

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

Director Meeting - Minutes

May 04, 2019

Taylorsville NC

Call to Order

Welcome - Terry Foxx

Invocation - Bill Henderson

Adoption of order of business

Recognition of guests - Terry Foxx; Tom Mitchell, OEMS, Greg Atchley, NCEM

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

Minutes of Directors Meeting January 19, 2019: Motion to approve, Bill Henderson, second by Scott McCaskill, motion approved.

Old Business

Agency Reports

OSFM: No Report @ NCFFF Weekend.

OEMS: Tom Mitchell

•Staff Update-We have two (2) positions that are in the process of being filled;

EMS Regional Specialist (CRO) – Vince Jordan’s position, waiting on the ability to make an offer to a candidate. We are having a reception for Vince Jordan who has retired on May 14th at the Wright Building HPP Education Coordinator – hired Mike Prevatte, Paramedic, starts work on May 20th.

•Rules – Proposed Education changes were carried to the EMS Advisory Council on Feb. 12th. A Rules Taskforce was created to hold public hearings across the state to hear from Agencies/Institutions/Personnel, prior to entering into the rulemaking process. The taskforce held 10 public hearings at 5 locations across the state. Each location had an afternoon session (1p or 2p) and an evening session (7p). We also created an email address and publicized it for those that wanted to submit comment, but not publicly. The last public hearing was held on April 9th. Appro. 160 people attended with approx. 60 commenting in support or opposition to a portion of the rule. In addition to the public hearings, we also conducting roundtables with the Community Colleges meeting with OEMS staff to seek their input. Meetings were also held with other stakeholder groups to discuss these proposed rules, such as members of the General Assembly, and the NC Community College System President and staff. The taskforce is scheduled to make a report to the EMS Advisory Council at their May 21st meeting, and will meet on the afternoon of the 21st (after Advisory Council) to begin going through the comments to discuss any changes that they propose to make to the draft rules. They will likely meet several more times to finalize their recommendations. We are not going to rush through this process, as we feel it is more important to get it right than to rush it through. We will be vetting the changes to the proposed draft rules with as many groups as possible seeking additional input in the future, prior to entering into rulemaking. Robert was appointed by Advisory Council as the Chairman of the taskforce, so I will yield some of my time to him to add, edit or delete anything that I have said. (Comment) Thanks to Robert for taking the time to commit to being the chair, and he was in attendance at all 10 of the public hearings, and did a great job running those meetings.

•Continue to work with Division of Public Health on issues related to the Opioid epidemic. Grant application for agencies interested in developing Post-overdose response teams have been awarded and currently in the contract phase to receive the funding. Awardees are;
oPasquotank Co. EMS (Combined)

oPerquimans Co. EMS (Combined)

oMcDowell Co. EMS

oAlexander Co. EMS

oMacon Co. EMS

oGuilford Co. EMS

oOnslow Co. EMS

oMight have left someone off by accident

•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

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

8:00am-5:00pm

Wilkes County - Wilkes Community College

Kendrick Church Hall Room 1403

1328 S Collegiate Drive, Wilkesboro, NC 28697

Additional training sites will be shared over the coming weeks. The anticipated training schedule is as follows:

•Greensboro, Guilford (Guilford Technical Community College) March 29 Postponed - New date to be announced

•Wilkesboro, Wilkes County May 7 Register here

•Asheville, Buncombe County Date TBD in May/June

•Macon/Jackson County Date TBD in June/July

•Hertford, Hertford County - added Date TBD in July

•Annual EMS Expo – September 27th thru October 2nd . Presentations have been chosen, and faculty is being confirmed. Schedule will be published soon, with registration scheduled to open on June 3rd. Great lineup of speakers, as well as soon other additions to this years conference Information can be found at www.ncoemsexpo.org

•Public comment on the Draft Ambulance Standards for Remount Ambulances by CAAS GVS were reviewed by the CAAS GVS Committee. The changes that were made from the comments were required to be put out for public comment again. They are out now, however you can only comment of any changes that were made to the draft proposal. Anything in the original proposal that was not changed by the committee is not up for comment. The goal is to carry it back to the board in July '19, and get it approved for implementation. However, keep in mind that then each state has to adopt rules/statutes to address, if those rules for going to be applicable for that state. For example, in NC, the language in Administrative Code now says that remount ambulances are exempt from this standard. At a minimum, that statement would have to be removed. Currently, there are no Ambulance Standards for remounted ambulances.

•In regards to the current Ambulance standard, please make sure that if you buy a new ambulance that you have the proper paperwork to verify that the truck was built to a standard (either CAAS GVS sticker or NFPA-1917 paperwork). We have encountered some trucks that have no sticker verifying this, and we could not inspect the truck until this issue was resolved. Also, please know that new trucks have to be compliant to the standard without exemptions upon inspection. That doesn't mean it can't have exceptions when it leaves the dealer (i.e. stretcher). If you have questions, please call your respective regional office.

•EMS Personnel are still able to report Provider Violence through their profile in Continuum. We are getting a fair number of submissions through the system now.

pcoming EMS Administrator's Conference – August at Renaissance in Asheville. EMS agencies are encouraged to participate in EMS Administrator's Association. These Conferences are important, as changes are forthcoming in reimbursement as we move through Medicaid Transformation.

NCEM: Greg Atchley

Thank you for your support and response efforts during Hurricane Florence. There were 1700 NC, EMAC, and FEMA search and rescue personnel deployed.

Land Search Field Team Member - There is a one year grandfathering period for folks who are active on a SAR Team, have an active SAR TECH II certification to transition to the LSFTM credential. Ryan Kenney in Emergency Service is the POC. Ryan.kenney@ncdps.gov

Swiftwater Boat Operator Course - We have worked with the instructor cadre to add 3 additional boats per class with 4 courses scheduled a year. This will bring us to 108 students a year capacity. While much better than in the past we still have a tremendous back log and ask for your patience as we work to get folks through the course.

African Swine Flu is currently only an issue to the swine population however the economic impacts would be felt by everyone.

TERMS has been updated and has more functionality and changes and allows the loading of all teams and they will be deployed through that.

Hurricane Exercise will be May 22-23 similar to Florence landfall.

September 12-15 SAR Exercise at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC. Information in TERMS A12 Tawana Ramsey is retiring.

School Safety / Active Shooter - Run Hide Fight training NCEM to have a more active role.

Treasurer's Office: No Report

Boards & Commission Representative Reports

Fire & Rescue Commission: Robert Poe. No Report, see certification board report.

Fire & Rescue Commission Certification Brd: Terry Foxx

The Certification Board meet in March at South Salisbury Fire Dept. The agenda for the Standing and Ad Hoc Committee reports. Policies and Procedures for all Delivery Agencies that were tabled from a previous meeting were reviewed to bring them in line with the Proctor and Testing procedures. New business included Several Delivery Agency requests were which were handled. Requalification options for those who missed the Instructor Upgrades in 2018 due to the hurricanes or other valid reasons was discussed and moved to allow for a period of one year for those individuals to get caught up. Computer based testing for NCFRC programs was discussed as well as questions regarding the Haz Mat Technician Certification Course. The next meeting will be held June 11, 2019 at Rowan Cabarrus Community College.

EMS Advisory Council: Robert Poe

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Duke Hospital and Wake Forest Baptist Hospital was approved for Level 1 Trauma Center

Carolina Regional Medical Center was approved for Level 3 trauma Center

Received an update on the Case Review Panel and the Disciplinary Committee activity. 36% of the cases heard by the Case Review Panel were for violent offenses. 71 of the cases heard by the Disciplinary Committee the top two reasons were for violent offenses and drugs.

OEMS is working to have information of how to set up P-number and fingerprints and background checks.

VSWCF Board: Joel Faircloth

The transition has been made from Key Risk to York. Most of the adjusters and some other staff transitioned as well, so there is staff with York that is familiar with the VSWCF.

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

A Meeting is upcoming May 9, 2019

Stroke Advisory Council: Dr. Hervy Kornergay Jr.

Met at Vidant on May 1, 2019 and toured the medical facility. May is stroke awareness month. Radio ads will be launched across primarily eastern NC. New program Overreact to stroke will be coming out.

911 Board: Greg Foster / Terry Foxx

1. HB 217 is in the Senate requiring all telecommunicators have a class like the Sheriffs Telecommunicators.
2. Easy NET moving through the state

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

Discussion of proposal to change term limits of the Commander that would allow them to run for more than 2 consecutive terms. No action was taken to make the proposed change.

BLS Competition: William Mauney/Allen Johnson: No Report

Constitution : Glen Cowan

Proposed constitution change to make the Ad-hoc Convention Committee a standing committee. Motion to approve to send to voting delegates at the convention by Bill Henderson, second Billy Sparks. Motion Approved.

Further discussion was held on the previous Advisory Committee proposal

Credentials: Joel Faircloth

Even year director election at the May 2019 meeting. Motion to accept the applicants submitted by acclamation David Stamey, second Bill Henderson. Motion Approved.

Commander and Vice Commander Elections will be held this year at the annual meeting.

Finance: Joel Faircloth/Terry Foxx

Motion to accept financial statements for Association, Brotherhood, and Memorial Fund by Bill Henderson, second by Mac Smith, motion approved.

Motion to accept the proposed budget from the committee, second Bill Henderson, motion approved.

Personnel: Jeff Hinshaw: No Report

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 28,997 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. We have had two new departments join since our last meeting and two departments to close. Those are listed in your packet. 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 the need arises. A Record of Change document will be drafted and placed on the website for viewing. A request from the NC SAR Council regarding dropping the Light Rescue requirement for incoming agencies was discussed. Additional the SAR Council asked for the inclusion of the NCLSFT Member certification be incorporated into our standards. This was discussed as well.

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 awards should be announced by May 15.

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. Working to secure the current location and/or alternate locations depending on the situation at Atlantic Beach.

New Business

Legislative Update: Fred Bone

Please look at the updates and bill tracking to make sure all bills are being tracked that we should be monitoring. If there is any bills or possible legislation that we need to support or see please be sure to let us know.

Directors Meetings 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)