for this year.

Another new item this year is the coin for the competition teams instead of the hats and that evolved into a coin also for the annual meeting. 100 total 20 for the competition team winners, 80 for the annual meeting. Next year to start a series to rotate through different designs for the different rescue and EMS disciplines but to limit the number to be sold each year. Motion by Bill Henderson to take orders for additional coins up to 170 coins for \$10 plus \$1 for shipping for those ordered, second by Scott McCaskill, motion carried.

Convention 2017 will be September 7-9 at Hickory.

New Business

Lifetime Membership: Terry Foxx

Recommendation for life membership for three was presented for a vote of the delegate all three were approved and will be awarded on awards night Saturday.

Legislative Update: Fred Bone

A copy of the slides of the presentation are available in the office.

State of the Association Report: Terry Foxx

2015 was a year of significant changes in our Association. With Gordon's wishes to slow down and the naming of Joel to the Executive Director's position, the change of Commander and Vice Commander we moved into 2016 with a focused team that has continued to not miss a beat. Gordon continues to work diligently; Joel works diligently and strives to meet the everyday needs of our customers, Officers and our Board. Our Team would not be complete without the daily, much appreciated hard work of Becky Strickland and Lynette Bryan. These ladies continuously go above and beyond what is expected of them to meet our goals and to better serve our members.

At the direction of the Board of Directors the Personnel Committee is working to revise the job description of our initial thoughts to someone who can begin to learn the many facets of the office and to learn the workings of our standards, forms, social media and website. This process will continue until we hire the right person. . Our convention has gone through some more revisions to hopefully make it better. We are holding our meetings tonight in an effort to give more time to lend to training and other activities on Friday & Saturday. We have added a Jr Rescue Competition this year as well.

Our association membership continues to grow and prosper. With a membership representing 668 departments, and over 28,087 members our association is strong. We continue to have a great working relationship with the NC Office of Emergency Medical Services, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and North Carolina Emergency Management. I would like to take this opportunity to thank these agencies for their support and willingness to listen and act when needed. I would also like to thank them all for their continued support of our Association.

Bone and Associates continue 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.

We have had more and better dialogue with the NC State Firefighters Association. Collectively with Immediate Past President Kevin Gordon and our officers we have worked to better our pension and other benefits through the legislative process.

Our Relief Fund committee continues to work with Office of State Fire Marshall representatives to get the latest equipment needs of our members included on the Rescue Grant.

Your executive officers sat down at the end of July in a small retreat format to establish our forward direction for the coming year and beyond. We divided up the thought process in 6 categories: The Office, Association Manual, Website, Convention, Directors and Membership. A full detailed report will be coming out soon outlining our intentions going forward. It is our hope and desire that the members, officer, directors and others will embrace our thoughts and help us move forward.

I cannot close without giving a big Thank You to Vice Commander Hervy Kornegay. Doc is an invaluable asset and has been great support this year. Past Commander Poe has probably put up with me more than he should but I am a firm believer in not reinventing the wheel. I would like to Thank all for their support in the past year and I look forward to the coming year. My door is open and my phone is on. I may not give you the answer you want to hear but I will listen and pledge you my best. May God Bless each and every one of you.

Emeritus Membership: Terry Foxx

Recommendations for Emeritus Membership Lynette Bryan & Becky Strickland. Motion to approve by Bill Henderson, second Bob Twomey, motion approved.

Directors Meetings 2017

Recommendation for January 21 @ Goldsboro, May 13 @ Wilmington, September 7-9. Motion Tommy McNeill, second Wes Blackwelder, motion passed.

Appointment of Committee Chairpersons: Terry Foxx

Request to re-appoint current committee chairs, motion to re-appoint by Bill Henderson, second Tommy McNeill, motion approved.

Appointments of Personnel Committee: Terry Foxx

Motion to re-appoint Kim Haddock, Jerry Bradshaw, Debbie Poe by Bill Henderson, second Tommy McNeill, motion approved

Recessed until Awards Presentation Ceremony

Awards Presentation Ceremony September 10, 2016

Welcome	Terry Foxx
Presentation of Colors Guard	Alexander County Emergency Services Honor
Invocation	Carnie Hedgepeth
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Carnie Hedgepeth
Memorial Service	Carnie Hedgepeth / Joel Faircloth
Retiring of Colors Guard	Alexander County Emergency Services Honor
Introduction of Special Guests	Terry Foxx
Special Presentations	Terry Foxx
NCAREMS Lifetime Membership: Jerry Cornelison Richard Smith Donny Houston	
NCAREMS Emeritus Membership: Lynette T. Bryan Rebecca B. Strickland	
NCAR&EMS Auxiliary Awards	Donna Stanley
Member of the Year - Donna Stanley Director of the Year - Lorrie Lancaster Scrapbook of the Year - Tabor City Emergency Services Auxiliary	
Rescue of the Year	Wayne Goodwin, NC Commissioner of Insurance
Wayne County EMS, Goldsboro Fire Dept, Belfast Vol. Fire Dept., Thoroughfare Vol. Fire Dept., and Mar Mac Vol. Fire Dept.	
Steve Richey Memorial Award #1 Angela Brawley - Yadkin County Rescue	Terry Foxx
William F. Osborne Outstanding Chiefs Memorial Award #2 James Brissie - Henderson County Rescue Squad	Terry Foxx
Hiram Brinson Memorial Award #3	Hervy Kornegay Jr.

Sondra Watts

Director of the Year Award #4

Ken Hogue-Area 13

Hervy Kornegay Jr.

Junior Technical Rescue Competition Awards

1st Place - Alexander Rescue Squad & EMS
2nd Place - Alamance County Rescue
3rd Place - Whiteville Rescue Squad

Tim Pennell

Craig A. Helms Rescue Challenge Awards

1st Place - North Mecklenburg Rescue
2nd Place - Winston-Salem Rescue Team #3
3rd Place - Alamance Rescue Team #3
4th Place - Fayetteville Fire Dept. Team #1
5th Place - Alamance Rescue Team #2
6th Place - Winston-Salem Rescue Team #1

Tim Pennell

Chad M. Smith Memorial Spirit Award

Alamance County Rescue

Terry Foxx/Tim Pennell

Technical Rescue Competition Awards

1st Place - Winston-Salem Rescue
2nd Place - Alamance County Rescue
3rd Place - North Mecklenburg Rescue
4th Place - Fayetteville Fire/Emergency Management
5th Place - Ashe County Rescue

Tim Pennell

Junior BLS Competition Awards

1st Place - Alexander Rescue & EMS
2nd Place - Fremont Emergency Services
3rd Place - Tabor City Emergency Services Team #3
4th Place - Whiteville Rescue Squad Team #1
5th Place - Tabor City Emergency Services Team #1

William Mauney

Senior BLS Competition Awards

1st Place - Johnston County EMS
2nd Place -Gates County Rescue

William Mauney

Benediction

Carnie Hedgepeth

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)