

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

Director Meeting - Minutes

January 19, 2019

Goldsboro NC

Call to Order

Welcome - Terry Foxx

Invocation - Joel Faircloth

Adoption of order of business; Motion to approve Bill Henderson, second Scott McCaskill, motion carried.

Recognition of guests - Terry Foxx; Allen Johnson, OEMS, Derrick Clouston, NCOSFM, and Fred Bone of Bone & Associates.

Roll call of Directors; Joel Faircloth. 14 Area Directors, 1 Past Commander, Vice Commander, Commander, Executive Director, Parliamentarian, and Executive Director Emeritus, Chaplain were present.

Minutes of Directors Meeting September 6-8, 2018: Motion to approve, Bill Henderson, second by Scott McCaskill, motion approved.

Old Business

Agency Reports

OSFM: Derrick Clouston

Instructor Re-qualifications ended December 31st and anyone who did not requalify will need to go back through Q School.

Hired Greg Palmer as our new Certification Specialist covering the eastern part of the state.

Reminded everyone of the proctor requirement when conducting classes. If you have anything to do with the teaching of the class you cannot give the written test.

Discussed the results of the 2018 Rescue Grants as follows:

2017

Amount to Award \$1,634,367

188 departments awarded

Max departmental budget awarded \$371,201

2018

Amount to Award \$1,691,179

131 departments awarded

Max departmental budget awarded \$425,040

Have hired Kim Robertson as the new Grants Administrator

We have tentatively planned the statewide smoke alarm canvassing for June 1, 2019..

OEMS: Tom Mitchell

Staff Update

Currently have 1 position posted (EMS Project Specialist position), which was Donnie Sides old position. It is currently posted on the governmentjobs.com website, and closes on February 4th. We have two (2) more positions that will be posted soon; EMS Regional Specialist (CRO) – Vince Jordan will be retiring February 28th. HPP Education Coordinator – has been vacant for a while.

Rules – Proposed Education changes will be carried to EMS Advisory Council on Feb. 12th to obtain approval, prior to carrying to Medical Care Commission to get permission to enter into rulemaking. Any proposed changes would not be effective until early 2020. Once rules are presented to EMS Advisory Council, there will be multiple opportunities for public comment.

Transition to new levels of credentials – The deadline for transition was Dec. 31st, with approx. 1,500 people that did not transition. These people will have to provide proof of transition at the conclusion of their certification period. No change in current credentialing status.

Continue to work with Division of Public Health on issues related to the Opioid epidemic. Grant application period just closed for agencies interested in developing Post-overdose response teams. Awardees of the grant will be announced on January 28th.

Education on developing a Post-Overdose Response Team for your EMS System/Agency is being offered by OEMS and DPH across the state. Approximately 8 regional trainings for PORT development will be conducted starting in the east working toward the west between January and July 2019. The training will be offered as full day training opportunities (8a-5p).

Post-Overdose Response Team Regional Training Option #1:

Friday, January 25, 2019

8:00am-5:00pm

Roanoke-Chowan Community College (Hertford County)

109 Community College Road

Ahoskie, NC 27910

Post-Overdose Response Team Regional Training Option #2:

Friday, February 8, 2019

8:00am-5:00pm

James Sprunt Community College (Duplin County)

133 James Sprunt Drive

Kenansville, NC 28349

Other dates will be announced by the end of January.

Annual EMS Expo – September 27th thru October 2nd . Call for Presentations is currently open until March 29th for people interested in presenting. Information can be found at www.ncoemsexpo.org

Draft Ambulance Standards for Remount Ambulances by CAAS GVS should be approved by the CAAS board this month, and released for public comment in late January or early February. Currently, there are no Ambulance Standards for remounted ambulances.

EMS Personnel are able to report Provider Violence through their profile in Continuum.

Upcoming EMS Administrator's Conference – March 6-8 at Hotel Ballast Riverside in Wilmington. EMS agencies are encouraged to participate in EMS Administrator's Association. This Conference is important, as changes are forthcoming in reimbursement as we move through Medicaid Transformation.

NCEM: No Report

Treasurer's Office: No Report

Effective July 2018 you can make beneficiaries for the pension fund. The form is the 2FR. Rosters are due in our office by January 31 from the associations.

Boards & Commission Representative Reports

Fire & Rescue Commission: Robert Poe

Fire and Rescue Commission 1-8-2019

Deputy Fire Chief was nominated appointed to the NC Certified Fire Investigation Board

Cloyce Anders gave a update on Volunteer Safety Workers Comp Fund. Transition from Key Risk to York Services has been seamless. Several of the adjusters and staff have stayed the same. There are no premium changes for the upcoming year 2019. There have been 18647 claims since the fund started d in 1996. The average cost per claim is \$7800.00. This fund saves the NC taxpayers approximately 8 million dollars per year

Discussion was had concerning the Commission had no authority to make rules nor suspend an instructor when found negligent in teaching.. Hope to have a draft for changes in rule making at the next meeting. Voted to also pursue getting changes in legislature to allow the Commission to make rules.

There are currently 36 high school firefighter programs

There was discussion on allowing 18 year olds in a live burn. As guidelines / rules now state students that are in the firefighter programs but not members of a fire department can participate in live fire training but actual members of a fire department that are under 18 years old cannot. After much discussion a motion was made to require any participant in live fire training to be 18 years old. Motion was also made and passed to request the Certification Board to define Live Fire

In 2018 there were 133 fire related deaths

132 rescue grants for a total of 1.6 million were awarded

Agency reports were given

Fire & Rescue Commission Certification Brd: Terry Foxx

The Certification Board meet in October and December. The agenda for the October meeting included the Standing and Ad Hoc Committee reports. Several Delivery Agency requests were handled. The Chair and Vice Chair positions will be up for reelection. Kevin Gordon was reelected as Chair and Terry Foxx was reelected as Vice Chair. The December meeting included standing and Ad Hoc Committee reports. Policies and Procedures were reviewed. New business included Fire Office IV, Delivery Agency Request and a Junior Firefighter Standard. The next meeting will be held March 12, 2019 at Rowan Cabarrus Community College.

EMS Advisory Council: Robert Poe

EMS Advisory Council

11/13/18

Moses Cone Hospital was approved for Level 2 Trauma Center

Cape Fear Valley Medical Center was approved for Level 3 trauma Center

Received an update on the Case Review Panel and the Disciplinary Committee activity. 35% of the cases heard by the Case Review Panel were for violent offenses. 30% of the cases heard by the Disciplinary Committee were for violent offenses.

The OEMS has started hand delivering and picking up fingerprint cards from the SBI. This has resulted in an average time of 12 calender days.

There are currently approx 41000 credentialed personnel and only 18000 are active or have been on a PCR in the last 12 months

NC EMS EXPO was held. 918 attended. Wake Forest Air Care Roger Horton and Barry McMillian were the Paramedic Competition winners

Dr Jayne Brice and Mr Terry Barber were awarded the Dr George Johnson award at the EMS Expo

Currently 39 of the states 58 community colleges have achieved Accreditation or are in the process

Transition to computer based testing is going very good. 2861 tests have been administered in the last 6 months

Opiod crisis is still ongoing

NFPA and CASS are developing standards for remounted ambulances. An update on this will be given at the February meeting

VSWCF Board: Joel Faircloth

Refer back to the Fire Rescue Commission Report.

Fire & Rescue Pension Advisory Brd: Debbie Poe / Gary Whitman

Has not met recently typically meets once per year.

Stroke Advisory Council: Dr. Hervy Kornergay Jr.

Met in December. New program Overreact to stroke will be coming out.

911 Board: Greg Foster

1. As you may already know, the North Carolina State 911 plan was approved on December 7, 2018 and here is the link if you have not had the opportunity to read over it: <https://files.nc.gov/ncdit/12072018ApprovedStatePlan.pdf>
2. There are currently 97 PSAP's (Public Safety Answering Points) signed on for the statewide Easynet (Emergency Services Internet Network). This network will replace the old, out of date system known today as 911 trunks. Durham County 911 was the first to go live in North Carolina back in December and they have had no issues that I am aware of. Approximately 77% of 911 calls come from a cellular device so I strongly feel that this will make a huge turnaround in providing better and faster 911 service to the citizens of North Carolina. I have said many times over the past few years that it is sad when google, Facebook and many, many other smartphone applications can find you but often times 911 cannot.
3. The 911 Board Education and Standards Committees are continuing to work on the statewide telecommunicator certification. This will ensure ALL telecommunicators who work for an agency receiving 911 funds are trained to the same standard and level across North Carolina.
4. I ask that you keep former Executive Director Richard Taylor in your thought and prayers due to him having open heart surgery and he is having some major infection issues from that surgery.
5. There is still no word on the Federal 911 grant for the state next generation 911 project.
6. I am also pleased to inform you that Jimmy Stewart has committed to remain on the 911 Board Education Committee and see the statewide telecommunicator certification completed. Hopefully I will be able to attend the next meeting in person but please feel free to reach out to me at any time if can be of assistance. Thank you and it is an honor to serve as your board voice and I really look forward to seeing where 911 is headed in North Carolina.
<https://it.nc.gov/nc911board>

Technical Urban Search & Rescue Advisory Committee: Terry Foxx

The Technical Urban Search & Rescue Advisory Committee has not meet since our annual meeting and no meeting is scheduled at this time.

Standing Committee Reports

Advisory: Bob Twomey
No Report

BLS Competition: William Mauney/Allen Johnson
OEMS Recommended Equipment/Rule Changes

Equipment List:

- Remove "Stripped" from short backboard and long backboard. This will allow teams to pre-attach straps if desired. There are no points gained or lost for having them attached or not.
- Gloves need to be clarified as "Latex Free". Currently says "latex, latex free, or rubber".
- Defibrillator should say AED with a note "Not provided by OEMS".

Rules:

- 3.0 Competition Problem Scenario(s)
- 3.5 add "or their designee" to end of sentence.
- 8.0 BLS Teams
- 8.13 Delete this item. OEMS furnishes victims for competition.
- 9.0 Judges
- 9.3 Add "Chief" to Judge. This allows OEMS to send the Chief Judge to the Captains and Judges briefing and not all of them.
- 9.9 Delete this due to OEMS staff not compensated.
- 9.10, 9.11, 9.12, 9.13 delete "Assistants"
- 10.0 Judges Assistants Qualifications
- 10.1 Delete this due to all OEMS staff may not be members of Association.
- 10.2, 10.3 delete "Assistants".

Motion by Bill Henderson, second Scott McCaskill, to approve changes as presented, motion approved.

Constitution : Glen Cowan
No Report.

Credentials: Joel Faircloth
Odd year director election at the May 2019 meeting. Information will be emailed.
Commander and Vice Commander Elections will be held this year at the annual meeting.

Finance: Joel Faircloth/Terry Foxx

Motion to to approve the audited 17-18 financial statements for Association, Brotherhood, and Memorial Fund by Bill Henderson, second by Chris Mauney, motion approved.

The audit has been completed but the reports have not been completed but will be emailed out with the tax return for board approval.

Personnel: Jeff Hinshaw

Renewal of contract for Executive Director Joel Faircloth. Motion to approve with original dates March 1, 2019- March 1,m 2023 by Scott McCaskill, second Bill Henderson, motion approved.

Rescue Competition: Mac Smith

The committee will be working on the competition and making site visit in the near future.

Standards & Training: Terry Foxx

The current Association membership is 28,894 members. We all need to work toward getting more to enroll into the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood has a total current membership of just over 6000 members. The training and standards committee has completed bringing our standards up-to-date as of 12/31/2018. These are a fluid document and will continue to be upgraded as he need arises. A Record of Change document will be drafted and placed on the website for viewing.

All of the standards were reviewed for clarity, consistency, additions and deletions and these revisions will become very soon.

Relief Fund Board of Trustees: Terry Foxx/Joel Faircloth

Scholarships applications are on line January 1, 2019 - March 31, 2019.

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

Ad Hoc Committee Report

Convention Committee: Robert Poe

September 5-7, 2019 at Atlantic Beach. Currently the hotel is closed for hurricane repairs. Suggested from the floor to make this committee a standing committee. It was referred to the Constitution Committee to have this added to the standing committee in the constitution.

New Business

Legislative Update: Fred Bone

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

Directors Meetings 2019

May 4, 2019 & September 5-7, 2019

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Joel Faircloth

Executive Director
(Not Official until approved by the Board of Directors)