



Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.  
Operational Medical Directors Committee  
Minutes – March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 12:00pm

Attendance

Name	Agency/Representing	Attended
Stewart Martin, MD	VBEMS/ Chairperson	X
Stephen M. Skrip, MD	MTI /Airport	X
Jim Burhop, MD	CHKD	X
April Shackleford, MD	Franklin/ Southampton	
Richard Slama, DO	Navy Region Mid-Atlantic	
Barry Knapp, MD	Norfolk Fire-Rescue	
Rene Morcion, DO	Reliance Medical Transport	
Carl Wentzel, MD	Suffolk Fire and Rescue	
Manuel Armada, MD	TCC	
Don Byars, MD	Portsmouth Fire and Rescue	
Dave Cash, MD	FBI	
Paul Roszko	Navy	
Zane Shuck	Franklin/Southampton County	X
Jamil Kahn, MD	CHKD	
Joe Lang, MD	Portsmouth Fire and Rescue	X
Joel Michael, MD	IOW, NSVRS	X
Lewis Siegel, MD	Chesapeake Fire	X
Lori Givonetti, MD	Nightingale	
Mike Bono, MD	Special Events	
Paul Holata, MD	Norfolk Fire-Rescue EMT-I	
Thomas Schwalenberg	Chesapeake Fire	
Meg Eason, MD	CHKD	
Hugh Hemsley, MD	Accomack Department of Public Safety	
Ray Willet	Suffolk Fire	
David Long	TEMS	X
Valerie Vagts	TEMS	X
John Walker	Norfolk Fire-Rescue	
Matt Owens	VBEMS	X
James Reynolds	CFD	X
David Coulling	TEMS	
Wayne Berry	OEMS	

Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Stewart Martin, called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. Approval of 9/8/2020 meeting minutes – Passed
- Visitors: Jason Ambrose, Craig Evans, Dr. Dan Avstreich, Dr. John Morgan

Old Business:

- Whole Blood presentation by Craig Evans, Dr. Dan and John Morgan. Started due to a large scale incident in 2017, which was a 3-4 hour extrication. Helicopter on scene began blood infusion but ran out of blood. Contacted local hospital and used their blood supply. Resulted in good patient outcome. Created a new protocol to administer blood in the field, which will be shared with TEMS. FACTR – field available critical transfusion response. On demand blood brought to scene, admitted rarely used protocol but stepping stone to getting blood into EMS supervisor vehicles. 3 NOVA counties using it, blood is stored refrigerated in EMS supervisor vehicle. Ultimately working towards forward deployed blood in EMS. Billing is handled by the NOVA EMS Council. Committee agrees with pursuing field whole blood administration. Dr. Joe Lang organizing a process for TEMS to utilize whole blood.
- Tourniquet current literature recommends that providers not in dangerous/hostile situations keep application on tourniquets two inches above the wound. Tactical medicine goes high and tight. Address in notes in protocol if difficulty exposing the wound or applying second tourniquet than all providers should go high and tight. Preference is 2" above wound for all other circumstances.

New Business:

- Education and Training Committee update – Matt Owens
  - Approved the recommendation to add solu-medrol and mag drip for AEMT's as a physicians order in the breathing difficulty protocol
  - Approved the recommendation to add solu-medrol for allergic reaction protocol as a physician order for AEMT's
  - Approved Overdose Notes and Flowchart suggested changes
- Triennial PI Plan documents approved, now ready for BOD approval on March 11th
- Expo 2021 cancelled. 2022 dates May 10-15 – call for presentations will be sent out soon
- Dr. Martin asked for any COVID-19 challenges – no agency reports of issues with PPE or other issues
- Handtevy: 2 years in, just shy of \$150k investment, struggling to get data analysis from system. State looking into getting buying into the system which would take the cost from TEMS.
- Meeting issues: Dr. Michael would prefer to keep the robust virtual meeting or hybrid, rather than going right back into in-person meetings.

### Meeting Schedule for 2021

- Try to move remaining dates in-person (June 8, Sept 7) and December 7 is joint OMD meeting held at TEMS (in-person with State OMD recertification presentation)
- All dates are second Tuesday of the month
- Next meeting hybrid at TEMS and on BBB

Meeting adjourned at 13:30

**Announcements / Dates to Remember** – please visit [www.tidewaterems.org](http://www.tidewaterems.org). Please contact Valerie Vagts at [vagts@vaems.org](mailto:vagts@vaems.org) with any changes to your contact information.

**The next meeting of the TEMS Operational Medical Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:00pm.**

**Location: hybrid = TEMS with Virtual alternative**