A Message from the President

2017 has been here and gone. Our new facility has proven to be more than satisfactory, and we owe a huge debt to Sentara Martha Jefferson for their generosity and support. We are still looking for more ways to be relevant to the localities we serve and the more than 150,000 people in our area whose health and well-being are our concern. We are here to serve; let us know how we can help.

Hal Schaffer, President

COUNCIL MISSION

As an integral part of the EMS network, the Thomas Jefferson EMS Council, or TJ EMS, works to assess, identify, coordinate, plan and implement an efficient and effective regional EMS delivery system in partnership with the Virginia Office of EMS and the Virginia EMS Advisory Board.

TJ EMS covers the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson, and Madison, as well as the City of Charlottesville. Additionally, we work closely with EMS agencies in Orange and Buckingham counties. With over 35 EMS agencies, the Council enjoys an excellent working relationship with its hospitals, UVA Medical Center (Level 1 Trauma Center) and Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital.
LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2017 has come and gone as the Council continued to strive to serve the providers in the area. Last year we asked you to connect with us thru our website and social media pages. Many of you have done this and as a result, several hundred people that were not previously electronically connected with us now are. We would like to see a continued increase in this. Remember this is a dynamic industry and many new people have entered EMS in the last year. Please encourage these new providers to start their EMS experience by linking the Council on their social media. We have created a YouTube channel for the Council. Initially started to respond to providers requests to see real time explanations for what we do clinically. This first series of videos coincide with the latest mandated revision of the medical guidelines. This provides an additional educational avenue for our providers. The initial video series was generously payed for by Life Care Medical Transports Inc.

As I noted in last year’s newsletter we instituted several changes. It takes time for any change to begin to show its benefit. Towards the end of last year, we began to see the positive results of these changes. This is most notable in our financial position. While we must continue to measure our financial situation on an ongoing basis, and make additional changes if necessary, I am happy to report that we are financially more stable than we have been in the last several years. This can change quickly and we are dependent on the generosity of those who contribute to the Council. These contributors have been our local governments and some private/corporate benefactors.

We moved to our present location through a generous lease agreement/terms with Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital. They have graciously extended the same terms for another year. This is an additional contribution outside the original lease agreement. We are very grateful that they have identified EMS as worthy of their support.

In the next few weeks, I will again be visiting the representatives of local government to close the information loop that was begun last year.

Our hybrid EMT class continues to be successful and has strong enrolment in each class. This class has provided many volunteers in the area.

On the state level, there have been several changes. Most notably is the manner in which funding is distributed for continuing education. The funding for initial courses i.e EMT and others has also changed. This process is now thru a state managed scholarship program. The EMS Council’s no longer have any part in the administration of this program.

In closing, the Council is in a stronger position than previously. Partly due to changes in practices and partly due to the partnership and support from our sponsors. Notwithstanding this, the greatest overall strength of the past year has been the regional providers. Those who have open-mindedly accepted change and supported their Council. For this, I am extremely grateful.

Tom Joyce
CLASSES AND EVENTS

The Thomas Jefferson EMS Council has now successfully held three Advanced Stroke Life Support classes, and is still looking ahead. According to the University of Miami, who developed the course, ASLS will address “the differential diagnosis of stroke, rapid recognition of five major stroke syndromes, training in the use of the Miami Emergency Neurologic Deficit (M.E.N.D.) exam, and education regarding the use of thrombolytic therapy in acute ischemic stroke patients” all through “interactive discussions, hands-on workshops, video case-based scenarios, and standardized patient simulations.” This course has established TJ EMS as the only prehospital-focused training center for the ASLS curriculum in the Commonwealth and has trained 18 instructors in the region to provide this curriculum, and an additional 34 students have participated and completed the course. This course was co-sponsored by Sentara Martha Jefferson and University of Virginia and both facilities have been involved in its continuing success.

TJ EMS will once again be offering a Continuing Education day for EMS providers. The event will feature physician speakers from UVA and Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospitals who will present lectures ranging from rural toxicology to the biomechanics of car crash. The council hopes to make this CE day model a regular occurrence in order to expose regional EMS providers to new and interesting information while assisting these same providers in meeting their recertification requirements.

TJ EMS has also begun offering Stress First Aid (SFA) to first responders in the region. Analogous to Medical First Aid, SFA represents a combination of knowledge and skills designed to save a life, prevent further harm, and promote recovery for those who have stress injuries, or severe distress or impairment that results from exposure to trauma, loss, inner conflict, or fatigue. Originally implemented in the armed services, SFA has and will continue to allow TJ EMS to augment regional providers’ abilities to care for patients with the ability to better care for themselves and each other.

NEW OFFICE LOCATION

It has been nearly a year since moving to our new location on Martha Jefferson Drive, and we’re still unpacking boxes! We held our official Open House in March, and it was well attended – we even had local vendors participate! We have already begun to get back into the swing of things, by being the host location of EMT classes, Continuing Education sessions and we have continued to host the region’s Consolidated Test Site.
A great time was had by all who attended the EMS Awards Ceremony on May 10, 2017. We again want to congratulate all of our winners:

**Catherine Adams** ~ Outstanding Contribution to EMS by a High School Senior

**Kimberly Lowry, RN** ~ Nurse with Outstanding Contribution to EMS

**R. John Lye** ~ Outstanding EMS Administrator

**Pete Syme** ~ Outstanding Pre-Hospital Educator

**John Gaughen, DR** ~ Physician with Outstanding Contribution to EMS

**Buck DeForge** ~ Excellence in EMS

**Jonathan Grimm** ~ Outstanding EMS Telecommunications Dispatcher

**UVA Special Events Medical Management** ~ Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS Emergency Preparedness & Response

**Richard Westphal, DR** ~ Outstanding Contribution to EMS Health & Safety

**William H. Thompson, Jr. “Junior”** ~ Life Time Achievement Award

And last, but definitely not least, the award for Outstanding EMS Agency goes to..........

**Lake Monticello Volunteer Rescue Squad!!!**
### ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

#### Current Assets
- Cash and cash equivalents: $75,132
- Accounts Receivable: $7,500
- **Total Current Assets**: $82,632

#### Property and Equipment
- Vehicles: $81,502
- Equipment and fixtures: $29,287
- Leasehold improvements: $0.00
- Accumulated depreciation: $(102,232)
- **Net property and Equipment**: $8,557

#### Other Assets
- Due from EMS training funds: $65
- Security Deposit: $2,977
- **Total Other Assets**: $3,042
- **Total Assets**: $94,231

#### Current Liabilities
- Accounts Payable: $4,978
- Payable to the Medical Director: $22,500
- Accrued compensated business: $8,305
- Payroll liabilities: $2,237
- **Total Current Liabilities**: $38,020

#### Net Assets
- Unrestricted: $56,211
- **Total Net Assets**: $56,211

#### Total liabilities and assets
- **Total** $94,231

#### Public Support and Revenues
- Public Support
  - Local Support: $89,113
  - Grants and Donations: $7,372
- **Total public support**: $96,485

#### Revenues
- State Contract: $195,872
- Training courses and materials: $72,887
- UVA contribution—rent: $18,812
- Interest: $33
- **Total Revenues**: $287,604

#### Expenses
- Program services: $348,261
- Management and general: $66,207
- **Total Expenses**: $414,468

#### Change in Net Assets
- **Net Assets, Beginning of year**: $89,100
- **Net Assets, End of year**: $56,211
- **Change in Net Assets**: $(32,889)