

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

Directors Meeting

May 05, 2018

Goldsboro NC

Call to Order

Welcome - Terry Foxx

Invocation - Carnie Hedgepeth

Adoption of order of business; Motion to approve Bill Henderson, second Jerry Cornelison, motion carried.

Recognition of guests - Terry Foxx
Tom Mitchell, Chief OEMS

Roll call of Directors; Joel Faircloth. 13 Area Directors, 2 Past Commanders, Vice Commander, Commander, Executive Director, were present.

Minutes of Directors Meeting January 20, 2018: Motion to approve, Mac Smith, second by Bill Henderson, motion approved.

Old Business

Agency Reports

OSFM: No Report.

OEMS: Tom Mitchell

Staff Update

Introduce Dale Sutphin, started yesterday 5/7/18 as Communications Director. Dale is replacing Carl Van Cott, and has a wealth of experience in Communications. Dale lives in Anson County with his wife and 2 kids. He came to us from the NC Forestry Service, and has served on Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SEIC) and FirstNet Committees with the Forestry Service. We are honored to have him, and looking forward to using his expertise to further EMS Communications in the future.

We also have a new employee in Budget (Howard Mabrey), who is a Temporary employee replacing Jan Seagroves, who retire the end of April.

We have posted, interviewed and awaiting approval on paperwork to make an offer for the HPP Manager position, which was previously filled by Will Ray, who took a job with NC Emergency Management.

As I mentioned last meeting, we were scheduled to have a couple of other retirements. Peggy Handon (Asst. HPP Manager) retired during April (last month).

We are still in various stages of hiring the following positions;

WRO Regional Specialist

HPP Asst. Manager (Planning/Exercise)

HPP Asst. Manager (Operations)

Compliance Specialist (Main Office)

Rule Update – Community Paramedicine Rules and definition of a hospital goes back before Medical Care Commission on Thursday (5/10), Rules Review Commission in June, and should have a July 1, 2018 effective date with no issues.

Transition to new levels of credentials – still have about 18,000 people that need to transition, prior to the end of 2018. Started at 41,000, so not too bad. Upon expiration after the deadline, you will not be able to recredential until you have transitioned.

Continue to be involved in various Opioid Meetings across the state. Currently working with the Attorney General's Office on LEO reporting of Narcan administration.

EM Today – September 28th thru October 3rd.

Reminder for agencies to comply with Ambulance Standards Rule (.0224), effective 7/1/2018.

Preparing for implementation of Computer-based testing with Castle Worldwide. Beta testing will begin on May 14th, with a tentative go-live on May 21st. Explain beta testing, and holding of grades until cut score can be determined by psychometricianist.

Work underway on the development of a portal to allow EMS personnel to report Provider Violence.

Parts of the Mobile Disaster Hospital are deployed to Marathon Key, FL due to Hurricane Irma hitting Fishermans Hospital (5 bed ED, X-ray, ICU, Central Supply, and Lab). Other part (2 Operating Rooms) is currently in St. Croix, VI due to Hurricane Maria hitting their hospital.

NCEM: Terry Foxx

There have been some personnel changes: Greg Atchley, Western Branch Manager, Steve Powers, Deputy Ops Director, Dennis Hancock, Interim Central Branch Manager. Number of Area Coordinator position are open.

Treasurer's Office: Donna Boyette / Joel Faircloth

- Donna is out of town however there is nothing to report since the last meeting.
- Debbie Poe and Gary Whitman were reappointed to the Fire & Rescue Pension Fund Advisory Panel.

Boards & Commission Representative Reports

Fire & Rescue Commission: Robert Poe

NC Fire and Rescue Commission 4/10/18

Certification Board Appointments

NC Professional Firefighters - Josh Smith

NC Community Colleges - David Bullins

Commission Chair Appointment - Wesley Hutchins

NC Association of Rescue - Tim Pennell, Ken Hogue, Joel Faircloth

CFI Board - NC Firefighters Assn - Barry Overman / NC SBI - Kevin Oliver /

Commission Vice Chair Appointment Ken Haire

VSWCF NC - Firefighters Assn - Anthony Penland

Certification Board: Skills testing: All skills are being rewritten into a skills book

VSWCF: The account is up from 16 million in funds in 2017 to 24 million this year. There are 1.6 million less in reserves this year than last

DOI is exploring adding a app for OSFM classes and instructors

There have been 58 fire related deaths across the nation this year. This number is up from previous years

Classes are being held that all qualified instructors must attend.
So far this year 3120 smoke alarms have been given to fire departments for them to give out to the community

DOI has sent 2 staff to NFPA for leadership classes

Fire & Rescue Commission Certification Brd: Terry Foxx

March 13, 2018 meeting, Non-traditional delivery is still being worked on by the committee and certification board.

Practicals, all for a class, are to be taught to all students. There will be a booklet of skills that will be signed off by the instructor and check off the students. Skills can be tested after practiced.

January 1, 2019 will also begin a proctored written testing, in that the instructor of the class will not give the test. A proctor will come in and give the written test.

All Fire Rescue Commission instructors will have to upgrade this year. A list of class times is on OSFM website.

EMS Advisory Council: Robert Poe

NC OEMS Advisory Council 2/13/18

New members to the Council were introduced by Chair Previer. They were Jim Albright, Chuck Elledge

Graham Previer was reelected Chair and Dr Kim Askew was elected Vice Chair

A Workplace Violence Survey was sent out to providers the first of February

A Refusal Policy for opioids overdose refusal has been developed by OEMS and is now available

Craven County EMS is the first in the nation to implement a needle exchange program for drug users

There has been a 1000% increase of children born with opioids addiction in NC

There are currently 22 teaching institutions that have achieved Accreditation

In the Transition Process for credentialed personnel only 53% are complete. OEMS is going to start another "push" to get more to complete this

Computer testing that was supposed to go live January 1 has been pushed back due to issues beyond OEMS control

2 New rules became effective January 1

.0224 Ground Ambulance Manufacturing Standards . Memo sent out related to enforcement to EMS agencies and ambulance dealers

.0410 Components of medical oversight for Air Medical

There were 3 new members to the Disciplinary Committee Dr Bryant Murphy, Bryan Blanton, Dr Robert Portella

During the November Disciplinary Committee meeting the committee resolved that any charge of a sexual nature, murder, or attempted murder would render an automatic summary suspension without the committee having to meet.

Fire / Rescue Pension Advisory: Debbie Poe / Gary Whitman

No Report

VSWCF Board: Joel Faircloth

The renewal letters we out in April so departments should be hearing from their agents and are due by July 1, 2018.

Stroke Advisory Council: Tom Mitchell

1.Update was given on the status of the statewide tele-stroke program with an overview of the number of participating sites. This has led to an increase in stroke centers and expansion of stroke care across the state.

2.Discussion of the pending legislation to be introduced to the General Assembly which defines the practice of "telemedicine". The council is working to find sponsorship for the bill.

3.See 2018 Action Agenda for specific programs the Justus-Warren Heard Disease and Stroke Task Force is endorsing and supporting.

911 Board: Jimmy Stewart

No Report

Standing Committee Reports

Advisory: Bob Twomey

No report

BLS Competition: William Mauney/Allen Johnson

OEMS has been working on the problem and will be ready for competition.

Constitution : Glen Cowan

No Report.

Credentials: Joel Faircloth

Motion to re-appoint even year directors for Area 1-9, 11, 12, 14, 15 by Ronnie Warrick, second Mac Smith, motion passed.

Motion to appoint Tom Billig as even year Area 13 Director by Mac Smith, second Tim Pennell, motion passed.

Area 10 had two applicants for even year Area Director - Bill Henderson and Charles Bowling. Election was carried out by secret ballot. Bill Henderson receiving the majority.

Finance: Gary Whitman

Motion from the committee to approve FY 18-19 budget and pay one step pay increase for office staff and 2 steps for Executive Director, second Jerry Cornelison, motion passed.

Motion to approve balance sheets for Association, Brotherhood, and Memorial Fund Bill Henderson, second Jerry Cornelison, motion passed.

Personnel: Jeff Hinshaw

No Report.

Rescue Competition: Tommy McNeill

Mac Smith has been named to the Committee.

The problem has been developed and a sight visit will be forth coming.

We will look to have another judges qualification this summer information will be forthcoming.

Standards & Training: Terry Foxx

The current Association membership is 28350 members on 676 departments. Brotherhood membership 5830.

The changes have been updated and sent back out prior to this meeting and some other items recommended for changes have come forward. PASS wording to be updated. Making wording same for air monitoring devices and e-draulic tools. Lubricating spray for cutting will be reviewed to see if still taught in certification. Some items updated on Wilderness that Tommy had brought forward. Final copies will be completed.

Relief Fund Board of Trustees: Terry Foxx/Joel Faircloth

Scholarship awards are expected to be posted May 15, 2018.

Ad Hoc Committee Report

Convention Committee: Robert Poe

The committee is working on the 2018 convention in Hickory September 6-8. Some of the classes have been set and Joel will have forms out by the end of the week.

New Business

Legislative Update: Fred Bone / Joel Faircloth

Primary elections are Tuesday and all of the states seats are up for election. The Legislature will come back in session May 16, 2018 for the short session and with this being election year it is expected to wrap up by July 4, 2018.

We did have the opportunity to have input of road and bridge naming policies. They invited us to a discussion along with several other associations and agencies represented.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Bill Henderson, second Jerry Cornelison, motion approved.

Joel Faircloth

Executive Director

(Not Official until approved by the Board of Directors)