

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

63rd Annual Meeting & Directors Meeting

November 22, 2019

Beaufort Hotel, Beaufort NC

Call to Order

Welcome - Terry Foxx
Wayne Kearney and Peter Grills with Beaufort Hotel

Invocation - Joel Faircloth

Adoption of order of business; Motion to approve Bill Henderson, second Dale Whitlock, motion carried.

Recognition of guests - Terry Foxx
Tom Mitchell Chief OEMS, Allen Johnson, OEMS, Shawn Haynes, NCOSFM, and Fred Bone of Bone & Associates.

Roll call of Voting Delegates; Jerry Bradshaw 14 voting delegates. A complete list is available in the office.

Roll call of Directors; Joel Faircloth. 15 Area Directors, Vice Commander, Commander, Executive Director, and Executive Director Emeritus, were present.

Minutes of Directors Meeting 05-04-2019: Motion to approve, Bill Henderson, second by Ronnie Warrick, motion approved.

Old Business

Agency Reports

OSFM: Shawn Haynes

Be sure to pay attention to the schedule of instructor upgrades on the on line schedule.

OEMS: Tom Mitchell

- Staff Update
 - We have one (1) position that has been filled since our last meeting, and (1) that we are temporarily leaving vacant;
EMS Regional Specialist (WRO) – James Caldwell, formerly with Wilkes County EMS started work on September 16th.
 - Western Regional Administrative Assistant – on hold
- Rules – Rules Taskforce, formed by the EMS Advisory Council is still vetting the rules with stakeholder groups. Based on feedback from the public comment sessions, it was obvious that a Paramedic having to degree was needed, but our implementation of a Paramedic going through a Con. Ed. Program, and coming out with a AEMT was not positive. The Rules Taskforce heard that, and the new recommendation is to allow the individual a Paramedic credential for a 4-year period, in order for them to obtain their degree. They also recommended eliminating the “no more than 50% of class being online”. Their next step was to identify stakeholders and meet with them to discuss potential barriers. Implementation of these rules will likely not be implemented until 2022. We have met with NC Community College System, NC Board of Nursing, Kate B. Reynolds Foundation thusfar, with a meeting scheduled for Dec. 10th with Duke Endowment. We still need to schedule meetings with NC Association of County Commissioners/Managers, NC Healthcare Association, NC Medical Board, etc. We are continuing to work through the Taskforce, which Robert Poe is the Chairman. The earliest we would enter into the rulemaking process with these rules is August/November '20. Robert was appointed by Advisory Council as the Chairman of the taskforce, so I will yield to him for any comments. (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. Meeting today with Public Health to attempt to get more funding for EMS to help address the Opioid crisis.
(Share Spreadsheet Ideas)
- Annual EMS Expo – September 27th thru October 2nd . 1,200+ attendees at expo (record). Sold out vendor hall with NHRMC helicopter on display. MEDIC (Mecklenburg EMS) won the Paramedic Competition with the scenario of a shark attack. Next years conference is October 2nd – 7th.
- CAAS GVS 2.0 became effective on July 1, 2019. NFPA 1917 & CAAS GVS 2.0 now both address remount ambulances. NC does not have a standard for remount ambulances until the rule is changed. 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.
- Upcoming EMS Administrator's Conference – March at Hotel Ballast in Wilmington. 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.
- We have participated in a number of meetings with the EMS Administrators and Medicaid regarding the transition in Medicaid that has now been postponed indefinitely. We are actually meeting in Raleigh with them as we speak to help the PHP's understand the franchising requirements, licensing, Medicaid Cost Reporting and the way EMS in NC is run. Yesterday, there was a meeting in Greensboro with the Non-Emergency Brokers to make sure their was an open line of communication. If you are not staying up-to-date on Medicaid Transformation and how it is going to affect ambulance transportation, you need to get involved. If we can assist with getting you connected to the right group, feel free to let us know.
- Data System is being sent out for RFP after the first of the year. ESO is currently the vendor.

NCEM: Terry Foxx, From: Brian Barnes

1. Appreciate the continued support of the Association and its members across the various responses over the past year. It has been an extremely busy few years and we couldn't be more proud and appreciative of the teamwork to meet the needs of the citizens.
2. We were successful in securing a one-time appropriation of \$2.3m for the Search and Rescue Program. This funding was primarily focused on sustaining the swiftwater capability as we spent over \$1.4m purchasing boats and motors for the state sponsored swiftwater rescue teams. We have been able to secure another \$1m one time appropriation this year but are hoping to see a budget deal go through to finally get the reoccurring funds that were identified by the Governor and legislature for the SAR Program. Reoccurring funds are going to be vital to long term program sustainability and strategic planning.
3. We are continuing to work on a Land Search Field Team Leader program to compliment the Land Search Field Team member program. We hope to have this program out this year, the series of busy response seasons has pushing this project out longer than we wanted, but we are working diligently to catch up.
4. The next SERC Meeting will be January 17th at 1000 hrs in Raleigh.

Treasurer's Office: No Report

Boards & Commission Representative Reports

Fire & Rescue Commission: Robert Poe

Fire and Rescue Commission

10/8/2019

Mark Rutherford was appointed to the Certification Board
Chris Davis was appointed to the Commission
Kevin Gordon was reappointed to the Commission
Ben Smith was presented an award for service to the Certification Board

Technical Rescuer is up for total rewrite in 2021
There has been a significant overhaul of the Fire Fighter program
Hours have decreased
Test questions have decreased
More skills testing vs written
New program takes effect July 2021
Old 2013 program will be available until 12-31-2021

Commission was presented 2 options for the delivery of the new Fire Fighter program. After much discussion it was voted to have more blocks of instruction with less hours per block. This was sent back to the Certification Board for further review

The Legislature approved in July to give the Commission authority to enforce rules

Bylaws were presented to the Commission members and are to be voted on at the January meeting

Fire & Rescue Commission Certification Brd: Terry Foxx

The Certification Board meet on June 11, 2019 at Rowan Cabarrus Community College in Salisbury. The agenda was read and approved and reports were heard from the Standing and Ad Hoc Committees. Those Ad Hoc Committee reports included the Computer Based Certification Testing and the rewrite of Chief 101-2020. New business included Several Delivery Agency requests were which were handled, program updates to the NFPA 1001 – Firefighter, 1002 – Driver Operator (EVD), 1072 – Haz Mat and 1407 – Training for Rapid Intervention Crews and requalification options for Instructor Upgrades. At least one investigation was heard and discussed along with some minor cleanup for the TIMS class.

The next meeting was held September 10, 2019 at Kernersville Fire Department. The agenda was read and approved and reports were heard from the Standing and Ad Hoc Committees of Computer Based Certification Testing and Chief 101-2020 rewrite. All the program updates, instructor upgrades, TIMS and Instructor Qualifications were discussed along with the updated course descriptions of the NFPA 1001-2013 to the NFPA 1001-2019 Firefighter Standard updates. New business included Several Delivery Agency requests and the draft use of Blocks courses to deliver the 2019 edition of the firefighter standard.

Election of the Chair and Vice Chair was held with Kevin Gordon remaining as the Chair and Terry Foxx serving as the Vice Chair. The next meeting will be held on December 10, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Kernersville Fire Department.

A special called meeting was held on October 30, 2019 to discuss Option 2 of the changes to the NFPA 1001-2019 edition, course descriptions and FIP numbers for those courses.

EMS Advisory Council: Robert Poe
EMS Advisory Council

May 21, 2019

Compliance update: The top two reasons that individuals are being investigated by the Case Review Panel and the NC EMS Disciplinary Committee are violent offenses and DWI

NC EMS Expo
Registration is open for Preliminary Paramedic Competition
Conference registration opens June 3, 2019

Update was given on the Rules Task Force
There were meetings at 5 locations, Bladen Co, Pitt Co, Durham Co, Iredell Co, Haywood Co.
The task force is meeting the afternoon of the Advisory Council meeting to start formulating a recommendation to the Advisory Council in August

The Council was given a presentation by Kimberly Clement on disaster management, mobile hospitals, hurricane preparedness and staffing

Opioid epidemic is ongoing. Many counties are coming up with innovative ways to combat this problem.

McKenzie Beamer had transitioned from EMSC to EMS Project Specialist

OEMS is focusing on provider suicides. According to CDC approximately 37% of EMS personnel suffer from PTSD and have thought of suicide with about 7% actually attempting it..

VSWCF Board: Joel Faircloth

There is a new third party administrator as York was bought by Sedgewick which will be taking over the administration of the fund.
Funding levels for the fund are good as there have been better loss ratios on claims and funding stabilized.

Fire & Rescue Pension Advisory Brd: Debbie Poe / Gary Whitman
No Report.

Stroke Advisory Council: Tom Mitchell / Dr. Hervy Kornegay Jr.
Met November 14, 2019 divided into 4 groups: Stroke prevention, stroke care, post stroke, stroke advisory.
Forming workgroups to work on such as data, stroke registry, survey, prehospital care.

911 Board: Greg Foster
ESINet

- As of today, 30 PSAPS (911 Centers) are live on ESINet
- There are 40 active Projects and 51 others approved
- Leaving only 6 in the state that has made no decision at this time.
The new State 911 NMAC (Network Management and Assistance Center)
- As of September 19th, The NMAC came on line
- Staff to man it 24/7/365 is currently being hired.
- Due to all staff not being in place yet, the center is manned during the day with folks on call at night.
- The NMAC not only will handle issues with the new ESINet but will also help centers with other issues such as telephone problems, etc. 911 Board Members and Staffing
- There has been a large staff turnover for some time now with board staff members but things seem to getting better.

- Last report, applications are being taken for the two board staff regional reps positions and should be hired soon to hopefully get them back to full staff.
911 Board Grants for FY19-20

- A total of 10.5 million dollars were given out in grant funds
- Highway Patrol grant to move the hosted ESINet - 1.1 million dollars The grant recipients include:
 - N.C. State Highway Patrol, NextGen911/ESInet, \$1,101,933
 - Chatham County, radio system upgrade, \$2,339,608
 - Cumberland County, relocation of 911 communications center, \$2,251,387
 - Currituck County, public safety building construction, \$583,655
 - Davie County, end-of-life CAD system replacement, \$232,767
 - Franklin County, emergency communications - new public service answering point (PSAP), \$3,958,873
 - Pender County, computer-aided dispatch upgrade project, \$45,873

As always, feel free to reach out to me with questions, comments or concerns because I am here to represent the association and make the best decisions possible for the 911 center, the responders and citizens of the state of NC

Technical Urban Search & Rescue Advisory Committee: Terry Foxx

The Technical Urban Search & Rescue Advisory Committee has not met since our annual meeting and no meeting is scheduled at this time. The 2+ million dollars of funding that was secured from the legislature from the 2018-2019 budget to support the State's team has been spent. The State's Swift Water Teams each received watercraft and motors according to their current typing. The team's also had the choice of a spare motor or dry suits. Most chose the spare motor. There was a problem with each of the motors and the transoms on the boats which is currently being rectified through warranty and the vendor.

Standing Committee Reports

Advisory: Bob Twomey

Discussed the making of the convention committee a standing committee.
Discussed about the potential of changing term limits for Commander and Vice Commander.

BLS Competition: William Mauney/Allen Johnson

No report as competition were not able to be held on the rescheduled dates.

Constitution : Glen Cowan

Brought forth the recommendation from the committee and directors to the delegates to amend the constitution to establish the convention as a standing committee, second by Bill Henderson, motion approved.

Credentials: Jerry Bradshaw

14 Voting Delegates

Nominations for Vice Commander were opened, Josh Shumate by Ronnie Warrick and Phillip Killian by Donny Houston were nominated. Nominations closed and applications were submitted and ok by credentials. Ballots were handed out and Josh Shumate was elected Vice Commander with 10 votes, 3 for Phillip Killian and 1 abstained.

Nominations for Commander were opened. Hervy Kornegay Jr. was the only application submitted and no further nominations were made. Bill Henderson motion to approve by acclamation, second by Dale Whitlock, motion approved

Finance: Gary Whitman/Terry Foxx/Joel Faircloth

Motion to to approve all financial statements for Association, Brotherhood, Memorial Fund by Bill Henderson, second by Glenn Cowan, motion approved.

Relief Fund financial statements presented for information.

Personnel: Jeff Hinshaw

No new report.

Rescue Competition: Mac Smith

Thanked the Chiefs of Morehead and Beaufort Fire Departments for their assistance offered for the competition but was not held due to team scheduling conflicts with the new dates.

Standards & Training: Terry Foxx

The current Association membership is 29,197 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 nine 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 he need arises. A Record of Change document is being 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

2020 applications will go on line January 1, 2020 - March 31, 2020.

Ad Hoc Committee Report

Convention Committee: Robert Poe/Joel Faircloth

The Beaufort Hotel has been great to work with over the summer with the change in venues that was required due to the Double Tree not being able to reopen and then with the cancellations due to Hurricane Dorian and rescheduling for today. They presented a proposal for 2020 and 2021. Bill Henderson motion to approve a two year agreement for 2020 and 2021. September 10-12, 2020 and Sept 9-11, 2021, second Mac Smith, 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. Dr. Hervy Kornegay Jr., Derrick Clouston, Tom Mitchell

Legislative Update: Fred Bone

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

State of the Association Report: Terry Foxx

2019 has been another great year for our Association. To date our focused team has continued to not miss a beat. Joel and staff works diligently and strives to meet the everyday needs of our Customers, Officers and our Board. That work is much appreciated.

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 on Thursday night in an effort to give more time to lend to training and other activities on Friday & Saturday. This year has been a particular challenge with Hurricane Dorian showing up in September. We were forced to postpone our annual meeting until tonight. Yes, it's small and a one-day deal but the intent is just as valid. I would challenge all to let's make the 2020 meeting special.

Our association membership continues to grow and prosper. With a membership representing 695 departments, and over 29,197 members our association is strong and we must continue to work to get our Brotherhood membership to grow.

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. Remember if you hear of something coming up please let us know so we can stay on top of all that pertains to us.

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 have continued to work on our direction from previous year's meeting. I would like to update you on our progress of the 6 categories we discussed 4 years ago. The Office has been reorganized and renovated following the hurricane, including the purchase of flood insurance. 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 Vice Commander Hervy Kornegay. Doc is an invaluable asset and has been great support the past 4 years. 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 of our Directors for their support in the past 4 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.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as you Commander.

Emeritus Membership: Terry Foxx
No nominations.

Directors Meetings 2020

Recommendation for May 2 @ Alamance, September 10-12 @ Beaufort. Motion Mac Smith, second Butch Oliver, motion passed.

Appointment of Committee Chairpersons: Terry Foxx

Dr. Hervy Kornegay Jr., newly elected commander, advised he would like to contact the current chairs and make recommendations at a later meeting.

Appointments of Personnel Committee: Terry Foxx

Motion to re-appoint Kim Haddock and Jeff Hinshaw, and appoint Gary Whitman by Mac Smith, second Tim Pennell, motion approved

Recessed until Awards Presentation Ceremony

Presentation Ceremony November 22, 2019

Welcome	Terry Foxx
Invocation	Pastor John Howard
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Terry Foxx
Memorial Service	Pastor John Howard / Joel Faircloth
Introduction of Special Guests	Terry Foxx
Installation of Association Officers	Gordon Joyner

Special Presentations

Terry Foxx

NCAREMS Lifetime Membership:

Derrick Clouston Dr. Hervy Kornegay Jr. Tom Mitchell

NCAR&EMS Auxiliary Awards

**Stephanie Lancaster/Melva Thompson/
Betsy Prince**

Outstanding President - Donna Stanley

Director of the Year - Lorrie Lancaster

Aux of the Year - Tabor City Rescue Auxiliary

Aux Scholarship - Michael Blake Stanley

Chairs of Credential Cmt - Ronnie Warrick / Mike Worley

Person of the Year - Jerry Barnes Sr.

Hiram Brinson Memorial Award

Ronnie Watts

Director of the Year Award #4

Tim Pennell

Stephen Smith

Benediction

Pastor John Howard

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)