

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

61st Annual Meeting & Directors Meeting

September 07-09, 2017

Hickory-Metro Convention Center

Call to Order

Welcome - Terry Foxx

Invocation - Jeff Hinshaw

Adoption of order of business; Motion to approve Bob Twomey, second Patricia Lee, 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, Derrick Clouston, NCOSFM, Mike Williams, NCOSFM, and Fred Bone of Bone & Associates.

Roll call of Voting Delegates; Jerry Bradshaw 18 voting delegates. A complete list is available in the office.

Roll call of Directors; Joel Faircloth. 19 Area Directors, 2 Past Commanders, Vice Commander, Commander, Executive Director, and Executive Director Emeritus were present.

Minutes of Directors Meeting 05-13-2017: Motion to approve, Bill Henderson, second by Scott McCaskill, motion approved.

Old Business

Agency Reports

OSFM: Derrick Clouston

Rescue Grants would be closing shortly and will be announced in December.

Registration for Fall High Angle Rescue school was still open and plenty of openings are still available.

Julia Gore the Grants Administrator had resigned to take another position in state government. A search for a replacement will begin in October and interviews for a current opening will be held on September 28.

If any agencies need specific training courses or qualifications, please submit them on the course request site and Training Staff will get the course scheduled.

OSFM had received a federal grant and we are working to continue to update and outfit two complete High Angle Rescue Trailers along with the Water Rescue Trailer.

OEMS: Tom Mitchell

- Vacancies with OEMS are due to Donnie and Kim Sides retirement, effective 9/1/17. We have posted and are filling these positions, as quickly as possible, to avoid issues. However, noting that 60 years of experience walked out the door, it is understood that the impact will be felt.
- OEMS is continuing to participate in various meetings on the Opioid Crisis advocating for EMS. As you need information, and initiate innovative ideas to combat the opioid crisis in your community, keep us informed so we can pass that information along to others when the opportunity arises.
- OEMS is in preparation for Hurricane Irma, so staff may be leaving to staff the State EOC or the Regional Coordination Centers.
- EM Today will be held September 29th – October 4th in Greensboro. We have a new EM Today website: www.ncoemsexpo.org. Please encourage everyone to visit the website for information about the conference, exhibitors, speakers, etc.

- OEMS has teamed with JEMS to provide special pricing for the national conference which will be held February 21-23, 2018 in Charlotte. NC EM Today attendees will receive discounted JEMS registration. If you attend NC EM Today, you can register for JEMS for \$150. This is a savings of \$300 for the JEMS Conference.
- OEMS is currently working with the EMSPIC to rollout the new Continuum website.
- The Eastern Regional Office has moved to the Kinston Regional Coordination Center in July. The new mailing address is: 3802 Hwy 58 North, Kinston, NC 28502. Phone number is (252)208-2456.
- Between now and EM Today, EMS Professionals will be receiving an invitation to complete a survey related to workplace violence and safety. We are encouraging everyone to complete the survey so that we can better understand issues surrounding assaults and violence towards EMS professionals.
- We continue to make progress toward computer-based testing. The transition to computer-based testing is tentatively set for January 1, 2018. There will be a \$68 fee to test from that point forward. The monies will go to Castle Worldwide, as there is still no credentialing fee for state credentials.
- OEMS is aware of the medication shortages. The FDA has issued some guidelines related to extended shelf life for medications that are EMS related. We will allow for extended shelf life based on the FDA's listing of lot numbers. EMS agencies are encouraged to visit www.fda.gov/drugs to download a listing of approved lot numbers for extended shelf life.
- Ambulance construction rules are in the works. CAAS & NFPA are working on remount standards with CAAS holding a meeting on September 21st at Wake EMS Training Facility from 10a-4p. Let OEMS know if you are interested in participating.

NCEM: Not present due to storm prep.

Treasurer's Office: Donna Boyette

1. Lapsed Service Project:

- Began late May 2017
- Had three temps hired by 7/24/2017
- Since late May, team has reached out to over 8 thousand members with applicable letter
 1. Refund letter
 2. Disability letter
 3. 2nd or 3rd request, we enter the amount of the contributions available.
- This has increased our incoming calls. Mbrs are calling making sure this is not a scam.

Increased our incoming refund forms. In April our refund requests totaled 70. In July, our refund requests totaled 425 requests.

This is still only about a 12% response rate.
- 2. We continue with the **age 53 and over project** as well with one part-time temporary.
- 3. Reminder: beginning July 2018, Fire/Rescue members will be able to name beneficiaries. We hope by this time members will be able to do this online in their accounts.
- 4. 2017 New Legislation:

Session Law 2017-129: Retirement Administrative Changes Act – Allows DST to collect overpayments owed to other NC Pension Funds administered by DST and the State Health Plan from

members of the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension fund from their monthly benefit or from a distribution of their contributions via refund.

Session Law 2017-57: Line of Duty deaths/add Esophageal Cancer for Firefighters' only. Creates a presumption that esophageal cancer is occupationally related to firefighting and requires the Industrial Commission to find that a firefighter who dies as a direct and proximate result of esophageal cancer has been killed in the line of duty. Adds to list that includes: mesothelioma, testicular cancer, and intestinal cancer.

5. TAD update:

Electronic submission of Turnaround documents is moving forward slowly. We will likely take this transition one step at a time by having our larger agencies report the TAD electronically via FTP (file transfer), but not their contributions. A paper check will still be required for a period of time. If this works well, we will open this up to all agencies.

6. Fire/Rescue Team Update:

Obtained a full time position that is currently being filled. This will bring the team dynamics to 5 full-time employees.

Donna has been assigned new responsibilities of managing the processes for Consolidated Judicial, Legislative Retirement Systems along with National Guard/Fire & Rescue Pension Fund and the Register of Deeds Fund.

In addition, Donna has been tasked with managing the Imaging and Records Retention Team for RSD.

The team's new name is **Specialty Plans and Records Retention**.

Boards & Commission Representative Reports

Fire & Rescue Commission: Robert Poe
Fire and Rescue Commission 7-11-2017

Certification Board reported.

They are working on Quality Assessment / Quality Improvement proposal with a possible implementation over the next 2 to 3 years

Phase 1 Develop a OSFM agency course reporting portal.

Course name, Instructor, Location, Testing dates etc.

Phase 2 Develop a statewide comprehensive testing system

Used for all certification programs, various program items to be incorporated

Phase 3 Align NC Fire / Rescue Instructors with new edition NFPA 1041

Other items that dealt with fire

Cloyce Anders gave a report from the Volunteer Safety Workers Comp Board

Funding is good. Revenues are up from previous years.

Commission heard an 2 Instructor Suspension Appeals. These were from previous action of the Certification Board. Both appeals were heard separately and after discussing each on a individual basis both appeals were denied.

Kevin Gordon gave a report on Third Party Contracting for classes

Officers were elected. Harley Cook was reelected Chair and Phil Welch was elected vice chair

Agency reports were then given from the various agencies from NC

Fire & Rescue Commission Certification Brd: Terry Foxx

The Certification Board met June 30, 2017. The agenda items were mainly follow up information. The standing committee reports were given as well as the F/R Commission updates and some disciplinary issues were handled. One new delivery agency request was heard. The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2017, at Rowan Cabarrus Community College.

EMS Advisory Council: Robert Poe

NC EMS Advisory Council 8-8-2017

The council did not meet but conducted business via e-mail

Vidant Medical center was renewed the designation of Level 1 Trauma Center

3 minor changes in the new proposed rules were discussed. A majority of the council members responded and all 3 changes were approved.

A vote was taken on the Dr George Johnson Award . The nominee was approved and will be honored at EM Today in October

VSWCF Board: Joel Faircloth

Financially the fund is in a better position due to funding stabilization. Please keep encouraging everyone to be safe and reduce risk.

Stroke Advisory Council: Tom Mitchell

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

Motion from the committee, second Bill Henderson to approved proposed changes to the association constitution and by-laws. Approved by the delegates. Copies of changes attached to minutes.

Credentials: Jerry Bradshaw

Election of Commander / Vice Commander

Terry Foxx only submission for Commander, no further nomination from the floor. Motion to approve Ronnie Warrick, second Glen Cowan. Motion approved.

Dr. Hervy Kornegay Jr. only submission for Vice Commander, no further nomination from the floor. Motion to approve Ronnie Warrick, second Bill Henderson. Motion approved.

Finance: Gary Whitman/Terry Foxx

Motion to to approve financial statements for Association by Bill Henderson, second by David Stamey, motion approved.

Motion to to approve financial statements for Brotherhood by Bill Henderson, second by David Stamey, motion approved.

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

Relief Fund financial statements presented for information.

Personnel: Jeff Hinshaw

No new report.

Rescue Competition: Tim Pennell

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

Please send the committee any ideas for competition.

Standards & Training: Terry Foxx

The current Association membership is 28,527 members. We all need to work toward getting more to enroll into the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood has a total current membership of 6018 members. 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.

All of the standards continue to be reviewed for clarity, consistency, additions and deletions and these revisions will become effective hopefully in October. The biggest issue with the revisions is getting some clarity as to whether an agency needs a contract with their respective jurisdiction. This has come about with our ongoing re-inspection process. Currently the paperwork calls for a copy of the contract to provide service but not all agencies have one and we have had push back from their respective governing bodies as to the fact they will not issue one but are willing to sign off on our page 2. We have done much research on this and that continues. 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 early October, 2017. Currently all the equipment changes have been made just sitting on them until we can clarify the contractual document needs.

Relief Fund Board of Trustees: Terry Foxx/Joel Faircloth

Scholarships awarded in May of 2017 will start this Fall and they should have been notified. 2018 applications will go on line January 1, 2018 - March 31, 2018.

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

Ad Hoc Committee Report

Convention Committee: Robert Poe

There will be a keynote speaker and classes for both rescue and EMS, as well as competition. Review of the schedule for this year. We also have t-shirts available for sale along with the extrication themed coins for this year.

Proposals presented for Hickory and other locations for 2018 and 2019. Motion to accept proposal for Hickory September 6-8, 2018 by Bob Twomey, second Joe Mancos. Motion Approved.

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

2016 was a year of significant changes in our Association. With Gordon's retirement in front of us, the new Commander and Vice Commander got their feet wet real quickly. Our new Membership Coordinator, Stephen Smith had only been with us for a week when, in October, Hurricane Matthew saw fit to give our office in Goldsboro a thorough bath. This caused a real upset for several months. Staff graciously moved into our unfinished building adjacent our office and worked there for several months until we were able to get repairs made. Staff was able to move back into their normal office space in the early part of 2017 and Becky and Lynette assumed their new job titles of Accounts Coordinator and Relief Fund Coordinator respectively. Our insurance was able to handle most of our repairs and we now have flood insurance on the building in the amounts of 500K on base and 350k on contents.

To date our focused team has continued to not miss a beat. Gordon retired in March of this year but continues to work some from home as Joel and staff works diligently and strives to meet the everyday needs of our customers, Officers and our Board. That work is much appreciated. On March 31 at Gordon's retirement reception, our building in Goldsboro was dedicated in his honor as The Gordon A. Joyner Building and a plaque commemorating that dedication has been erected outside the office doors.

As in the past couple of years our convention has gone through yet 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.

Our association membership continues to grow and prosper. With a membership representing 680 departments, and over 28,527 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. 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.

Although the executive officers did not hold a retreat this year we continue to work on our direction from last year's meeting. I would like to update you on our progress of the 6 categories we discussed. The Office has been reorganized and renovated following the hurricane. The Association Manual has been updated. The Website, Convention, Directors and Membership continue to be a work in progress. It is our hope and desire that the members, officer, directors and others will continue to embrace our thoughts and help us move forward in the coming years.

I cannot close without giving a big Thank You to my wife and family for their continue love and support, and to Vice Commander Dr. Hervy Kornegay. Doc is an invaluable asset and has been great support this year. Past Commander Poe and others have also been invaluable during my 2 years as your Commander. I would like to Thank all for their support in the past 2 years and I look forward to serving you in some capacity in the coming years. 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

No nominations.

Directors Meetings 2018

Recommendation for January 20 @ Goldsboro, May 05 @ Atlantic Beach, September 6-8 @ Hickory. Motion Bill Henderson, second Bob Twomey, motion passed.

Appointment of Committee Chairpersons: Terry Foxx

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

Appointments of Personnel Committee: Terry Foxx

Motion to re-appoint Kim Haddock, Jeff Hinshaw, Ronald Ellis by Ronnie Warrick, second Billy Sparks, motion approved

Recessed until Awards Presentation Ceremony

Awards Presentation Ceremony September 09, 2017

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| 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 | Alexander County Emergency Services Honor Guard |
| Introduction of Special Guests | Terry Foxx |
| Installation of Officers | Bob Twomey |
| Special Presentations | Terry Foxx |
| Past Commander Plaque: Terry Foxx | |
| NCAREMS Lifetime Membership: Billy Sparks Ronnie Warrick Tommy McNeill | |
| NCAR&EMS Auxiliary Awards | Donna Stanley |
| Member of the Year - Williard Doug Jones | |
| Director of the Year - Lorrie Lancaster | |
| Scrapbook of the Year - Tabor City Emergency Services Auxiliary | |
| Hiram Brinson Memorial Award #3 Glenn Cowan Bradley Jackson | Hervy Kornegay Jr. |
| Director of the Year Award #4 Josh Shumate - Area 06 | Hervy Kornegay Jr. |
| Junior Technical Rescue Competition Awards | Tim Pennell |
| 1st Place - Gaston Volunteer Fire | |
| 2nd Place - Alamance County Rescue | |
| Craig A. Helms Rescue Challenge Awards | Tim Pennell |
| 1st Place - Alamance Rescue (Chris Pressley/Phillip Gilliam) | |
| 2nd Place - Winston-Salem Fire (Travis Franklin/Jason Barnes) | |
| 3rd Place - Winston-Salem Fire (Justin Grubbs/Justin McIntyre) | |
| 4th Place - Winston-Salem Fire (Marcus Draughn /James Brinkley) | |
| 5th Place - Alamance Rescue (Chris Mauney/William Mauney) | |
| 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

Tim Pennell

Junior BLS Competition Awards

- 1st Place - Fremont Emergency Services
- 2nd Place - Whiteville Rescue St. 22
- 3rd Place - Lake Waccamaw Rescue
- 4th Place - Tabor City Emergency Services Team #2
- 5th Place - Whiteville Rescue
- 6th Place - Tabor City Emergency Services Team #1

William Mauney

Senior BLS Competition Awards

- 1st Place - Alexander Rescue & EMS
- 2nd Place - Whiteville Rescue St. 22
- 3rd Place - Fremont Emergency Services

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)