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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Message from the Chief: Snow Storm Response

Dear fellow VBEMS members,

I want to tell you how proud I am of EMS and our rescue squads. Over the past four days, we have dealt with some of the toughest weather and road conditions this city has seen in the last 20+ years. We faced deep snow, complicated by high winds and bitter cold. While everything else shut down, we continued to answer the calls; 608 incidents Thursday thru Sunday. Response times and transports were longer than normal as drivers struggled to make their way to the scene. A number of emergency vehicles got stuck, but we worked through it. Even the best of roads were so rough that one would think you were driving on an off-road trail.

Our folks were cold and tired. I daresay that few were able to get a break or a meal during the daytime hours. Those same tired crews had to do things they normally wouldn't, including shoveling pathways to safely move their patients. In many instances, we had to transport patients to the hospital by fire truck or zone car. We also made some non-emergency moves, relocating folks who had lost power.

Even though we were challenged by weather, unusual operations, and a grinding effort to keep up with calls, our team stepped up and delivered without complaint. You worked through it and completed the mission. On behalf of the City and our patients, I would like to extend my gratitude and compliments for a job well done.

Sincerely,
Chief B

Nominations Needed



**2018 Annual Awards & Recognition Program
Award Criteria and Nomination Form**

If you would like to nominate a VBEMS member/group, please complete the attached nomination form and submit it to our Retention Officer
Katie Snell at katsnell@vbgov.com.

Nominations are due no later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 15th

EVENTS

EMS Family Night at the Aquarium – RSVP Today!



Have you RSVP'd for EMS Family Night at the Aquarium? The event will be held **this Sunday, January 14, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Address: Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center Foundation
717 General Booth Boulevard
VB 23451

To RSVP: Please call the Virginia Beach EMS Headquarters and Training Center at (757) 385-1999 or e-mail Rasheeda Green at rgreen@vbgov.com to register. When registering for this event, please provide the member's name and how many family members will be attending. **If anyone in your party is also a member, please indicate that, as well. If you do not RSVP by Friday, January 12th, at 4:30 p.m., no worries! Just show us your VBEMS badge at the check-in table.*

Amazon Adventure 3D begins at 7:00 p.m. in the National Geographic 3D Theater.

We hope to see you there!

911 Dispatch Center Tour

VBEMS will be holding another 911 Dispatch Center tour. This session will include a tour of the dispatch center, an overview of 911 center operations, as well as an overview of the radios and computers used in the field.

WHEN: Saturday, January 13th, from 1300-1630

WHERE: Municipal Center, Building 30 (across from Rescue 5)

2508 Princess Anne Rd

To register for the tour, call the Virginia Beach EMS Headquarters and Training Center at (757) 385-1999 or e-mail EMSTrain@vbgov.com.

REVIVE! Education Class

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OPIOID OVERDOSE AND NALOXONE EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA

Are you:

- Currently using opioids such as heroin or prescription pain medications?
- Abstinent from opioid use, but have used in the past?
- A friend or family member of someone who currently uses opioids?
- Working in a setting where opioid overdoses occur?
- Interested in learning how to save lives?

If so, then consider attending a **REVIVE!** Lay Rescuer Training.

REVIVE! is Virginia's Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Education (ONE) program, helping people learn how to recognize and respond to opioid overdose emergencies by administering naloxone, a medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Medical experience is helpful but not necessary!

Come to a **REVIVE!** Lay Rescuer Training event to learn:

- How opioid overdoses happen and how naloxone works
- How to recognize overdoses
- Risk factors for overdoses and myths about overdose reversal
- How to administer naloxone

Trainings are *free of charge*, and include a free kit with needed supplies.

*Presented by the Department of Human Services, Police Department,
Department of Public Health, and Emergency Medical Services in Virginia Beach*

Tuesday

January 16, 2018

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1st Floor Conference Room

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard

Virginia Beach

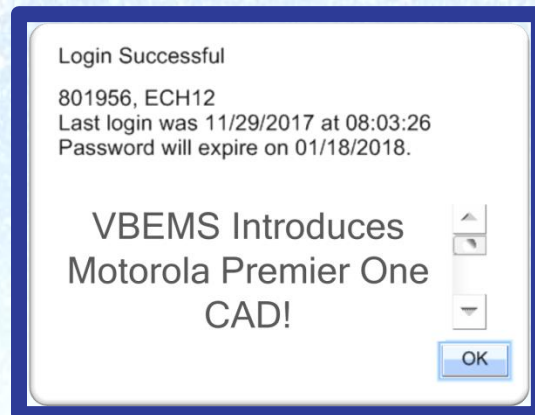
Seating is limited – registration is required.

For more information and to register, call 385-0800.

REVIVE! – Saving Lives, Saving Futures!

TRAINING – access all VBEMS training information on-line [here](#)

End User Training for the Motorola Premier One CAD System



This class is for operational members ONLY for right now.

UPDATE: **Sometime in late March**, the City of Virginia Beach will retire the current Tiburon CAD system and employ a new one. The implementation of the Premier One CAD System and its associated supporting technologies is the biggest Public Safety technology project the City of Virginia Beach has ever taken on. **We will be continuing with our scheduled classes and will have some more classes available in late February or early March.**

There are differences between the two CAD systems. Motorola Premier One CAD is operationally different from Tiburon CAD and more technologically advanced. As a result, there are going to be different processes for logging into CAD, responding to incidents, messaging, and in the mapping. To assist our membership with learning how to use Motorola Premier One CAD, we have scheduled end user training for January, with additional trainings in late February, in preparation for the new CAD's "go-live".

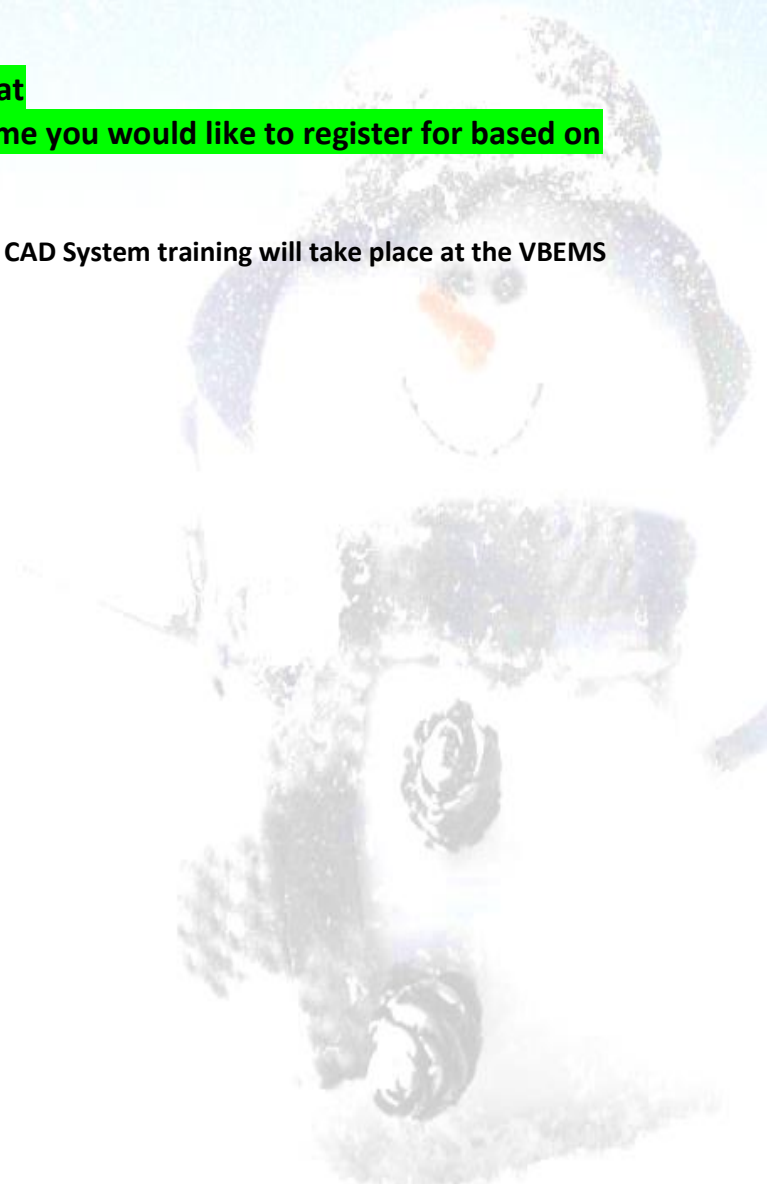
This end user training will focus on how VBEMS will use Motorola's Premier One Mobile CAD to dispatch calls for service. Each end user training session will last 2 hours and include "hands on" learning with MDT's. Each training session is limited to 10 participants. So, grab a buddy and get signed up! REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN, BELOW. The training session dates are as follows:

| January 2018 | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Monday, 1/15/18 | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm |
| Monday, 1/15/18 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm |
| Tuesday, 1/16/18 | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm |
| Tuesday, 1/16/18 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm |
| Wednesday, 1/17/18 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm |
| Thursday, 1/18/18 | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm |
| Thursday, 1/18/18 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm |
| Friday, 1/19/18 | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm |
| Friday, 1/19/18 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm |

When registering for this training, please e-mail **Rasheeda Green** at rgreen@vbgov.com and include the following:

- Name of Station
- The best phone number to reach you at
- The name of the training, date, and time you would like to register for based on the schedule, above

The End User Training for the Motorola Premier One CAD System training will take place at the VBEMS Headquarters and Training Center in Classroom 3.



***Required for All Operational Members:**

Virginia Beach EMS Criminal Mass Casualty Class (CMCI)*



Recent events throughout our country have spurred a national discussion on the survivability of victims and safety of first responders during active shooter events and other forms of aggressive deadly behavior. Developed in response to these types of incidents, Virginia Beach EMS created this course that integrates lessons learned from the responses to recent attacks and emphasizes the importance of immediate interventions on potentially preventable causes of death.

During this 4 hour course, members will learn concepts relating to rescue task force movement, hemorrhage control, and triage. Students will have the opportunity to review previous incidents, apply concepts related to on-scene command, critical decision making and proper placement of apparatus. This class combines both classroom learning and practical stations to better develop members' skill set on wound packing, tourniquet use, and patient extraction.

January Class Schedule

- **Wednesday, January 17th from 1300 to 1700 hrs. and 1800 to 2200 hrs.**
- **Saturday, January 20th from 0800 to 1200 hrs. and 1300 to 1700 hrs.**
- **Wednesday, January 24th from 0800 to 1200 hrs., 1300 to 1700 hrs., and 1800 to 2200 hrs.**
- **Saturday, January 27th from 0800 to 1200 hrs. and 1300 to 1700 hrs.**

***February registration is now available on-line! Click [here](#), or follow the instructions attached to your e-mail, to sign up for a February CMCI class today!**

This class is required for **all operational members** of the Department and is **highly recommended for all members**. It is a great opportunity for support members to learn how to deal with active threats in our community and learn basic "stop the bleed" techniques in a controlled environment. Class sizes are limited to 35. Continuing education credits will be received. **REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE JANUARY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN, BELOW.**

When registering for the January classes for CMCI please e-mail Rasheeda Green at rgreen@vbgov.com and include the following:

- **Name of Station**
- **The best phone number to reach you at**
- **The name of the training, date, and time you would like to register for based on the January schedule, above**

The Criminal Mass Casualty Class (CMCI) training will take place at the VBEMS Headquarters and Training Center in the classrooms.

MISHAP REPORT

These cover a couple of weeks:

- Ambulance was trying to back out of the ambulance area at Sentara Princess Anne ER. The driver of the unit was using a backer when the backer went out of view and hit another VBEMS ambulance on the front air horn.
- Ambulance stuck in snow was damaged as tow truck was trying to get unstuck.
- Ambulance stuck in snow damaged a street sign while trying to get unstuck.
- Fire Department personnel rearranging ambulances in a station bay damaged ambulance mirror backing it into the bay.
- Ambulance stuck in snow damaged an assisted living facility's vehicle while trying to get unstuck.
- Ambulance responding to a call clipped mirrors with a citizen's vehicle, damaging only the other driver's mirror.
- Ambulance backing, with a backer, scraped a zone car while backing up.
- Ambulance transporting in emergency mode struck mirrors with another municipal EMS agency's ambulance damaging the VB unit. Both were traveling in the same direction, and the other ambulance had slowed and pulled over to allow VB unit to pass. Road was reported to have been narrowed due to snowbanks on either edge.

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