



**WV EMS**  
Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.



# ANNUAL REPORT

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(as of 11-01-2019)

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## Emerging Threats Impact Patient Care

Active shooter and other multicasualty events require responders to:

- Maintain enhanced situational awareness.
- Limit care in high-risk environments.
- Treat complex wounds.
- Respond to competing priorities (stop management of patient for safety reasons versus complex patient care).



**RFAAP  
FIRE & RESCUE**

## Office Information

### Main Office

1944 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke VA 24017

### New River Valley Office:

6580 Valley Center Drive, Radford VA 24141  
(located in the New River Valley Business Center)

### Piedmont Office

1024 DuPont Road, Martinsville VA 24115  
(located in the Henry County Public Safety Training Center)

# MISSION

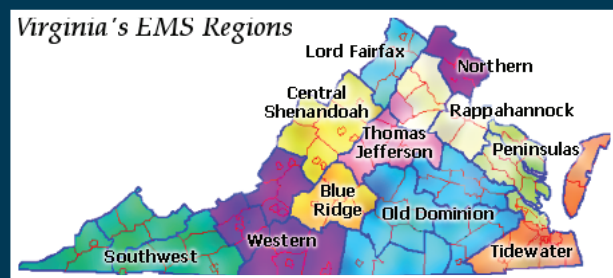
The mission of the Western Virginia EMS Council is to facilitate regional cooperation, planning and implementation of an integrated emergency medical services delivery system.

Regional EMS Councils in the Code of Virginia  
§ 32.1-111.11

Regional emergency medical services councils

The Board [of Health] shall designate regional emergency medical services councils which shall be authorized to receive and disburse public funds. Each council shall be charged with the development and implementation of an efficient and effective regional emergency medical services delivery system...

## Virginia's EMS Councils



WVEMS is one of 11 regional EMS councils in Virginia. It serves the fourth, fifth and twelfth planning districts of Virginia, encompassing the following localities:

- Alleghany County
- Botetourt County
- Craig County
- Floyd County
- Giles County
- Franklin County
- Henry County
- Montgomery County
- Patrick County
- Pittsylvania County
- Pulaski County
- Roanoke County
- City of Covington
- City of Danville
- City of Martinsville
- City of Radford
- City of Roanoke
- City of Salem

# ABOUT THE WESTERN VIRGINIA EMS COUNCIL

In 1974, a dedicated group of volunteers gathered to study the feasibility of creating an organization dedicated to the improvement of pre-hospital emergency medical care in certain areas of western Virginia. Initially, the counties and cities comprised by the Fourth and Fifth Planning



Districts of Virginia were identified as the Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Region. Eventually, the Commonwealth of Virginia recognized EMS regions by statute, and the Twelfth Planning District was incorporated into the Western Virginia Region. Now our Region includes 12 counties and seven cities.

In 1975, the Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council incorporated in Planning Districts Four and Five, and the Piedmont EMS Council was incorporated in the Twelfth PD. (Eventually these two corporations merged to form the present Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council.) The initial Boards of Directors began the process of developing our EMS system.

Fortunately, our region already possessed a good basic life support base, consisting primarily of a network of dedicated volunteer rescue squads. The focus of our EMS Councils became development of a quality Advanced Life Support program, as part of our overall EMS system.

The US Department of Health and Human Services (formerly Health, Education and Welfare) had developed a series of grants-in-aid. Initially, these were awarded as block grants through Virginia's Department of Health. As EMS councils were created, direct grants were made. A series of matching grants was awarded to develop our EMS system throughout the Western Virginia Region. A small staff coordinated the construction of complex UHF medical radio systems, training programs, public education programs, and many other elements of our comprehensive EMS system. Local governments contributed to the Councils to fund training and radio system operations.

In 1983, we were notified that federal grant funding was no longer available. Determined to continue development of our programs, we sought local and state funding. Local government contributions increased. Hospitals throughout the region assisted. Some private contributions were received, and limited United Way funds were made available. After much hard work by many persons within Virginia's EMS community, the Virginia legislature created its One-for-Life program whereby one dollar from each motor vehicle registration was put into a fund to be administered by the Virginia Department of Health for emergency medical services. Later, that fund was doubled and renamed Two-for-Life.

This State fund created Virginia's Rescue Squad Assistance Fund, a matching grant program for rescue squads and other agencies and entities providing emergency medical care in the Commonwealth. The Two-for-Life program also funded several other worthwhile projects, including some administrative funding for the regional EMS councils. That program has expanded into what is now "\$6.25 for Life." At present, regional EMS councils across Virginia enter into annual contracts with the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services. The councils coordinate training at the basic and advanced life support level, and provide many other support functions.

The Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council operates a main office in Roanoke. We also staff field offices in Radford and Martinsville. The Council owns and operates UHF medical radio systems throughout the Region. These systems allow EMS providers in the field to communicate directly with the hospital emergency departments. Advanced life support training is coordinated and provided by the Council through our OEMS Accredited New River Valley Training Center and under a cooperative agreement with Radford University. Many continuing education programs are promoted, developed and provided.

The Council is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization as defined by the IRS code. We are governed by a 27 member board of directors. Our board meets quarterly, and an active executive committee meets more frequently. All medical personnel and protocol matters are governed by our Medical Direction Committee, chaired by a Regional Medical Director. The MDC consists of all physician Operational Medical Directors within the region. (Each EMS agency must designate an operational medical director.) All EMS courses are directed by designated physician course medical directors.

The Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council maintains an important presence in EMS in the Western Virginia EMS Region. We are a major element of the EMS system. Given statutory authority and recognition by the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Council works closely with the Virginia Health Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services. Through our contractual obligations with the Commonwealth, we are the implementation arm for many programs and activities.

Our EMS Council has developed model programs now used throughout Virginia, such as our long-standing relationship with the Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance. We have consistently maintained leadership roles and have been looked to for advice and assistance. A dedicated staff and board of directors, along with an outstanding working committee structure has allowed us to excel and to develop a model EMS system.

What's in our future? Our board of directors is currently in discussions with the Southwest Virginia EMS Council to consider a merger which would benefit all of our constituents. Such cooperation would consolidate many functions, such as audit, employee benefits, bookkeeping and insurance. It would also afford the councils a greater presence in the Commonwealth. Stay tuned for more about this opportunity as it unfolds!

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Executive Director.



# LEADERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(As of 11-1-2019)

Stephen G. Simon, President\*  
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Kristopher Shrader\*  
Rodney Haywood  
Valerie Tweedie\*  
Ford S. Wirt  
Richard Flora

*\*Executive committee*

### Representing

Roanoke County  
City of Danville  
Botetourt County  
Montgomery County  
Patrick County  
City of Roanoke  
Emergency Physician At-large  
City of Salem  
Craig County  
Pittsylvania County  
Emergency Nurses Association  
Giles County  
Henry County  
City of Covington  
Pulaski County  
Franklin County  
Va. Assoc. of Vol. Rescue Squads  
12th Planning District At-large  
Regional Medical Director  
Executive Director  
Alleghany County  
NSPA/Hospital System Representative  
City of Martinsville  
City of Radford  
4th Planning District At-Large  
Floyd County  
5th Planning District At-Large

## COMMITTEE, SUBCOMMITTEE AND PROGRAM LEADERS

**Executive Committee** – Steve Simon, Chair

**Medical Direction** - Charles J. Lane, MD, Regional Medical Director/Chair

**Pharmacy Subcommittee** - Nadine Gilmore, R.Ph., Co-Chair; Larry Mullins, R.Ph., MBA, Co-Chair

**Allied Resources Subcommittee** - Darrell VanNess, MSN, Chair

**Education Subcommittee** – Marlon (Matt) Rickman, Chair

**Performance Improvement/Trauma Triage Committee** - Charles J. Lane, MD, Chair

**Stroke Triage Committee** - Charles J. Lane, MD, Chair

**Regional Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM)** - Dwayne Cromer, Team Administrator

**Communications Workgroup** - Jim Cady, Sr., Chair

# SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## PROVIDER SERVICES AND RECOGNITION

Provided volunteer and career referrals and training course information in response to daily telephone and electronic inquiries.

Conducted an annual EMS awards program at the Vinton War Memorial. Recognized providers and agencies in ten categories of Regional EMS awards, plus a scholarship to an outstanding EMS provider who was a high school senior. Submitted regional award recipients as statewide Governor's EMS award nominees. Presented the Benny Summerlin Award for Service to Local Government. Also presented NSPA Healthcare Preparedness awards in four categories.

Coordinated and provided a point of contact for an accredited (VOEMS) regional critical incident stress management (CISM) Team consisting of 36 volunteer mental health and peer public safety debriefers.

Quarterly team meetings were conducted, along with several special training events.

Responded to 25 requests for CISM team interventions and various educational sessions for CISM team members.

Maintained and updated statewide "Virginia EMS Jobs" ([www.vaemsjobs.com](http://www.vaemsjobs.com)) on-line database for the Virginia Office of EMS.

Managed multi-regional Consolidated Test Site (CTS) registration system for BLS/ALS testing registration. (WVEMS staff coordinated development of this system.)

Served as EMS infrastructure point of contact for all EMS agencies, providers, hospitals, and local governments in the region and beyond.



# 2019 REGIONAL EMS AWARDS

## **Outstanding EMS Telecommunications Dispatcher**

Virgil (JR) Powell, Director, Martinsville-Henry County 911 Center

## **Outstanding Prehospital Provider**

Logan Perkins, Regional Emergency Services, Inc., (REMSI), Pulaski County

## **Outstanding EMS Administrator**

Kenneth Todd King, Horsepasture Volunteer Rescue Squad

## **Nurse with Outstanding Contribution to EMS**

Amy Moore, Carilion Clinic Pediatric ER

## **Outstanding Prehospital Educator**

Beauford (BJ) Joyce, Jefferson College of Health Sciences (Now Radford University)

## **Outstanding EMS Agency**

Carilion Clinic Life Guard Air Ambulance Provider

## **Dr. Cheryl B. Haas Award for Outstanding EMS Physician**

Susan Osborne, D.O.

## **Outstanding Contribution to EMS by a High School Senior (\$1,000 scholarship)**

William Scott "Billy" Fulcher, Horsepasture Volunteer Rescue Squad

## **Outstanding Contribution to EMS Emergency Preparedness and Response**

Roanoke County Fire and Rescue for its Emergency Management Team

## **Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS for Children**

Tanya Trevilian, Carilion Clinic Pediatric Trauma Center

## **Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS Health and Safety**

John T. Clark, Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance, for Mental Health First Aid for Fire & EMS Program

## **Award for Excellence in EMS**

James L. Cady, Sr., Emergency Manager, Craig County

## **Benny Summerlin Award for Service to Local Government**

Dale Wagoner, Deputy County Administrator, Henry County

## EMS EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

Provided standardized testing of students exiting from various initial certification EMS courses.

Coordinated 14 OEMS consolidated test sites throughout the region, testing 382 candidates for certification.

WVEMS maintains an accredited AEMT Training Center at our New River Valley location. Awarded accreditation renewal in 2018.

Considering the development of an accredited AEMT Training Program in the Piedmont area.

Maintains Clinical Agreements and Agency Field Training Agreements with a multitude of regional medical facilities and EMS Agencies to provide clinical and field training for our accredited programs.

Provided a loaner library of EMS educational videos, training equipment and books.

Provided fiscal processing and support for the annual statewide EMS symposium (November 2019) in Norfolk to be attended by some 1800 EMS providers, nurses and physicians.

Completed one Advanced EMT course in Roanoke enrolling 22 students, specifically designed for fire/EMS agencies in the Roanoke Valley with a 92% pass rate.

Completed one Advanced EMT course in the New River Valley which enrolled 15 students with a 95% pass rate.

Continued a cooperative EMS education program with Radford University Carilion.

Offered numerous ALS and BLS continuing education programs across the region.

Funded 427 hours of ALS/BLS category 1 continuing education through a grant from the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services as well as funded 35 auxiliary courses training 537 students.

Coordinated and provided instruction for all ALS/BLS continuing education offered at the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads' annual Rescue College in Blacksburg, awarding 6,035 hours of Category 1 and Category 2 Continuing Education from the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services.

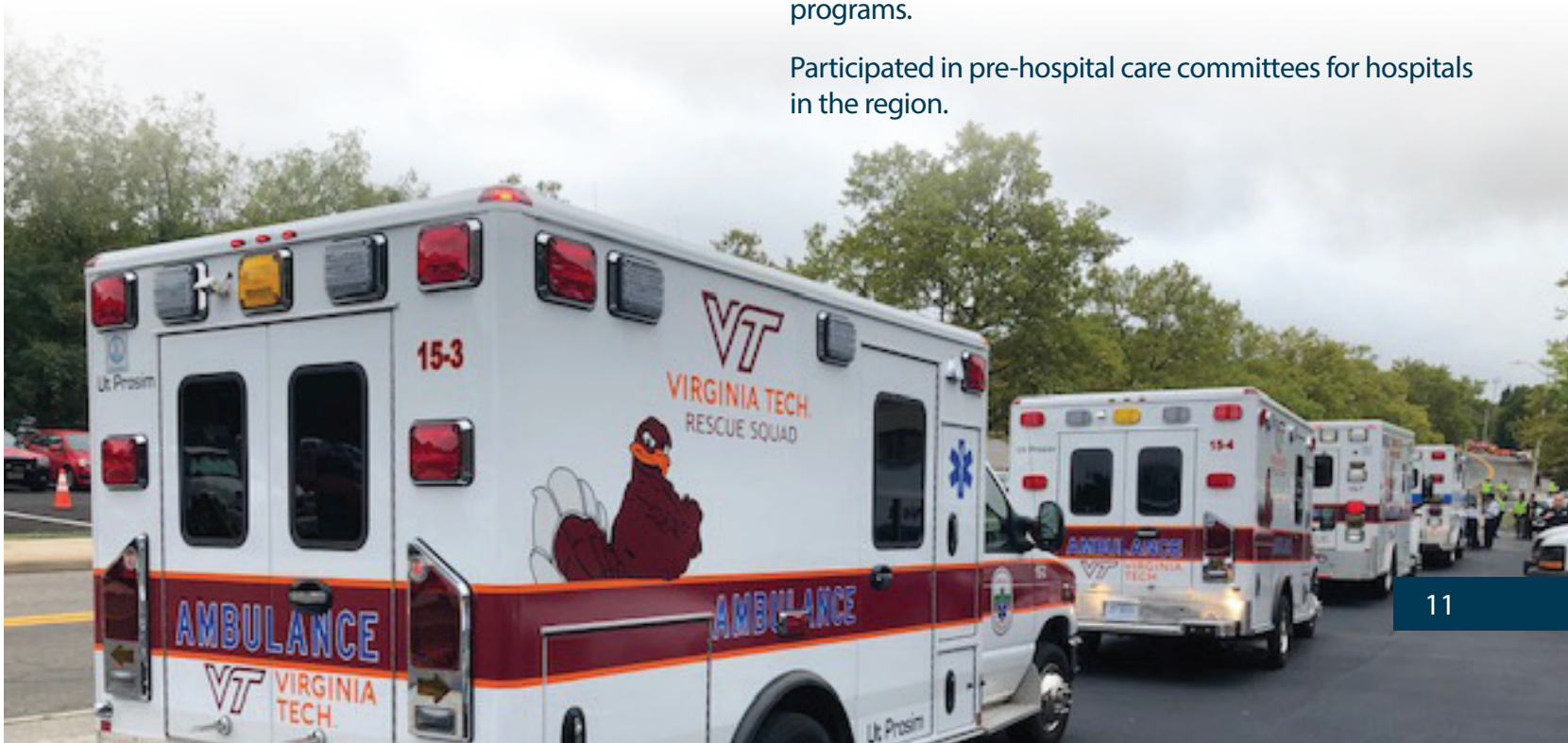
Provided support to Roanoke Valley Regional Fire-EMS Training Center, WVEMS New River Valley Training Center, Central Shenandoah EMS Council, LewisGale Medical Center, and Carilion Clinic to offer and facilitate AMLS, PHTLS, TECC, GEMS, ACLS, PALS and BLS classes throughout the region.

Provided regional assistance for a "Stop the Bleed" campaign for 200+ civilians and EMS providers.

Actively participated in numerous State-level committees and work groups.

Served on advisory boards for local college and university programs.

Participated in pre-hospital care committees for hospitals in the region.



Conducted and participated in numerous meetings related to training programs throughout the region.

Promoted and co-sponsored numerous educational events across the region.

Participated in disaster exercises in several localities, including multi-jurisdictional drills.

Participated in statewide committee charged with reviewing and updating guidelines for VA EMS providers.

Maintained professional liability insurance on all students enrolled in council-sponsored ALS training programs, saving students some \$15,000.

Field training staff maintained certification as instructors in ACLS, AMLS, BLS, PALS, TECC, PHTLS, ADLS, BDLS, TCCC, GEMS, ACLS-EP.

Maintained regional web-based training calendar

Provided expert guidance to agencies and municipalities seeking OEMS accreditation for AEMT Initial Certification Training Programs.

Staff serves as state coordinator for NAEMT and all NAEMT programs in the Commonwealth.

Staff appointed to Affiliate Faculty for TECC (NAEMT).

Coordinated efforts with LewisGale Montgomery to plan and facilitate annual Trauma Conference.

Co-sponsored "EMS CE Nights" in the New River Valley.

Served as AHA Liaison for Roanoke's annual Heart Walk.

Taught over 250+ citizens "Hands Only CPR" at various corporate sites.

Staff served as liaison for Virginia Rider Alert program.

Staff serves as American Heart Association, Training Center Faculty for ACLS, BLS and PALS.

Served as active participant in regional Heart Alert committees.

Maintained staff responsibility for BLS test site coordination to ensure uniformity and provide better customer service at BLS test sites.

Offered two VDH/OEMS EMS Physician Continuing Education Workshops in conjunction with the Blue Ridge and Southwest Virginia EMS Councils, held in Radford and Rocky Mount.

In conjunction with NSPA, offered ADLS and BDLS courses. Provided EMS Continuing Education credits for various NSPA-sponsored courses.



## MEDICAL DIRECTION AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT

Updated and Maintained a regional ambulance diversion policy in conjunction with the Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance.

Maintained a regional ambulance supply exchange and drug restocking policy with all hospitals and EMS agencies in the region.

Continued projects for regional EMS performance improvement.

Continued updates to Regional Operational Protocols.

Provided suggested guidelines for quality improvement programs in agencies.

Continued and expanded the role of regional Performance Improvement Committees.

Revised and maintained a Regional Stroke Triage Plan.

Revised and maintained a Regional Trauma Triage Plan.

Maintained Regional General and Trauma Performance Improvement Plan.

Along with neighboring EMS councils, we offered two continuing education workshops for EMS Physicians in conjunction with VDH/OEMS.

## COMMUNICATIONS, FACILITIES

Coordinated a region-wide system of drug box exchange, incident reporting and follow-up, and provision of inventory control.

Maintained a regional waiver exempting EMS agencies from registration for testing of blood with portable glucometry equipment, saving EMS agencies some \$17,500 every two years.

Maintained a regional Controlled Substances Registration Permit to allow EMS agencies to carry IV fluids and other controlled substances as "restock items" saving individual agencies some \$11,500 every year.

Provided continuing liaison between EMS agencies, operational medical directors and emergency department nurse managers related to the exchange of supplies and equipment.

Provided technical assistance and regional administration for VHASS, a web-based ambulance diversion and mass casualty incident management communications system.

Continued ownership and operation of various regional EMS communication systems..

## PUBLIC INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Maintained an electronic newsletter with some 1,200 subscribers to provide frequent notices of training events and other timely EMS news.

Served as a clearinghouse for regional and state EMS pamphlets, posters, displays and other public relations and recruitment materials.

Regularly updated the council's Internet web site [www.wvems.org](http://www.wvems.org) with current EMS news and events, education, recruitment, CISM information, committee minutes and council reports, trauma triage information, mass casualty information, General Assembly information and relevant EMS links.

Published various flyers for courses, service offerings, etc. throughout the year.

Participated in various workshops and public events throughout the year.

Maintained WVEMS presence on various social media platforms.

## OTHER PLANNING AND COORDINATING ACTIVITIES

Published periodic financial reports, quarterly program reports, an annual report, frequent committee minutes and other training and event announcements.

Provided a consistent point of contact for EMS providers, agencies and local governments.

Provided representation on a number of local, regional and statewide committees and boards.

Provided technical assistance to applicants for Virginia EMS Financial Assistance (RSAF) grants and provided standardized grading for all EMS grants submitted to OEMS from agencies within the WVEMS region.

Gained approval in FY 2019 for \$1,092,206 in Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grant awards to EMS agencies within the region.

Revised regional EMS strategic plan and other regional planning documents.

Provided fiscal and administrative support for the Virginia EMS Symposium and other events.

Provided fiscal and administrative support to the Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance (NSPA) to manage some \$1 million in federal hospital preparedness program (HPP) funds.

Employed a Unique Pathogens Grant Manager through contract with the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association.

Provided Information Technology Support for all 11 regional EMS councils by employing an IT support specialist and contracting various other services.

Provided fiscal and administrative support to the Western 14 Disaster Task Force, an all-volunteer disaster task force comprised of EMS providers from across the New River Valley. Western 14's mission is to provide medical care, rescue, transportation, and other vital emergency services to those in need during times of disaster and in large-scale operations at the request of the Virginia Office of EMS.



# ABOUT THE NEAR SOUTHWEST PREPAREDNESS ALLIANCE

The Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance is one of six healthcare coalitions in Virginia. It is supported by funds from the US Department of Health and Human Services, through the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. It was founded in 2002 as the Near Southwest Hospital Preparedness Task Force, and became the Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance in 2004.



NSPA exists for one simple reason: to support the healthcare infrastructure of Southwestern Virginia with disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation resources. We do this by:

- Providing comprehensive disaster resource management
- Delivering world-class training, education and exercises
- Supporting response through incident coordination
- Improving healthcare intelligence with real-time situational awareness before, during and after disaster

The Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance region encompasses the counties of Alleghany, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Pulaski, Roanoke, and the cities of Covington, Danville, Lynchburg, Martinsville, Radford, Roanoke and Salem.

## NSPA STAFFING AND LEADERSHIP

(As of 11-1-2019)

### FULL TIME

Executive Director: Robert Hawkins

RHCC Manager: Mark Cromer

Training and Exercise Coordinator: Monica McCullough

Medically Vulnerable Populations Coordinator: Mary Kathryn Alley

### RHCC ON-CALL DUTY OFFICERS

Phillip Belcher

J.T. Clark

Ashley Briggs

Adam LaChappelle

### INVENTORY SPECIALISTS

Phillip Belcher

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tammy Turpin

Robert Suddarth

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Nancy Harms, RN

Matt Rickman

Michael Pruitt

Alice Ackerman, MD

Rob Logan, PhD

### MEMBERS ELECT

(to assume office Jan. 1, 2020)

Jason Deese

Daryl Hatcher

Nathan Campbell

## REGIONAL HEALTHCARE COORDINATION CENTER

The Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance maintains the Regional Healthcare Coordination Center (RHCC), 1 of 6 in the Commonwealth of Virginia, designed to coordinate a multi-agency response to a disaster focused on Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 for Health and Medical related issues.

The RHCC should be activated when an agency has reached (or anticipates reaching) its capabilities limit and needs assistance from a regional level health and medical support. The RHCC coordinates with Hospitals, Public Health, EMS, Long Term Care, Offices of the Medical Examiner, Mental/ Behavioral Health, Medical Volunteers, Offices of Emergency Management and other healthcare related agencies. The RHCC also maintains relationships with vendors of critical medical supplies and facility equipment. The RHCC can be reached at 1-866-679-7422.

### MEMBERSHIP

#### HOSPITAL COALITION MEMBERS

- Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital
- Carilion Giles Community Hospital
- Carilion New River Valley Medical Center
- Carilion Medical Center
- Catawba Hospital
- Centra Bedford Memorial Hospital
- Centra Virginia Baptist Hospital
- Centra Lynchburg General Hospital
- Centra Gretna Emergency Department
- LewisGale Medical Center
- LewisGale Pulaski Hospital
- LewisGale Alleghany Hospital
- LewisGale Montgomery Regional Hospital
- LewisGale Cave Spring Emergency Department
- SOVAH Health Martinsville
- SOVAH Health Danville
- Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute
- Salem Veterans Affairs Medical Center

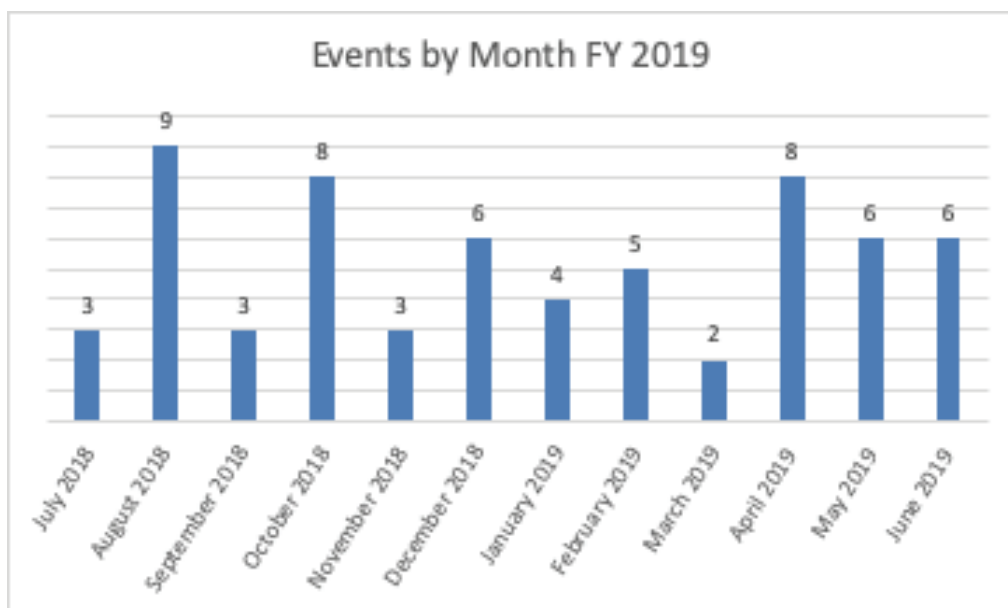
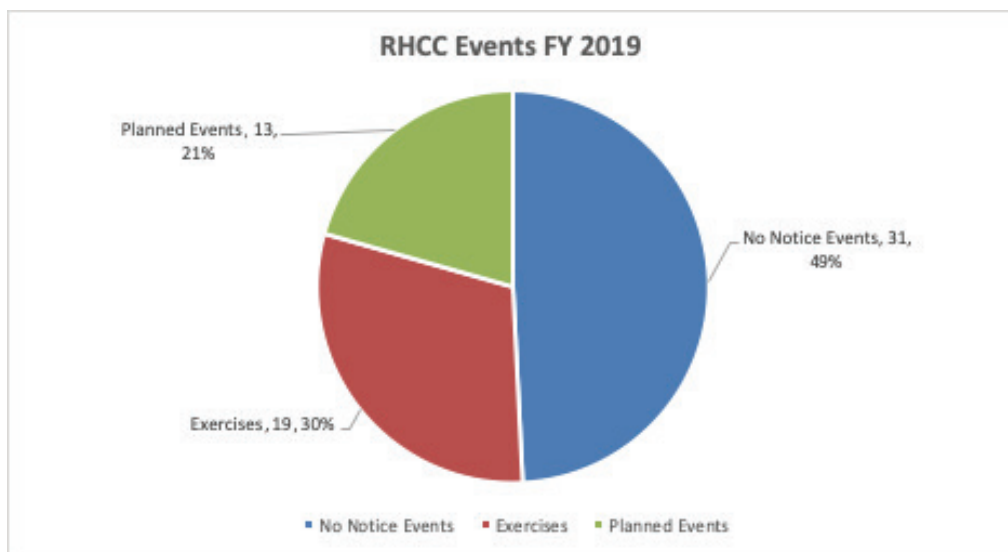
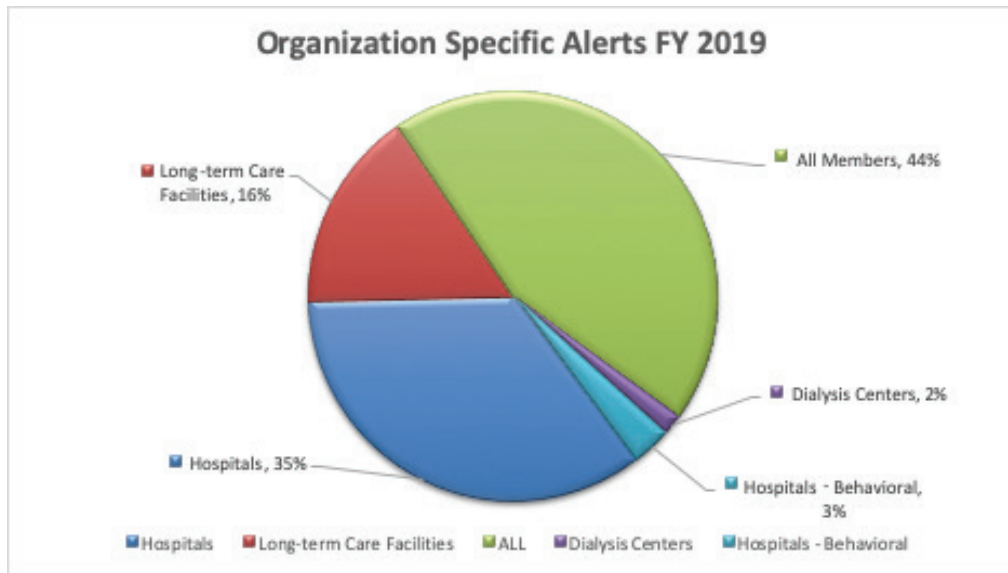
#### LETTER OF SUPPORT MEMBERS

- Vulnerable Populations - 90
- Jurisdictional Emergency Managers - 16



# ACTIVATIONS/DEPLOYMENTS

The Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance Staff had 63 RHCC activations and deployments fiscal year 2019.



## TRAINING AND EXERCISE

The Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance (NSPA) is committed to delivering world-class disaster response training for healthcare professionals of all levels. To accomplish this mission, we have sought to partner with the most preeminent disaster training organizations in the country to bring the highest level of training to our members.

As an officially designated Comprehensive Regional Training Center under the National Disaster Life Support Foundation (NDLSF), we can provide Basic and Advanced Disaster Life Support and Basic and Advanced Certified Hospital Emergency Coordinator courses.

NSPA also provides and/or facilitates training from other recognized training providers to ensure healthcare professionals and emergency management personnel in our region have access to crucial emergency preparedness training at the highest level. In conjunction with providing training, NSPA also provides exercise support and/or facilitation. NSPA Staff often serves as Evaluators, Observers, and Players for regional exercise activities. Training and exercise participation over the fiscal year, is as follows:

Provided Basic and Advanced Disaster Life Support training in Roanoke to 26 regional emergency response personnel and other key stakeholders, in July 2018.

Conducted a Hazard Vulnerability Assessment Webinar to 40 Coalition members/partner organizations, in August 2018.

Participated in a Functional Exercise for the city of Lynchburg, Centra Lynchburg Hospital, Liberty University and -211, using the Patient Tracking platform in the Virginia Healthcare Alerting and Status System, in September 2018.

Conducted three consecutive CMS Series Tabletop Exercises, in September 2018. Approximately 350 participants from over 100 facilities/agencies were represented.

Participated in the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport Full Scale Exercise, in September 2018.

Delivered ICS 300 to 28 participants in Rocky Mount, in October 2018.

Held the 1st Annual Regional Emergency Management Summit at the Vinton War Memorial, in November 2018. This full-day event provided an opportunity to have EM professionals and Healthcare Leaders recognize shared objectives in preparedness efforts.

Provided Basic and Advanced Certified Hospital/Healthcare Emergency Coordinator training to 15 participants from around the Region, in January 2019.

Provided three separate Basic Disaster Life Support courses, held in Christiansburg, Martinsville and Lynchburg, to a total of 61 first responders, hospital emergency department staff and other response stakeholders, in February 2019.

Delivered Mental Health First Aid for Fire/EMS course to 30 participants at Henry County Dept. of Public Safety, in April 2019.

Participated in two consecutive Rescue Task Force Training Exercises held in Christiansburg, in April 2019.

Provided Advanced Disaster Life Support training in Roanoke to 20 regional emergency response personnel and other key stakeholders, in April 2019.

Conducted the Coalition Surge Test for the region, in May 2019. This tested the region's capability of finding adequate hospital bed space for a 10% surge in patients requiring admission during the event of an emergency.

Held the NSPA Annual Regional Workshop for members of the Healthcare Coalition, in May of 2019. There were 65 participants made up of partners from hospital and healthcare facilities, first responder agencies, and other stakeholders from around the region.

Delivered Basic Disaster Life Support training to 11 participants at the Danville Life Saving Crew, in June of 2019.

# 2019 NSPA AWARDS

Each year, the Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance presents awards in four categories:

**Outstanding Organization:**

Snyder Nursing Home  
Salem VA

**Outstanding Individual:**

Eric Gordon  
Lewis Gale Medical Center  
Salem VA

**Outstanding Partner:**

Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport  
Roanoke VA

**Legacy Award:**

Mike Guzo  
Virginia Department of Emergency  
Management



# FINANCIAL POSITION

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION - June 30, 2019 and 2018

ASSETS	2019	2018
Cash and cash equivalents	\$261,016	\$191,737
Restricted cash	\$15,292	\$39,286
Accounts receivable	\$204,141	\$275,020
Prepaid expenses	\$6,126	\$23,462
Investments (Note 3)	\$412,627	\$375,518
Total current assets	\$899,202	\$905,020
Land, buildings, and equipment, net (Note 4)	\$610,610	\$586,650
Total assets	\$1,509,812	\$1,491,670

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable	\$41,632	\$19,286
Accrued expenses (Note 10)	\$54,959	\$65,721
Deferred revenue	\$44,802	\$153,246
Total liabilities	\$141,393	\$238,433

## NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	\$1,156,996	\$1,057,743
With Donor Restrictions (Note 5)	\$211,423	\$195,494
Total net assets	\$1,368,419	\$1,253,237
Total liabilities and net assets	\$1,509,812	\$1,491,670

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## REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT:

	2019		
	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
State government	\$519,650	-	\$519,650
Federal grant revenue	-	\$554,873	\$554,873
Local government (Note 5)	\$140,352	-	\$140,352
Symposium revenue (Note 9)	\$333,557	-	\$333,557
Other support and income	\$476,980	-	\$476,980
United Way organizations	\$1,559	-	\$1,559
Ryan Hubbard Scholarship	\$541	-	\$541
Unrealized and realized gains	\$14,922	-	\$14,922
Investment income	\$5,271	-	\$5,271
Net assets released from restrictions and reclassifications	\$538,944	(\$538,944)	-
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$2,031,776</b>	<b>\$15,929</b>	<b>\$2,047,705</b>

## EXPENSES (NOTE 6)

Program services	\$1,563,118	-	\$1,563,118
Management and general	\$369,405	-	\$369,405
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$1,932,523</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,932,523</b>

Change in net assets	\$ (99,253)	\$15,929	\$(115,182)
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## NET ASSETS

Beginning	\$1,057,743	\$195,494	\$1,253,237
<b>Ending</b>	<b>\$1,156,996</b>	<b>\$211,423</b>	<b>\$1,368,419</b>

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# OUR SUPPORTERS

These generous supporters and partners have contributed funds or in-kind services, or have allowed us to contract to provide services throughout the year.

Commonwealth of Virginia  
Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association  
Virginia EMS Symposium  
Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance  
United Way Roanoke Valley  
Greater Alleghany United Fund  
Carilion Clinic  
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LewisGale Hospital Alleghany  
LewisGale Hospital Montgomery  
LewisGale Hospital Pulaski  
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# OUR VISION

The EMS system in the Western Virginia region will . . .

Provide access for victims for injury and sudden illness via a **universally available enhanced 9-1-1** emergency telephone system.

Provide for **dispatcher-provided telephone assistance** (pre-arrival instructions) to callers with life-threatening emergencies.

Provide for **timely response** of first responder and transportation, personnel and vehicles through a system of predetermined minimum response intervals, monitoring and quality assurance-performance improvement.

Provide for **high-quality, prehospital treatment** of patients as a result of standardized basic life support training programs, accredited advanced life support educational and mentoring programs, standardized testing programs, frequent and timely continuing education programs, and quality assurance-performance improvement programs.

Provide **triage and transport**, and transfer if necessary, of patients to the most appropriate facility based on predetermined universally accepted transport guidelines and protocols.

Provide **timely emergency department care** with emergency physicians, emergency nurses and other support personnel and **trauma care**, when necessary, with personnel and resources associated with a designated trauma center.

Provide **communications system** capabilities that enable EMS personnel to communicate with all other EMS personnel throughout the region, their dispatchers, all hospital emergency departments and other public safety personnel.

Provide resources and capabilities in order to appropriately respond to and manage large disasters and **mass casualty** situations.

Ensure EMS system **viability and excellence** through the effective use of state, local and private funding.





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