



From Left to Right: Jason Roach, Colin Beals-Reid, Richard Jamesley, Matt Palmisano, Clarke Lewis, John Ciemniecki, Alexis Achey, and Winston

UREMS FIRST RESPONDERS

New Vehicle

UREMS is proud to announce that it will have a BLS Non-Transport Emergency Response Vehicle in service by Spring Semester 2013! Following an initiative by the 2012 executive board to form a vehicle committee and push for a UREMS vehicle to be approved by URPD and RAA, a 2013 Ford Escape Ecoboost SE with four wheel-drive was purchased and delivered to campus in October 2012. As of November 2012, the vehicle is at Richmond Ambulance Authority headquarters being outfitted as a BLS Non-Transport Emergency Response Vehicle for UREMS. The vehicle will have lights, sirens, and other essential equipment to meet Virginia state code. The vehicle will also be equipped with solar panel technology that will allow us to avoid having to plug the vehicle into a power source to charge the equipment that runs off of batteries. This would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of many key players at URPD and RAA, in addition to the support of alumni Patrick Oliver M.D., and UR Student Activities who all contributed to the high costs of the vehicle. All UREMS first-responders will be EVOC trained and will have to undergo a strict perception process before they are permitted to drive the vehicle on-duty. Following the vehicle's completion, on-duty UREMS 1's who have passed perception will have it in their possession and go about their day as normal.

New Website

In mid-September, we were excited to launch our new website under the University of Richmond Police Department website.

<http://police.richmond.edu/urems/index.html>

This will allow us to share all of our information with the community and anyone who is interested in our organization. It includes active membership applications, UREMS healthcare guidelines, SOGs, the UREMS Constitution, reciprocity information, bag check forms, and so much more.

New Providers

UREMS 1: (Recently Cleared)

James Starkie
Eric O'Brien

UREMS 2:

Colin Beals-Read
John Ciemieki
Ke Arkfeld
Nick Rothbard
Alexis Achey and Winston



UREMS Newsletter

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2012-2013 Exec Board:

President- Richard Jamesley (RC 2014)
VP of Operations- Matthew Palmisano (RC 2014)
VP of Administration- Clarke Lewis (RC 2014)
Finance Officer- Stephen Laszczyk (RC 2014)
Training Officer- Tom O'Hara (RC 2013)
Membership Officer- James Starkie (RC 2014)
Communications Officer- David Stevens (RC 2015)

Alexis Achey and Winston

We want to welcome one of our new providers, Alexis Achey and her diabetic alert service dog, Winston. Winston accompanies Alexis everywhere including on all of her UREMS calls. "Winston allows me more time to take care of others, because I do not have to constantly be on alert for myself."



UREMS New Patch

UREMS revealed our new patch in late Spring of 2012. It has been added to all of our uniforms.

FAST FACTS (as of Nov 1ST)

49%

Percentage of alcohol related calls this semester.

63%

Percentage of patient transports this semester.

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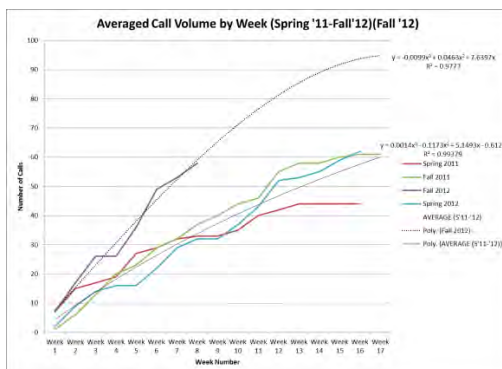
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Call Review

UREMS has experienced a significant increase in call volume of EMS responses on the University of Richmond campus.



In the graph above the purple line represents Fall 2012 and the three lines below that represent the past three semesters. As you can see, UREMS has seen an unprecedented increase in call volume which, by the end of the semester, could surpass 80 calls, nearly doubling Spring 2012's total.

Documentation

UREMS has temporarily moved to a handwritten form of Patient Care Reports. This allows providers to not only include more detail but also write a full narrative section. Training Officer, Tom O'Hara, says "This is certainly one of the most important topics of the year. Since so many of our providers are new to proper documentation, we will be stressing constant improvement with every report." Matt Palmisano, VP of Operations, added "UREMS has also implemented a thorough QA/QI system which permits us to educate providers on mistakes made and necessary areas of improvement in documentation." The reports are then digitally attached to the RAA generated PCR and or filed at RAA if the patient was not transported.

Field Training Guidebook

This summer, the UREMS Executive Board was hard at work developing a new method of guiding first responders during their time as UREMS2's. This guidebook allows UREMS2's to demonstrate their skills outside of an emergency setting to assure confidence and proficiency. As well, the guidebook contains a number of valuable documents to assist providers in their first 6 month phase as a UREMS first responder.

New Schedule

UREMS has been using an eight-day schedule to better accommodate our providers that also work with Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad. We were able to move from a six to an eight day schedule due to an influx of UREMS first-responders, allowing us to fill every shift in the rotation.

Recruitment

"We have had great success recruiting new members this year" says Clarke Lewis. Some of the more noteworthy events include regular tabling in the Commons and Spiderfest. These events attracted about 50 students to the organization, not to mention over 75 applicants for the EMT-Basic class that will be hosted Fall and Spring of 2013-14. We anticipate this list to grow with next years Freshman Class of 2017.



RAA Incident Training

In early April, UREMS First-Responders traveled to RAA headquarters, "station 31," for a Tabletop Incident Command Simulation (TICS). This is the same training that RAA uses with its employees to simulate large Mass Casualty Incidents and reinforces NIMS training. We plan on continuing TICS training with RAA with a simulated catastrophic MCI that is specific to the University of Richmond campus such as a stadium collapse at Robins Stadium. This will allow UREMS First-Responders and RAA to address any topical concerns that arise from the layout of our campus and our emergency response procedures.

