

Western Virginia EMS Council
Report from the Governor's EMS Advisory Board

The most recent meeting was held February 11, 2011 in Glen Allen, Virginia.

The 2010 RSAF Fall grant deadline was September 15, 2010; OEMS received 119 grant applications requesting \$7,984,724.00 in funding. These grants were awarded on January 1, 2011 in the amount of \$3,324,484.00 to 88 agencies. Agencies in the WVEMS region received a total of \$728,895.00. There is a new application program for this cycle – make sure you are using the correct program and all documents are received by the Office of EMS by 4:30 p.m. on 3/15/2011.

A bill has passed both the House and Senate that will make it easier for military personnel with emergency medical certifications to obtain EMT certification in Virginia. It is likely the Governor will sign this bill.

A bill has passed both the House and Senate that will give firefighter and EMS personnel the option to exempt out of Jury Duty. It is likely the Governor will sign this bill.

A bill has passed both the House and Senate that requires an individual seeking an exemption or a variance to the rules and regulations to only have a signature from the OMD and the Chief Administrative Officers of the City or County before submitting to OEMS. Previously the local governing body had to approve by resolution. It is likely the Governor will sign this bill.

The medical direction committee has put forth a white paper on “hemorrhage control.” It includes information on the use of tourniquets and clotting agents. It is available on OEMS website if you are interested.

The 3-year Statewide EMS Plan has been approved by the Board of Health. It will be posted to the OEMS website if you are interested.

My term on the Advisory Board will expire this year. If it is the desire of the WVEMS Board, I would like to and would be honored to continue serving in this capacity. Thank you for your confidence in me to represent the Council on the Advisory Board. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Wagoner