



## Fauquier County Fire Rescue System

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*Battalion Chief Rich Cluff, Chair  
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**APPROVED**

### EMS COMMITTEE

#### **01/28/2025 Minutes**

Present: Chairperson Rich Cluff, FCFR, John Larsen, WVFC, Joe Williams, RVFD, Michael Proper, MVFR, Danielle McCloy, TPVFR, Dr. Michael Jinks, Fauquier Health, Executive Assistant Lindsay Flippo

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Cluff called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

#### **II. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was presented to the committee. Danielle McCloy made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mike Proper seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

#### **III. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes from the November 26, 2024 meeting were presented to the committee. Danielle McCloy made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Mike Proper seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

#### **IV. Guests/Citizens**

- a. There were no guests present.

#### **V. Old Business**

- a. Training Updates – There is a scheduled PALS recertification training on February 8, 2025 at the SIM Lab open to those system members who need to be recertified. The upcoming CPR courses are scheduled for March 1 and June 14, 2025. Mike Proper inquired about LifePak 35 training with volunteers. Chairperson Cluff informed the committee that our trainers are making their way around the county to train system volunteers.
- b. Pharmacy Update – All units now have medications, along with first-in bags. All of the bags are the same across the ambulances. The first-in kits are carrying BLS and some ALS drugs, and there are now control substance and fridge kits. iGels are now on, and King LTS-Ds are out. All narcotics were transferred from Fauquier Hospital's pharmacy on 1/28 to our possession.

The plan is to send out a system-wide survey after 1 month and 6 months for suggestions and what needs to change. Consistency is key across the system. Medic 1 was our tester, and encountered a few issues, but have worked through and is running as our new normal. John Larsen inquired about the target solutions training, which is now assigned and ready for review.

#### **VI. New Business**

- a. 6 Month Goals and Objectives – The Executive Committee wanted the FCFRS sub-committees to

discuss and present some 6 Month Goals and Objectives for each committee. Chairperson Cluff asked the EMS Operations Committee to think about what the purpose of this committee as well as what do you want to accomplish with this committee? We would like to keep EMS operation momentum moving forward. Chairperson Cluff decided to table this discussion until next month, as to give people time to think on these goals and objectives.

- b. GlideScope Demo- has been great, and we are now moving forward with plans to switch from McGraths, as these keep breaking and are hard to replace, along with recalls. The GlideScopes have the ability to record, and the County Attorney asked what do we plan to do with these videos? Dr. Jenks suggested having in a “QA/QI” holding place, and not attached to a PCR, so they may be used in education, training, and quality reviews to make sure our EMS is operating at the highest level. Dr. Jenks also mentioned that the hospital has used GlideScopes for about 10 years, and they have been great pieces of equipment. The purchase of the GlideScopes has been put in the budget request, hope to hear about the funds after the Budget approval in March/April.
- c. NVERS EMS Council – our system recently received a letter from the NVERS EMS Council (formally the Northern Virginia EMS Council) asking if we would like to do join their council, as there is a restructuring happening at the state EMS level in regards to EMS Councils. They have requested we put in a preference letter if we would like to join. Chairperson Cluff shared his personal feelings that we align more with NVERS and have received more support from them than REMS. He also spoke with Co-Chair John Kane, who was unable to attend, who also agreed we should align with NVERS.

Chairperson Cluff asked the committee for their opinions. Danielle McCloy and John Larsen both expressed that they would also like to align with NVERS. Mike Proper asked to see a pros and cons list between the two councils. Chairperson Cluff reminded the committee that REMS gives us CLIA waivers and back-up OMD, and while they offer trainings and grants, we are unable to make their offers work for our System. NVERS has supplied our system with drugs, the blood needed for our blood products, and grant equipment. As an EMS agency, it was also stated that we also closely align with their protocols, along with their pharmacy. There is also training opportunities through INOVA, as well as the possibility of joining their meetings and discussions. Danielle McCloy asked if we put in a letter, will we also need to pay them along with the \$4,000 we just paid REMS. It was determined at that this time, with the uncertainty of how the State OEMS restructuring process goes, the letter was the only thing that NVERS was asking for in terms of joining. Dr. Jenks also made his opinion known that he also agreed with aligning with NVERS.

John Larsen made a motion to send the preference letter to NVERS. Danielle McCloy seconded the motion. Mike Proper was still unsure about it and abstained. The motion passed.

## **VII. Roundtable**

- a. REMS Council/OEMS – there is going to be a large meeting next Thursday for the Virginia State OEMS to discuss what’s next and where and how does OEMS go forward. There is a new director, and her changes are to streamline many things that went awry under the old administration. Some possible changes include going from 11 to 7 Regional EMS Councils, as well as doing away with “hybrid” councils. Things will now need to go in front of the state legislature. OEMS is also doing away with ESO, and looking at other alternative reporting systems. Joe Williams informed the committee that he will be attending the meeting and will know more about what to expect and what to come at that time. He will report back to us with the updates.
- b. Warrenton Co. 1 – John Larsen informed the committee that Warrenton is sending their fire suppression personnel through the precepting rotation, hoping to get a few more released.
- c. Esophageal Cancer Screening at Fauquier Health – Dr. Jenks brought to the committee’s

attention the offer esophageal cancer screenings testing to system members who fall within the risk criteria for free. He would like to get a consensus to how much interest there is with County system members. He also spoke of how the procedure will go, with a balloon that is placed down the esophagus, inflated and pulled up through, all the while taking samples of cells. Chairperson Cluff and Dr. Jenks will connect with Health and Safety Committee Chair Matthew Shields to move forward and take this possible initiative into consideration.

- d. ImageTrend – Joe Williams asked about imputing and deleting personnel in ImageTrend. There used to be a designated system volunteer at each station who could input and delete personnel within each station. Since we are now under one Agency, it seems that those who had access do not anymore. Lindsay Flippo informed him that now that we are one system, it was to streamline the process. Both Battalion Chief Rob Smith and she herself have the ability to add and delete, as well as update, so if there are any issues or questions, just reach out to them. New members are added almost as soon as volunteer coordinator Bobby Tarr has finished processing them when he informs BC Smith and Lindsay they are set as new volunteers.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by John Larsen at 1946 hours. Danielle McCloy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2025, at 1900 hours at EMS Station 1.