

2012 NASEMSO Funding for EMS Projects Commonwealth of Virginia

Special Funding:

- **Four-for-Life Funding**
- **Trauma Center Funding**

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Commonwealth of Virginia's EMS System

Data as of September 1, 2012

36,687 Certified EMS Providers

577 Certified EMS Instructors

79 Certified Emergency Operations Instructors

219 Certified EMS Physicians (Operational Medical Directors)

683 Licensed EMS Agencies

451 Volunteer – 66%

97 Governmental – 14%

136 Other (commercial, industrial or miscellaneous) – 20%

4,404 Permitted EMS Vehicles

History of EMS Funding

- **1968** – The Office (formerly, Bureau) of Emergency Medical Services was established within the Department of Health with the passage of the Virginia Ambulance Law. Funding was provided through the state’s general fund and federal funds.
- **1978** – **Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund** created by legislation. First grants awarded in June 1979.
- **1983** – **“One For Life”** legislation, adding a \$1.00 fee on motor vehicle registration to support EMS.
- **1990** – **“Two For Life”** legislation passed following a two year Joint Legislative Subcommittee studying the governance, training, recruitment and retention of EMS personnel. Increased the motor Vehicle registration fee to \$2.00 dedicated to the statewide EMS system.

History (continued)

- **2002** – “**Four for Life**” legislation passed; increased the motor vehicle registration fee dedicated to EMS from \$2.00 to \$4.00.
- **2008** – General Assembly (HJR 743) approved a \$0.25 increase in “**Four for Life**” restricting the use of the increase to EMS training and continuing education as a recruitment and retention initiative.

46.2-694 Code of Virginia

Para. 13 – EMS Funding

Commonly referred to as “Four for Life” Funding

- **An additional \$4.25 per vehicle registration per year shall be charged and collected by DMV for each automobile and pick-up or panel truck**
- All funds collected from \$4 of the \$4.25 fee shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be set aside as a special fund to be used only for emergency medical service purposes.
- All revenues generated by the remaining \$0.25 of the \$4.25 fee approved by the 2008 Session of the General Assembly shall be deposited into the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund and used only to pay for the costs associated with the *certification and recertification training* of emergency medical services personnel.

Distribution of “Four for Life”

- **Distribution of these funds shall be:**
 - \$0.25 shall be deposited into the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund and used as a recruitment and retention incentive for the costs associated with certification and recertification training of EMS personnel (HJR 743)

 - \$4.00 portion is distributed as follows:
 - 2% - Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads
 - 30% - State Department of Health to support
 - Basic Life Support Training
 - Advanced Life Support Training
 - Recruitment and Retention programs
 - Emergency medical services system development, initiatives, and priorities
 - Technology and radio communication enhancements
 - 32% - Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (Grant Programs)
 - 10% - State Department of Health for OEMS operations
 - 26% - Return to Locality in which vehicle was registered

Return to Localities 26%

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- Shall be returned to the locality in which vehicle is registered.
- Funds to be used by licensed, nonprofit or governmental EMS agencies for:
 - Training of Volunteer or Salaried EMS personnel
 - Purchase of Necessary Equipment & Supplies
- Funds shall NOT be used to supplant local funds
- Local governing body shall report on the use of these funds. If a report is NOT submitted funds for the next FY will be withheld until such report is received.

Return to Localities 26%

Listing of Potential Uses

- **Training Related Expenses to include:**

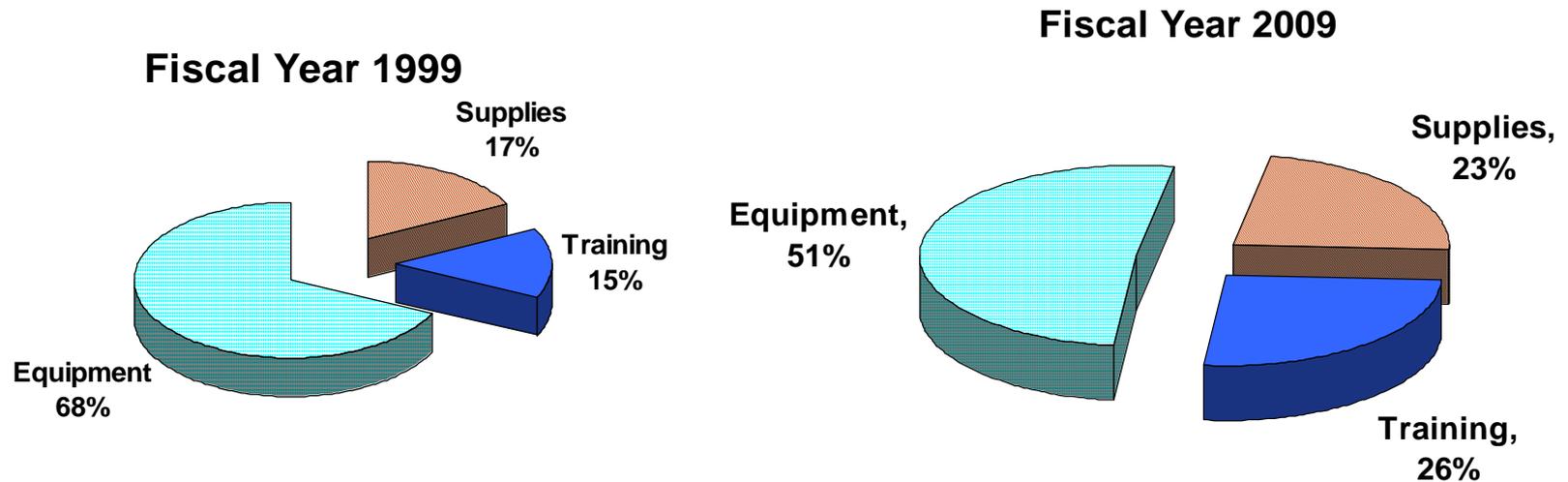
- textbooks, workbooks
- supplies used in training
- training equipment (manikins, films, videos, etc)
- expenses related to certification programs
- expenses associated with specialty training programs
- regional training programs

- **Equipment & Supplies to:**

- gain access to patients
- assess patient's medical condition
- provide immediate medical care
- transport patient to medical facility
- communicate with dispatcher/medical facility
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for EMT personnel

Return to Localities 26%

How funds were spent by the localities



Economic/Fiscal Impact on Four for Life

- **Revenue is dependent upon the registration of passenger vehicles**
- **Revenue from registration is variable – registrations may be for 1 or 2 year periods.**
- **Declining vehicle registrations (FY2010) – resulted in revenues down by \$819,052**
 - **FY2011 signs of revenue recovery and a slight growth over FY2010**

Virginia Trauma Center Fund

In 2004 a Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) report “*The Use and Financing of Trauma Centers in Virginia*”, stated that the Virginia Trauma System faced financial burdens for two major reasons: uncompensated or undercompensated care and readiness costs. The JLARC study concluded that the 14 hospitals in Virginia were losing a combined \$44 million each year.

2004 General Assembly (HB-1143) amended the Code by adding 18.2-270.01 which established the Trauma Center Fund.

18.2-270.01. Multiple offenders; payment to Trauma Center Fund.

This was the first step in addressing the challenges faced by Virginia’s Trauma Centers.

Requires that the “*court shall order any person convicted of a violation of [18.2-36.1](#), [18.2-51.4](#), [18.2-266](#), [18.2-266.1](#) or [46.2-341.24](#) who has been convicted previously of one or more violations of any of those sections or any ordinance, any law of another state, or any law of the United States substantially similar to the provisions of those sections within 10 years of the date of the current offense to pay \$50 to the Trauma Center Fund.*”

2005 General Assembly (HB 2664), revised 46.2-411 – Reinstatement of suspended or revoked license or other privilege to operate or register a motor vehicle; proof of financial responsibility; reinstatement fee.

Required that before granting or restoring a license or registration to any person whose driver's license or other privilege to drive motor vehicles or privilege to register a motor vehicle has been revoked or suspended, the Commissioner [of the Department of Motor Vehicles] shall collect from such person, in addition to all other fees provided for in this section, an additional fee of \$40.

The additional \$40 fee must be paid into the Trauma Center Fund

2006 – General Assembly Session added language to the Appropriations Act requiring that the Department of Health report on the use of these funds in improving Virginia's Trauma System to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by October 1 of each year.

2010 General Assembly enacted 3-6.03 to increase the COURT-ORDERED FEES for DUI convictions from \$50 to \$100 and the DRIVERS LICENSE REINSTATEMENT FEE was raised from \$40 to \$100.

Language was included in the Appropriations Act requiring that a total of \$9,055,000 be transferred annually from the Trauma Center Fund to the General Fund.

It is projected that the increased fee will allow the Trauma Center Fund to continue providing needed funding to the Trauma Centers at approximately the same level as in prior years.

Questions

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