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Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.

Southwest Virginia  
Healthcare Coalition

# ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

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(as of 12-31-2024)



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

On behalf of those who serve on the Board of Directors, representing you, our stakeholder agencies, we proudly present to you our 2025 Annual Report. Over the past year there have been many changes to the landscape of EMS and vision of the future of the Commonwealth's pre-hospital emergency medical services system. Rest assured, your council has been present and very active in providing feedback and offering insight into what works best for our community stakeholders in the western region. Though challenging at times there have been some moments of significant progress, as we have collaborated with our councils and VDF staff to make decisions about the best possible outcomes.

As we close out yet another year of vital services to support our 18 jurisdictions and numerous agencies, I would be remiss if I didn't point out that this is the WVEMS council's 50th year of service. We should all be proud of the half a century of great outcomes that have been achieved by those who served before us and those who serve today. Rest assured, our council remains resolute and intends to continue to serve however our board feels appropriate to support EMS throughout the commonwealth.

Thank you for the privilege to serve as your representative!

Stay safe and God Bless!  
Jason Ferguson  
President, WVEMS Council



# MISSION

The mission of the Western Virginia EMS Council is to facilitate regional cooperation, planning and implementation of an integrated emergency medical services delivery system.

## Regional EMS Councils in the Code of Virginia § 32.1-111.11

### Regional emergency medical services councils

The Board [of Health] shall designate regional emergency medical services councils which shall be authorized to receive and disburse public funds. Each council shall be charged with the development and implementation of an efficient and effective regional emergency medical services delivery system...

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## Office Information

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### Main Office

1944 Peters Creek Road, NW  
Roanoke VA 24017

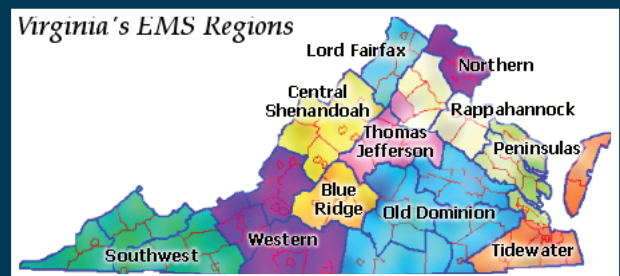
### New River Valley Office

6580 Valley Center Drive  
Radford VA 24141  
(Located in the Pulaski County  
Economic Development Authority Center)

### Piedmont Office

1024 DuPont Road  
Martinsville VA 24112  
(located in the Henry County Public  
Safety Training Center)

## Virginia's EMS Councils



WVEMS is one of 11 regional EMS councils in Virginia. It serves the fourth, fifth and twelfth planning districts of Virginia, encompassing the following localities:

- Alleghany County
- Botetourt County
- Craig County
- Floyd County
- Giles County
- Franklin County
- Henry County
- Montgomery County
- Patrick County
- Pittsylvania County
- Pulaski County
- Roanoke County
- City of Covington
- City of Danville
- City of Martinsville
- City of Radford
- City of Roanoke
- City of Salem

# LEADERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(As of 9-12-2025)

<i>Jason Ferguson, President*</i>	<u>Representing</u> Botetourt County
<i>Marlon (Matt) Rickman, Vice President*</i>	City of Salem
<i>Joe Trigg, Secretary*</i>	Pulaski County
<i>Carey Harveycutter, Treasurer*</i>	Va. Assoc. of Vol. Rescue Squads
<i>Scottie Cassell</i>	Patrick County
<i>David Coffey</i>	City of Danville
<i>David English</i>	Montgomery County
<i>Michael Fowler</i>	Franklin County
<i>Jonathan Fitch</i>	Alleghany County
<i>Andy Foley</i>	City of Roanoke
<i>Diana Foley</i>	City of Martinsville
<i>Jason Gifford</i>	City of Radford
<i>Darryl Humphreys</i>	Craig County
<i>Jon Butler</i>	Giles County
<i>Charles J. Lane, MD</i>	Regional Medical Director Emergency
<i>Kayla Long, MD</i>	Physician At-large
<i>Gary Meadows, MHA, BS, RN</i>	Emergency Nurses Association
<i>Dwaine Paxton*</i>	City of Covington
<i>Charles Rucker IV</i>	Roanoke County
<i>Kasey Seay</i>	Pittsylvania County
<i>Stephen G. Simon* (non-voting)</i>	Executive Director
<i>Vacant</i>	4th Planning District At-Large
<i>Marcus Stone</i>	12th Planning District At-large
<i>Matthew Tatum*</i>	Henry County
<i>Dustin Thomas</i>	Floyd County
<i>Vacant</i>	5th Planning District At-Large

\*Executive Committee Member

WVEMS Council is governed by a 26-member Board of Directors, representing the 18 localities within our region, and others such as the Emergency Nurses Association, our 20 hospitals, the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, and the operational medical directors, in Virginia Planning Districts 4, 5 and 12. WVEMS Council currently serves a population of approximately 640,000.

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM FISCAL YEAR 2025

## PROVIDER SERVICES AND RECOGNITION

### **FDA UNFUNDED MANDATE TO END EMS AMBULANCE DRUG BOX EXCHANGE WITH HOSPITAL FACILITIES**

Beginning in November 2023, WVEMS Council was actively engaged in maintaining a standardized drug box system across the region throughout the FDA-mandated DSCSA transition, which eliminated the hospital-based medication kit exchange program. Up until this time, EMS agencies, through agreements maintained by the EMS Council, exchanged medication drug box kits with hospital facilities after each patient transport, and the facilities provided those drug box exchanges free of charge to EMS agencies. This UNFUNDED mandate, removed the ability of hospital facilities to provide this service and placed the financial burden of on-site medication pharmacies, including purchasing of all medications, maintaining a DEA and Board of Pharmacy approved medication storage room with regulated distribution, documentation and reporting mandates as well.

WVEMS became one of the original members of a Statewide Medication Transition Workgroup. This group worked tirelessly to ensure EMS Agencies continued providing life-saving medications to their patients and were fully supported by their EMS Council, during the transitional period. WVEMS provided numerous system-side Town Hall meetings, and provided individual counseling and support for the largest and the smallest EMS Agencies in the region on mitigating the medication-kit transition process. Through this workgroup, WVEMS staff worked closely with the Board of Pharmacy (BOP) to advance emergency regulations, which were signed into law by the Governor of Virginia in the summer of 2025.

The transition of drug box management from hospital facilities to EMS agencies became effective April 15, 2025. To help mitigate these challenges, WVEMS partnered with the DEA and the BOP to become

the first EMS Medication Distributor in Virginia. This distributorship now provides EMS agencies with a critical resource to purchase medications at substantially reduced costs and in quantities tailored to their operational needs—while also minimizing losses related to medication expiration. We now provide medication to over 25 EMS agencies and that number grows each day, as our local EMS stakeholders utilize the cost savings through purchases of medication from the WVEMS Council.

The Council continues to meet the Safe Harbor Act which allows EMS Agencies to obtain EMS supplies (non-medication, after April 15, 2025) from healthcare systems (hospitals) free of charge. These plans and agreements have fully met the requirements of the state and federal agencies. Further, these agreements meet the scrutiny of the Federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). All EMS agencies and hospitals in the region are party to the agreement, and it provides protection to both from severe Federal sanctions, including fines. Other projects of interest include the maintenance of a current “CLIA Waiver” to exempt all agencies’ glucometry equipment from federal inspection regulations, a Regional Trauma Triage Plan to ensure all citizens equal access to trauma centers We also provide regional medical direction and a program of quality assurance and quality improvement for EMS providers. Our goal is to continually increase hands-on involvement by physician medical directors.

### **EMS SYSTEM CONSULTING SERVICES**

Provided EMS system consulting and planning to local governments on staffing options, Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) management, EMS Recovery processes, HIPAA compliance, recruitment/retention, and EMS Agency management.

# EMS EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

WVEMS continues to offer certification courses for First Responders, Advanced EMTs and Paramedics across the region, including:

- Paramedic Program, Roanoke Valley 2024 (Completed in Spring of 2025) and 2025
- (Will complete in the Spring of 2026)
- Paramedic Program, New River Valley (Will complete December 2025)
- Advanced EMT - New River Valley (planned for Spring of 2026)

Maintain Clinical Agreements and Agency Field Training Agreements with a multitude of regional medical facilities and EMS Agencies to provide clinical and field training for our accredited programs. Maintained professional liability insurance on all students enrolled in council-sponsored ALS training programs, a saving to individual students.

Provided regional coordination for a “Stop the Bleed” campaign for civilians and EMS providers.

Actively participated in numerous State-level committees and work groups.

Served on advisory boards for local college and university programs.

Participated in pre-hospital care committees for hospitals in the region.

EMS Council staff-maintain certification as instructors in ACLS, AMLS, BLS, PALS, TECC, PHTLS, ADLS, BDLS, TCCC, GEMS, ACLS-EP to help with training needs in the region.

Maintain an accredited AEMT Training Center at our New River Valley location with satellite locations as needed through-out the region.

Promoted and co-sponsored numerous educational events across the region, including EMS CE Day on April 26, 2025 in partnership with Carilion Clinic; CE Weekend with Franklin County Public Safety May 18-19, 2025.

Provided a loaner library of EMS educational videos, training equipment and books.

In addition to in-person classes throughout the region, WVEMS offers American Heart Association AHA Heartcode ACLS, PALS and BLS checkoffs at our Roanoke office.

Continued a cooperative EMS education program with Radford University Carilion.

Provided support to Roanoke Valley Regional Fire-EMS Training Center, WVEMS New River Valley Training Center, Central Shenandoah EMS Council, Lewis Gale Medical Center, and Carilion Clinic to offer and facilitate AMLS, PHTLS, TECC, GEMS, ACLS, PALS and BLS classes throughout the region.

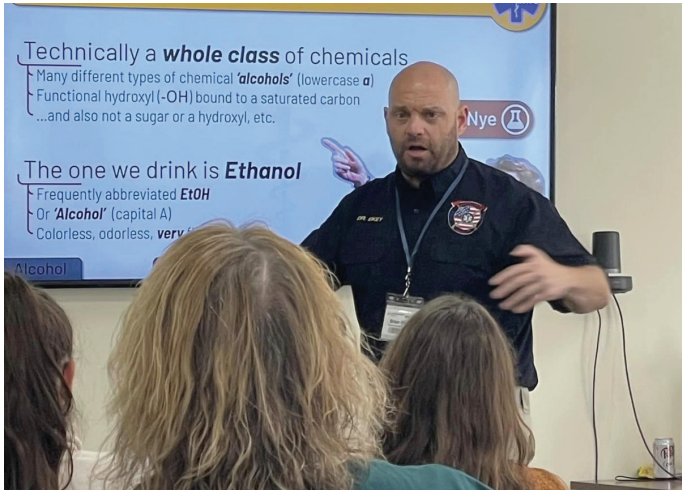
Maintained a dedicated Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team consisting of 33 volunteer mental health and peer public safety debriefers.

Participated in disaster exercises, including multi-jurisdictional drills.



Because of the financial crisis of the Virginia Department of Health, Office of EMS in 2023, the annual 5-day EMS Symposium, held each year in Norfolk, Virginia was suspended indefinitely. In order to help fill the gap for EMS providers across our region, WVEMS developed continuing education programs, including providing a 3-day mini-symposium with help from regional partners. This continuing education

program has become an annual event, well attended each year. WVEMS provided over 700 hours of continuing education to our EMS providers in the region, with over 100 participants. This event was co-sponsored by HCA Healthcare (Lewis Gale Hospital Montgomery), ESO and Virginia Ortho.



Brian Ekey, DO, AOBEM, AOBEMS, OMD  
"Everything Drug"



David English, NRP, MPA  
"EMS Response to Active Threat Incidents"

## OCTOBER 18-20, 2024 WVEMS MINI-SYMPOSIUM WEEKEND CE EVENT!



Nick Wright, OMS-III, NRP  
"Cardiovascular Catastrophes"



Leslie Chuyka, RN, BSN  
"Respiratory Emergencies"

## MEDICAL DIRECTION AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT

Maintained a regional ambulance supply exchange restocking policy with all hospitals and EMS agencies in the region participating.

Development of a workgroup to explore the possibility of Whole Blood use in our region with a goal of implementation in 2026.

Medical Protocols Revised and ongoing process to review/revise on annual basis by dedicated group of EMS Physicians. The Medical Protocols are free to access for all EMS Providers through the App Stores at no cost.

Updated and maintained a regional ambulance diversion policy in conjunction with the Southwest Virginia Healthcare Coalition.

Continued projects for regional EMS performance improvement. Provided suggested guidelines for quality improvement programs in agencies.

Maintained clinical education agreements at all hospitals and other medical entities across the region.

Continued and expanded the role of regional Performance Improvement Committees.

Revised and maintained a Regional Stroke Triage Plan.

Revised and maintained a Regional Trauma Triage Plan.

Development of a Regional STEMI committee to develop a best practice plan for both EMS Agencies and Hospitals to manage STEMI patients.

Maintained Regional General and Trauma Performance Improvement Plans.

Maintained and published a regional Performance Improvement Plan.

## COMMUNICATIONS, FACILITIES

Maintain a regional Controlled Substances Registration Permit to allow EMS agencies to carry fluids and other controlled substances as "restock items" for considerable savings to EMS agencies.

Coordinate the Pharmacy Committee which has representatives from all hospital pharmacies which have been critical during the medication-kit (Drug-Box) transition.

In conjunction with Southwest Virginia Healthcare Coalition (SVHC), maintain various support items such as ventilators to standby generators to support healthcare facilities.

Provided continuing liaison between EMS agencies, operational medical directors and emergency department managers related to the exchange of supplies and equipment.

Maintained a regional waiver exempting EMS agencies from registration for testing of blood with portable glucometry equipment resulting in savings for individual EMS Agencies.

Provided technical assistance and regional administration for VHASS, a web-based ambulance diversion and mass casualty incident management communications system.

Continued ownership, leasing, partnerships, and operation of regional wide EMS Communication platforms such as multiple radio tower sites for both EMS, Hospital, and Emergency Management utilization.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Maintained an electronic newsletter with some 1,200 subscribers to provide frequent notices of training events and other timely EMS news.

Served as a clearinghouse for regional and state EMS pamphlets, posters, displays and other public relations and recruitment materials.

Regularly updated the council's Internet web

site [www.wvems.org](http://www.wvems.org) with current EMS news and events, education, recruitment, CISM information, committee minutes and council reports, trauma triage information, mass casualty information, General Assembly information and relevant EMS links.

Maintained WVEMS presence on various social media platforms.

## OTHER PLANNING AND COORDINATING ACTIVITIES

Provided fiscal and administrative support to the Southwest Virginia Healthcare Coalition (SVHC) to manage some \$1 million in federal hospital preparedness program (HPP) funds.

On July 1, 2023, NSPA and Far Southwest Healthcare Coalition merged to form the Southwest Virginia Healthcare Coalition which covers from Lynchburg to Bristol doubling the size of the healthcare coalition that WVEMS Council administers with a dedicated group of healthcare coalition staff.

Provide technical assistance to local governments on EMS system management.

Provided technical assistance to applicants for Virginia EMS Financial Assistance (RSAF) grants and provided standardized grading for all EMS grants submitted to OEMS from agencies within the WVEMS region.

Provided Information Technology Support for all 11 regional EMS councils and support to OEMS.

Provided a consistent point of contact for EMS providers, agencies, and local governments.

Provided representation on several local, regional, and statewide committees and boards.

Revised regional EMS strategic plan and other regional planning documents.





## ABOUT THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA HEALTHCARE COALITION

The Southwest Virginia Healthcare Coalition (SVHC) is the identified regional healthcare coalition for the western region of Virginia. As the identified regional healthcare coalition, SVHC is the subrecipient for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) Administration for Strategic Preparedness Response (ASPR) Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grant that is provided by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) as part of a Cooperative Agreement with the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA). SVHC was formed on July 1, 2023 as part of a consolidation of the Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance (NSPA) and the Far Southwest Healthcare Coalition (FSWHCC). The NSPA and the FSWHCC were established in 2002 and 2003 respectively to assist regional hospitals with emergency preparedness and regional coordination. SVHC continues their mission as a consolidated regional organization.

SVHC exists for one simple reason: to support the healthcare infrastructure of Southwestern Virginia with disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation resources. We do this by:

- Providing collaborative disaster resource management
- Delivering world-class training, education, and exercises
- Supporting response through incident coordination
- Improving healthcare intelligence with real-time situational awareness before, during, and after a disaster

The Southwest Virginia Healthcare Coalition region encompasses the counties of Alleghany, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Bland, Botetourt, Buchanan, Campbell, Carroll, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Henry, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Pulaski, Roanoke, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe, and the cities of Bristol, Covington, Danville, Galax, Lynchburg, Martinsville, Norton, Radford, Roanoke, and Salem.

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(As of 3-31-2025)

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Adam LaChappelle  
Derek Rogers



SVHC Staff (L-R) Josh Turner, Mary Kathryn Alley, Monica McCullough, Alayna Hubble and Travis Webb



SVHC Staff- Jeff McKinney



SVHC Staff- Josh Turner & Greggory Skeens

## COALITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Coalition Advisory Committee serves as representatives of the greater coalition membership and represents the following organizations:

Ballard Health

Buchanan General Hospital

Carilion Clinic

Centra Health

Hospital Corporation of America (HCA)/

LewisGale LifePoint

Virginia Department of Health

Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Regional EMS, Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Services

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Physician Advisor(s)

Fiduciary Agent, Employer- Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services

# MEMBERSHIP

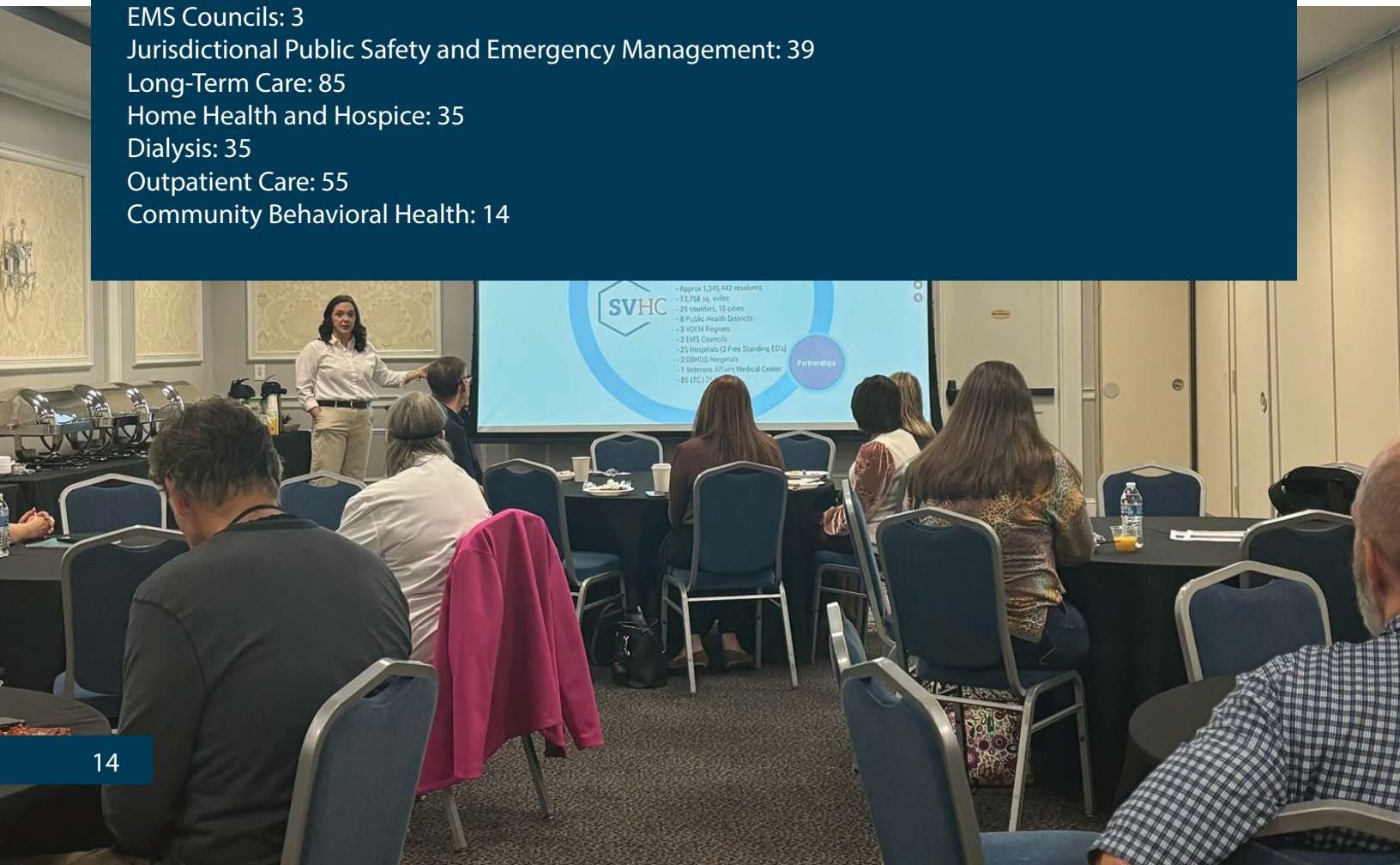
## HOSPITAL MEMBERS

Dickenson Community Hospital (Ballad)  
Johnston Memorial Hospital (Ballad)  
Lee County Community Hospital (Ballad)  
Lonesome Pine Hospital (Ballad)  
Norton Community Hospital (Ballad)  
Russell County Hospital (Ballad)  
Smyth County Community Hospital (Ballad)  
Buchanan General Hospital  
Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital  
Carilion Giles Community Hospital  
Carilion Medical Center  
Carilion New River Valley Medical Center  
Carilion Tazewell Community Hospital  
Catawba Hospital  
Centra Bedford Memorial Hospital  
Centra Virginia Baptist Hospital  
Centra Lynchburg General Hospital

Centra Gretna Emergency Department  
LewisGale Medical Center  
LewisGale Pulaski Hospital  
LewisGale Alleghany Hospital  
LewisGale Montgomery Regional Hospital  
LewisGale Cave Spring Emergency  
Department  
LewisGale Blue Hills Emergency Department  
Clinch Valley Medical Center  
SOVAH Health Danville  
SOVAH Health Martinsville  
Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute  
Southwest Virginia Mental Health Institute  
Salem Veterans Affairs Medical Center  
Twin County Regional Hospital  
Wythe County Community Hospital

## REGIONAL PARTNERS

Public Health: 8 Public Health Districts  
Virginia Dept. of Emergency Management Regions: 3  
EMS Councils: 3  
Jurisdictional Public Safety and Emergency Management: 39  
Long-Term Care: 85  
Home Health and Hospice: 35  
Dialysis: 35  
Outpatient Care: 55  
Community Behavioral Health: 14



## REGIONAL HEALTHCARE COORDINATION CENTER

The Southwest Virginia Healthcare Coalition maintains a Regional Healthcare Coordination Center (RHCC), 1 of 4 in the Commonwealth of Virginia, designed to coordinate a multi-agency response to a disaster focused on Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 for Health and Medical related issues. The RHCC should be activated when an agency has reached (or anticipates reaching) its capabilities limit and needs regional-level health and medical support assistance. The RHCC coordinates with hospitals, public health, EMS, long-term care, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, mental/behavioral health, medical volunteers, emergency management, and other healthcare-related agencies. The RHCC also maintains relationships with critical medical supplies and facility equipment vendors. The RHCC can be activated for emergencies at 1-866-679-7422.

SVHC maintains two warehouse locations that serve as resource caches for our members and partners. LewisGale Medical Center and Ballad Health's Johnston Memorial Hospital generously provide the warehouse locations. The Coalition assets in these locations include ventilators, decontamination tents and equipment, and personal protective equipment (PPE), including N95, surgical masks, face shields, gloves, etc., as well as assets that support facilities when responding to mass casualty, mass fatality or medical surge events. The RHCC continues to work with local healthcare organizations to establish relationships and letters of support with local emergency management and emergency medical services (EMS). The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), formerly the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, has a continued focus on EMS collaboration with regional healthcare coalitions.



## TRAINING AND EXERCISE JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

The Southwest Virginia Healthcare Coalition is committed to delivering world-class disaster response training for dedicated healthcare professionals and regional first responders. To accomplish this mission, SVHC continues to operate a first-class regional training center with an impressive cadre of knowledgeable, experienced, and insightful instructors who provide top-notch training on demand. As an officially designated Comprehensive Regional Training Center under the National Disaster Life Support Foundation (NDLSF), SVHC can provide Basic and Advanced Disaster Life Support courses and the Basic and Advanced Certified Hospital Emergency Coordinator three-day course series to those needing this essential curriculum. These courses give emergency management professionals and healthcare service providers a solid foundation, from entry-level to advanced, while fostering enhanced relationships amongst community partners across the region.

SVHC also facilitates training from other recognized agencies, such as the Counter Terrorism Operations

Support unit of the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, etc., to ensure healthcare professionals and emergency management personnel in our region have access to crucial emergency preparedness training and to fill any gaps that have been identified in training needs assessments. In conjunction with coordinating various training programs, SVHC provides exercise support and/or facilitation across the region upon request. SVHC has an inventory of training and exercise assets available to loan out to our partners for use in their own internal training, drills, or special events. Some commonly borrowed items include inflatable mannequins, ICS vests, bleeding control simulation training aids, N-95 mask fit-test kits, testing solutions, and many other assets. SVHC staff members also often serve as Evaluators, Observers, and Players to support regional exercise activities. Member organizations can reach out to SVHC staff at any time to request these items or discuss any other needs that might be appropriate for consideration of a future purchase.





(IMT) with incident command and control principles. It puts into a working context the various roles and responsibilities team members may be assigned during an emergency event/incident at their facility. The training culminates in a mini-tabletop scenario where the course participants simulate standing up their incident command and Emergency Operations Center while working through a scenario. This helps to provide a hands-on working context of the various ICS principles discussed in the class. Each year, SVHC makes every effort to provide HICS training to each of our regional Health Systems.

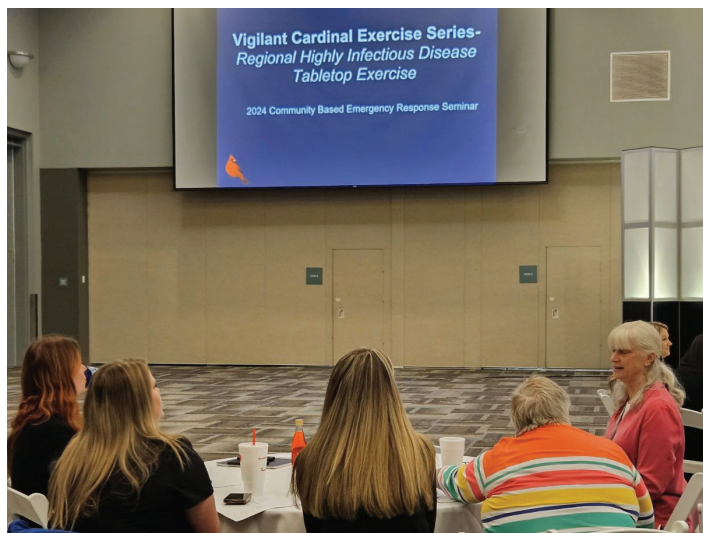
In addition to the core training programs previously mentioned above, the SVHC Training Center also collaborated with Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX,) a preeminent National Emergency

Response and Recovery Training Center, to deliver their Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Events course. One offering was held in Abingdon on May 19th-20th, and a second in Lynchburg on May 23rd-24th of 2024. These two-day courses were well received by regional partners responsible for planning and responding to such catastrophic events.

SVHC will continue to work toward providing future high-level training opportunities that align with our regional Hazard Vulnerability Assessment/Analysis and core grant deliverables. The Training Center and SVHC Staff Members are committed to meeting the training needs of SVHC Regional partners to help close any identified training gaps, strengthen preparedness capabilities, and enhance overall disaster resiliency.



SVHC Staff - Mary Kathryn Alley, Regional Coordinator and Alayna Hubble, MVP



# FINANCIAL POSITION

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION - June 30, 2025 and 2024

ASSETS	2025	2024
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,690,829	\$1,237,855
Restricted cash	–	\$8
Accounts receivable	\$303,726	\$432,615
Prepaid expenses	\$23,657	\$32,719
Investments (Note 3)	\$259,985	\$234,327
Other Assets	–	\$35
Total current assets	\$2,278,197	\$1,937,559
Land, buildings, and equipment, net (Note 4)	\$423,753	\$469,650
Total assets	\$2,701,950	\$2,407,209

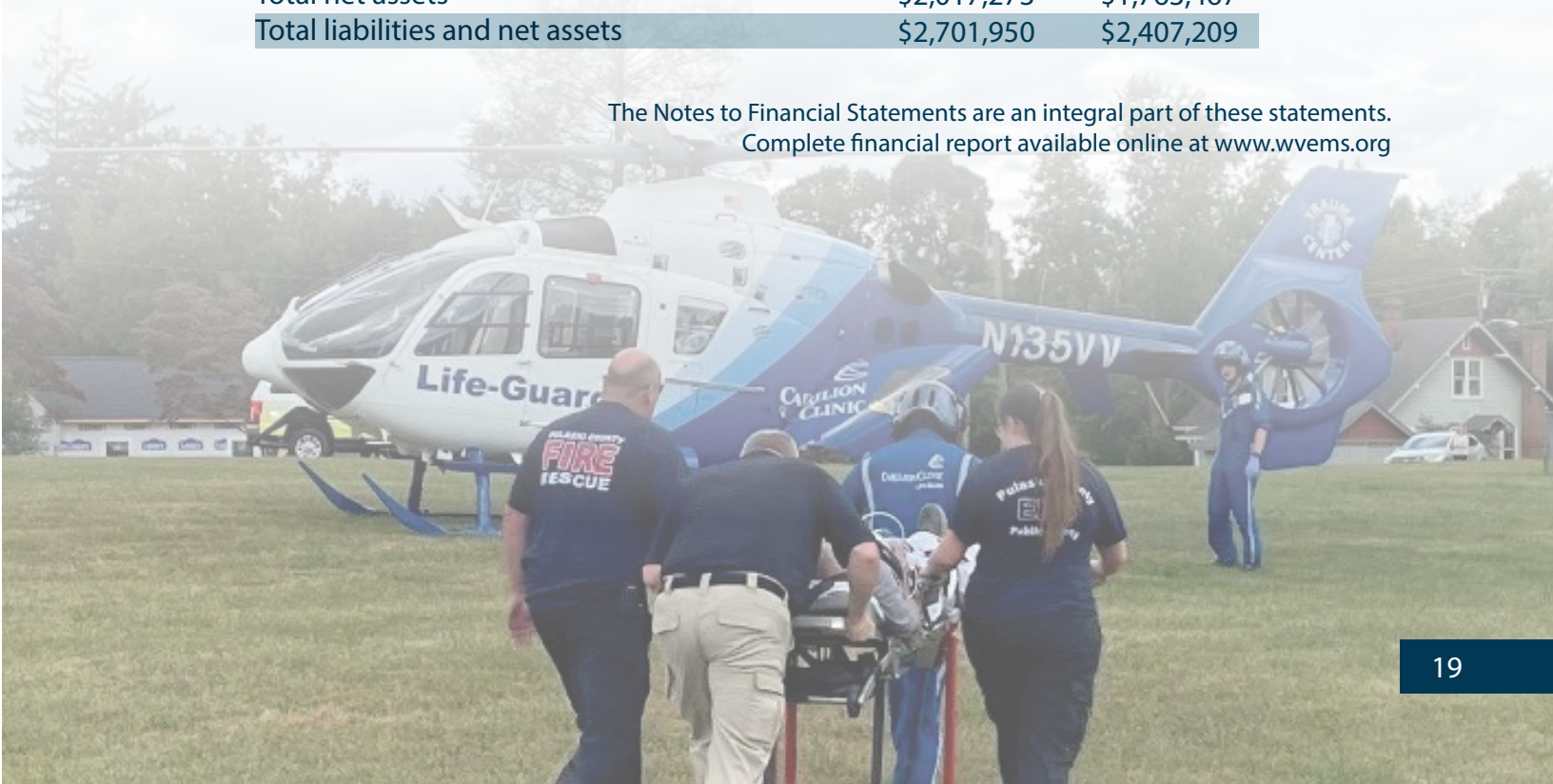
## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable	\$25,190	\$45,685
Accrued expenses (Note 10)	\$47,224	\$44,269
Deferred revenue	\$154,725	\$96,250
Custodial funds liability	\$457,538	\$457,538
Total liabilities	\$684,677	\$643,742

## NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	\$1,336,745	\$1,082,163
With Donor Restrictions (Note 5)	\$680,528	\$681,304
Total net assets	\$2,017,273	\$1,763,467
Total liabilities and net assets	\$2,701,950	\$2,407,209

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.  
Complete financial report available online at [www.wvems.org](http://www.wvems.org)



# FINANCIAL POSITION

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES - June 30, 2025

## REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT:

	2025		TOTAL
	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	
State government	\$625,018	-	\$625,018
Federal grant revenue	-	\$791,907	\$791,907
Local government (Note 7)	\$140,352	-	\$140,352
Other support and income	\$386,555	-	\$386,555
Unrealized and realized gains	\$24,366	-	\$24,366
Investment income	\$64,322	-	\$64,322
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 6)	\$792,683	(\$792,683)	-
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$2,033,296</b>	<b>(\$776)</b>	<b>\$2,032,520</b>

## EXPENSES (NOTE 8)

Program services	\$1,458,503	-	\$1,458,503
Management and general	\$320,211	-	\$320,211
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$1,778,714</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,778,714</b>
Change in net assets	\$254,582	(\$776)	\$253,806

## NET ASSETS

Beginning	\$1,082,163	\$681,304	\$1,763,467
Ending	\$1,336,745	\$680,528	\$2,017,273

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.  
Complete financial report available online at [www.wvems.org](http://www.wvems.org)



# OUR SUPPORTERS

These generous supporters and partners have contributed funds or in-kind services, or have allowed us to contract to provide services throughout the year.

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Alleghany County

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– Salem Centra Health



# 2024 REGIONAL EMS AWARDS



**2024 Outstanding EMS  
Telecommunications Dispatcher**  
Dustin Compton, EMT, Field Supervisor  
NRV Fire EMS 911 Dispatcher  
Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad



**2024 Outstanding Prehospital Educator**  
Maximus Patterson, NREMT, Field Training Officer  
Master Paramedic- Fire Fighter  
Roanoke County Fire Rescue



**2024 Outstanding EMS Agency**  
Blacksburg Volunteer  
Rescue Squad  
David English, Chief



**2024 Outstanding Prehospital  
Provider**  
Matthew Scott, NREMT, Botetourt  
County Fire & EMS



**2024 Outstanding Contribution  
to EMS by a High School Senior**  
\$1000 Scholarship Award Winner  
Evan McGrory  
- VT Clinical NeuroScience

# 2023-2024

## GOVERNOR'S AWARD WINNERS

Governor Glenn Youngkin designated a week each May, as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week in Virginia. To mark the occasion, he hosted two special events at the Virginia Executive Mansion to honor recipients of the 2023 and 2024 Governor's EMS Awards. Coordinated by the Virginia Department of Health's (VDH's) Office of Emergency Medical Services, these awards represent the highest level of recognition in Virginia's EMS system and celebrate providers, agencies, and community partners who demonstrate excellence in emergency medical care.

"Virginia's EMS providers are true heroes—responding with courage, skill, and compassion during life's most critical moments," said Governor Glenn Youngkin. "Their service saves lives every day, strengthens our communities, and makes Virginia's emergency care system among the best in the nation. It was a privilege to honor them during EMS Week."



**2023 Outstanding EMS  
Prehospital Educator**  
Mike Garnett, NRP VA-EC  
Assistant Chief of EMS Training  
Pulaski County Public Safety



**2024 Outstanding  
EMS Agency**  
David English, Chief  
Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad

# Western Virginia EMS Council, Inc. Executive Director Steps Down

WVEMS announces that, Steve Simon, has informed the Board of Directors of his decision to step down as Executive Director, effective May 12, 2025.

During his tenure, Steve, made significant contributions to the growth and stability of WVEMS. Under his leadership, since March of 2021, Steve worked side by side with our Board to mitigate a financial crisis at the Virginia Department of Health and the Office of EMS. This crisis threatened the very fabric of EMS Councils within the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. Through his dedication to professionalism and integrity, he ensured Western Virginia EMS Council's continued strategic vision and commitment and has positioned WVEMS for continued success.

WVEMS extends our sincere gratitude to Steve for his service and leadership, and we wish him every success in the future.

Steve remains an integral part of our EMS community and WVEMS as he accepts the position of Fire & EMS Chief in the City of Salem.

The Board has initiated the process to ensure a smooth transition and will provide updates as appropriate.

## **STEVE SIMON**

HAS BEEN NAMED THE NEW FIRE & EMS CHIEF  
IN THE CITY OF SALEM

EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2025



# OUR VISION

The EMS system in the Western Virginia region will . . .

Provide access for victims for injury and sudden illness via a **universally available enhanced 9-1-1** emergency telephone system.

Provide for **dispatcher-provided telephone assistance** (pre-arrival instructions) to callers with life-threatening emergencies.

Provide **communications system** capabilities that enable EMS personnel to communicate with all other EMS personnel throughout the region, their dispatchers, all hospital emergency departments, and other public safety personnel.

Provide for **timely response** of first responders.

Provide for **high-quality, prehospital treatment** of patients as a result of standardized basic life support training programs, accredited advanced life support educational and mentoring programs, standardized testing programs, frequent and timely continuing education programs, and quality assurance-performance improvement programs.

Provide **triage and transport**, and transfer, if necessary, of patients to the most appropriate facility based on predetermined universally accepted transport guidelines and protocols.

Provide **timely emergency department care** with emergency physicians, emergency nurses and other support personnel and **trauma care**, when necessary, with personnel and resources associated with designated trauma centers.

Provide resources and capabilities to appropriately respond to and manage large disasters and **mass casualty** situations.

Ensure EMS system **viability and excellence** through the effective use of state, local and private funding.

Provide **mental health support** for the region's EMS providers.

CONGRATULATIONS DR. BERNIER ON BEING NAMED A MEDICAL HERO FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS!





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