

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

The most recent meeting was held February 7, 2014 in Richmond, Virginia.

Legislative items of interest:

HB1856 – carried over from last year, required EMS to submit a report to the HWI committee and Senate Education & Health committee. The report was submitted to the Commissioner and is posted on the Legislative Information system website under Reports to the General Asssembly (2014, RD35) for review.

[http://leg2.state.va.us/dls/h&sdocs.nsf/By+Year/RD352014/\\$file/RD35.pdf](http://leg2.state.va.us/dls/h&sdocs.nsf/By+Year/RD352014/$file/RD35.pdf)

HB581 and SB355 – **Clean Up Language bills.** These bills have been carry-over until next year to allow the EMS Advisory Board time to vet the changes. The work on this bill has been tasked to Legislative & Planning committee and the Rules & Regulations committee.

HB1010 – **Reduce EMT Training hours.** This bill has been carried over to next year. The EMS Advisory Board has tasked several committees to work on this bill, including Workforce Development, Training & Certification, Legislative & Planning and Rules & Regulations to vet issues surrounding the recruitment and retention of EMS providers in Virginia.

The EMS Advisory Board granted PSAP accreditation to the Martinsville-Henry County 9-1-1 Center.

All the hurdles have been mitigated to allow automatic recertification for EMS providers. Providers who expired in December, January, or February were extended certification until March 31, 2014 to allow them an opportunity to recertify. Anyone with expiration in March should automatically recertify if they have met all of their recertification requirements.

The next meeting of the EMS Advisory Board is scheduled for May 9, 2014 in Glen Allen, Virginia. 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,
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