

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

The most recent meeting was held May 9, 2013 in Glen Allen, Virginia. In addition to the Advisory Board meeting, I was able to attend the executive committee and the Legislative and Planning committee meetings.

The General Assembly passed HB1856 that directs the Advisory Board to address these items:

- 1) Implement a process by which an EMS provider who has received an adverse decision by an agency OMD shall have an appeals process. (This has been assigned to the Medical Direction and Rules & Regulation Committees). This task has become quite problematic being that it's the OMD license that a provider may be practicing under and an appeals process has the potential of undermining the authority and responsibility of an OMD.
- 2) Implement a standard operating procedure template to be used in the development of local protocols for EMS personnel. (This has been assigned to a workgroup of the Medical Direction Committee).
- 3) Review of the training for EMS personnel to identify and address disparities in the delivery and availability of training. (This has been assigned to the Training & Certification Committee).

A budget amendment also passed the General Assembly that will provide \$90,000 from RSAF to pay for national background checks for new persons applying to serve in a licensed EMS agency. The process for getting free national background checks will be lengthy and bureaucratic and will be a hindrance to getting new applicants working quickly.

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