

Southwest Virginia EMS Council, Inc.
Public Information and Education Committee
Southwest Virginia EMS Council Office, Bristol, VA
February 18, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Kim Dorton Maxie Skeen Kacy Wilkinson Delilah McFadden Dreama Chandler Randy Ann Davis Ron Passmore	Bill Akers Sarah Wyatt Kandice Woods Jennifer Kendrick	Maggie King Greg Woods	

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.	
Welcome & Introductions	Maggie King welcomed the committee members. Introductions were made to include members present and new members.	
Approval of Meeting Minutes	The December 10, 2015 meeting minutes were approved.	
Unfinished Business	There was no unfinished business.	
New Business	<p>The 2016 award nomination process was discussed and the 2016 award cycle will open March 1st and close May 16th. The committee will meet on May 19th to discuss the nominees and vote on winners. Nominations may be submitted on our website at www.southwest.vaems.org.</p> <p>A date was set for the 2016 Regional Award's Ceremony, which is June 18, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. The location is to be determined, but we voted for an outdoor picnic type event this year.</p> <p>A new award category was introduced, Contribution to EMS Emergency Preparedness and Response. This award will be given to an individual, EMS organization or EMS response group within the Commonwealth of Virginia that has demonstrated comprehensive accomplishments for programs that provide preparedness, response and recovery from natural, man-made and preplanned events, which cause a significant impact on the agency and community.</p> <p>The first annual regional 2016 Health & Safety challenge will begin March 21st and end on May 21st. This will be a weight loss and fitness challenge for all EMS agencies in southwest Virginia wishing to participate. The winning agency will receive a \$500 grant from the EMS Council. A motion was made by Drema Chandler to ask the board for \$1,000 to help sponsor this event. The motion was seconded by Maxie Skeen and the motion carried.</p>	Forward to Board for approval

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	An EMS 5k run on May 21 st was also discussed and is being planned.	
Next Meeting & Work Session	The next meeting will be May 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. We will be picking regional award winners.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.	

Respectfully submitted by:

MAGGIE KING

December 16, 2015

Maggie King

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