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WHAT'S IN A NUMBER?

By Senior Paramedic Keeler

The EMR computer...It should be put on a t-shirt along with a stethoscope and splint as part of the “tools of the trade” and is an inherent part of the EMS arsenal we bring to the patient. Virginia Beach EMS is actively working on improving our use of the EMR devices. We are constantly refining the software and hardware to allow for seamless patient care workflow.

Everyone in our system can agree (including this author) EMS and computers don't always mix. The need to carry around another device, and have another screen to distract us can certainly be seen as a hindrance instead of a helpful tool. There are many out there who yearn for the days of paper and “press hard – 3 copies”.

Yet the good ol' days aren't always so good. As a system, as a profession, and as a workforce for the collaborative good to society, we are a data driven entity. We are only as good as the data we collect and the advent of technology really does nothing more than ensure we track and document the things we should have been doing all along. The only difference now, is the ability to track in real time and, through automation, the ability to collect and manage every aspect of our patient care which can be stored and analyzed to affect real improvements.

A tiny piece of this big puzzle is the utilization of the Panasonic CF-20 as a workhorse for data collection and documentation. Every ambulance and zone car is assigned one. The laptops certainly take a beating through everyday use and deployment in less than optimal conditions. As such, they need rehabbed, repaired, and replaced. This is managed by tracking every EMR on a master datasheet and sending a human to go hands-on with the device.

Every laptop is labeled and placed on a particular apparatus. This means, some of the stations have between 7 and 12 laptops scattered throughout the building on carts, cars, and ambulances. It's easy to fall into the temptation of simply

transferring one device from one unit to another. Shift changes, late reports, broken and borrowed devices all tempt providers to swap EMRs. This leads to significant delays in tracking down a given unit for upgrades or repairs.

A few moments of consideration can save us hours in time trying to find a given laptop. I would ask providers, crew chiefs, logistics officers and station leadership to adopt a culture of consistency by leaving EMRs with their assigned units. If there is a malfunction or problem with a given laptop, I would encourage parties to contact EMS 1 or EMS 2 and describe the situation so it can be resolved, quickly. In turn, crews can provide patient care, reliable data input and inclusive documentation.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

PROGRAM & FUNDING MANAGER

Note: This position is an Emergency Medical Services Transport (EMST) grant funded position.

Organizational Summary:

Incorporated in 1922, the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (MCVFRA) is an advocacy, non-profit organization representing the 19 local fire and rescue departments (LFRD) throughout Montgomery County, Maryland. Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service is a combination service.

Position Summary:

The successful candidate will be hands-on and participative high-level manager and a strategic thought-partner under the supervision of the President and the MCVFRA Board. Primary functions include: preparation, administration, advisement, oversight and management of the State of Maryland Amoss funding, and County Emergency Medical Services Transportation (EMST) funds for the Association and the 19 LFRDs. This includes creating, monitoring, maintaining, and submitting all financial records, applications, books, payments, and audits of the Amoss and EMST funds. Additionally, the incumbent prepares all reports, records, and procedures, and reviews and makes recommendations for all financial functions of the Amoss and EMST funds. The position also manages Notice and Opportunity (N&O) review, responses, and records for the MCVFRA, program management, policy development and reports, as well as other duties assigned by the MCVFRA President and Board of Directors.

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Between the dates of May 29, 2019 and June 20, 2019
the following individuals have advanced
to the current EMT Certification Level:

EMT- P RSI

Breen, Cathan
 Gurecki, Kevin
 Jarbo, Jonathan

EMT P

Jones, Jason

EMT-B

Albrecht, Jessica
 Amelly, Darby
 Baldwin, Jason
 Boger, Katelyn
 Gutierrez, Tyler
 Lopez, Juan Javier
 Null, Forest Woody
 Simon, Allison
 Weaks, Chelsea

BLS Intern

Abunal, Arriane
 Ascher, Mindie
 Bassig, Rayanne
 Bitterman, Alexander
 Boyd, Erik
 Buckner, Ashley
 Cabera-Galeno, Edwin
 Cetin, Elif
 Cox, Dana
 Crandall, Cassandra
 DeAntonio, Matthew
 Decker, Gloria
 Foreman, Tailor
 Gatfield, Hillary
 Griffin, Vanessa
 Hawker, Donna
 Johnson, LaToya
 Kennedy, Shawn
 Kersch, Daryn
 Kline, Hayley
 Lucas, John
 MacLeod, Allyson
 McKeegan, Jamie
 Miller, Kerri

Mungin, Evan
 Rovillos, Eva
 Salka, Kara
 Scrivanich, Lisa
 Winebrenner, Erin

Student

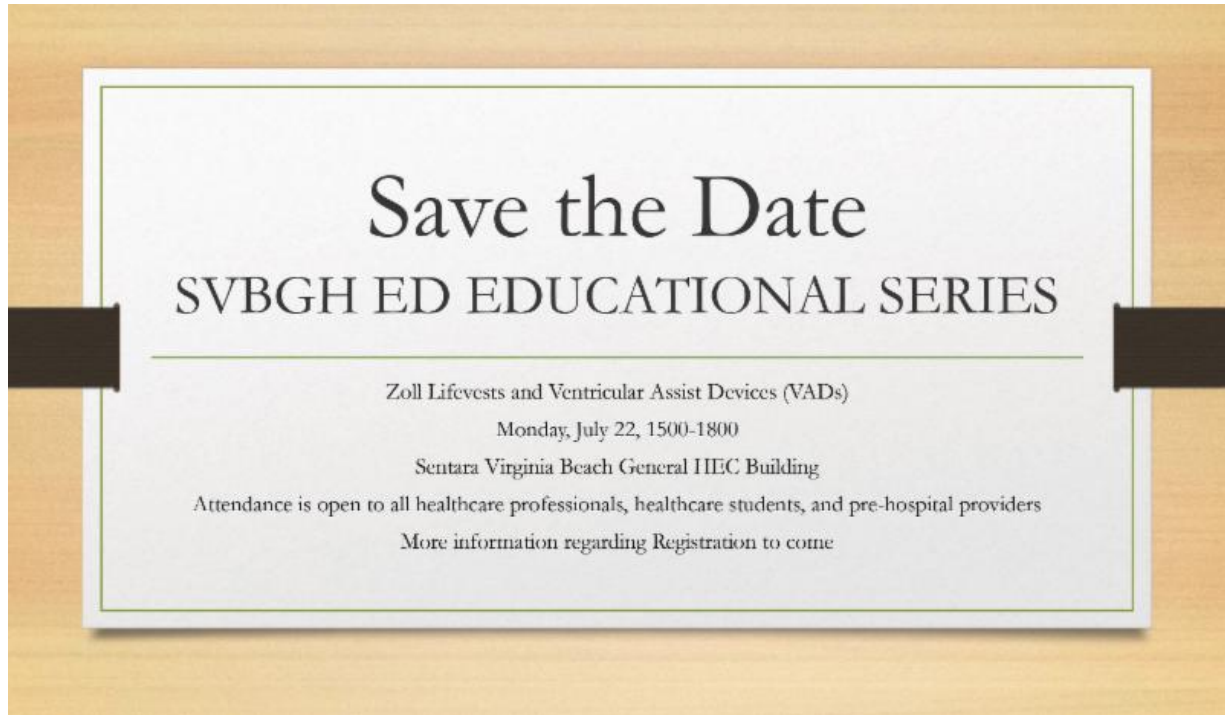
Adams, Andrew
 Bagley, George
 Baughman, Boyd Bud
 Butler, Nicole
 Craig, Shelley
 Despain, Amanda
 Dickens, Zachary
 Doscher, Scott
 Eason, Michael
 Epping, Jordan
 Fuller, Naven
 Gilliam, Abigail
 Hayes, Keonna
 Homer, Daniel
 Jefferson, Caitlin
 Meece, Zachary
 Merrifiels, Joy
 Moore, Erika
 Morris, Nicholas
 Munjwani, Daiwik
 Ore, Shekea
 Oyuela, Cesars
 Peele, Jessica
 Pina, Lynette
 Purificacion, Lorenzo
 Raymer, Steven
 Rivera, Zoraida
 Rodrigues, Maria
 Sacco, Taylor
 Shoulders, Jr., Keith
 Solis, Brittany
 Steele, Jessica
 Swiderski, Michael
 Tabb, Jairus
 Villanueva, Matthew
 Villena, Alleza Maurene
 Wood, Skyler

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION

Testimonials and letters from grateful neighbors

"Your members were 'Johnnie on the spot,' last December when I had a pulmonary embolism. The EMTs were totally professional,

and I was impressed with the driver's comments about turning to keep the EMTs from getting thrown about the cab. You folks are the best! Thank you ever so much."



SQUAD APPRECIATION DAY

These events are being held to help each squad with their recruitment and retention efforts. Each month's highlighted squad will bring any swag, recruitment materials, apparatus, etc. to showcase their station, as well as teach the Stop the Bleed class and Hands-Only CPR demos to the public. **These events are open to all VBEMS members, their families, and the public to enjoy, to support, and to learn more about the squad being featured.** Refreshments will be provided by different places each month so stay tuned to see who is up next! As always, we will work with the Supervisors on these days to rotate the crews through as best we can. Feel free to send any questions to vbemscm@vbgov.com.



SQUAD APPRECIATION DAY

- Meet the members and learn more about the Plaza Volunteer Rescue Squad
- PulsePoint demonstrations
- Hands-only CPR
- Stop the Bleed Class

JULY 20 2019

WHEN: 1000 to 1400

WHERE: Virginia Beach Headquarters and Training Center • 4160 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Refreshments will be provided by Tijuana Flats and Kona Ice

Seminar Announcement



Emergency Responders Cancer Awareness Seminar



*Isle of Wight Vol. Rescue Squad are excited to be hosting an
Emergency Responders Cancer Awareness Seminar.*

*Cancer is a disease that is of particular concerning for members of the our local
Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement personnel. This seminar will give you the answers
for Cancer awareness and prevention, what is the best screening, what paths after
diagnosis and how to tell your family, what support groups can help, and what
happens with workers compensation.*

Speakers:

- **Joe Schumacher** is FCSN's state director for Virginia's Firefighter Cancer Support Network and a two-time cancer survivor.
- **Frances A. Holcomb, RN, BSN, OCN**, Supervisor Cancer Services at Riverside Cancer Center
- **Adam Shall** has dedicated his legal career to fighting for the rights of injured workers and occupational diseases throughout Hampton Roads.

*This will be your time to get the answers from the experts and learn
your safe options.*

*Don't be that responder that thinks this can't happen to you.
Seminar Provided at NO COST.*

EMS providers will receive 3 hours of in-service CEU credit.

Date: July 18, 2019 Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm
Smithfield Center
220 North Church Street, Smithfield, VA 23430

Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emergency-responders-cancer-awareness-seminar-tickets-62962961914>

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Chuck Crews - 7-25 rescue 16

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David Clement

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