

Prehospital
Patient Care Protocols

Section II

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The Prehospital Patient Care Protocols originally were published in 1993 to serve as a standard guide to just over 3,000 emergency medical services Providers in the 9,000-square-mile Old Dominion Emergency Medical Services Alliance (ODEMSA) region. It took two years and involved nearly 500 people in the Central Virginia EMS region.

The ODEMSA region has benefited from the resulting Standard of Care that has been maintained and frequently enhanced by the ODEMSA Medical Control Committee. The Committee is made up of physicians who represent hospital emergency departments, agency Operational Medical Directors (OMDs), trauma surgeons, and other physicians with an interest in or specialty that involves emergency medicine. The Committee, acting in concert with other ODEMSA committees, monitors the Central Virginia EMS System. While the Virginia Office of EMS, Virginia Department of Health, sets the minimum patient care standards, the Medical Control Committee establishes the region's Standard of Care and oversees its Prehospital Patient Care Protocols.

The area that encompasses the ODEMSA region — Virginia Planning Districts 13, 14, 15 and 19 — has not grown, but the number of prehospital providers has expanded to nearly 4,500 in 2005, including some 3,200 basic life support personnel. The vast majority have been trained in ODEMSA-sponsored or regionally-approved training programs.

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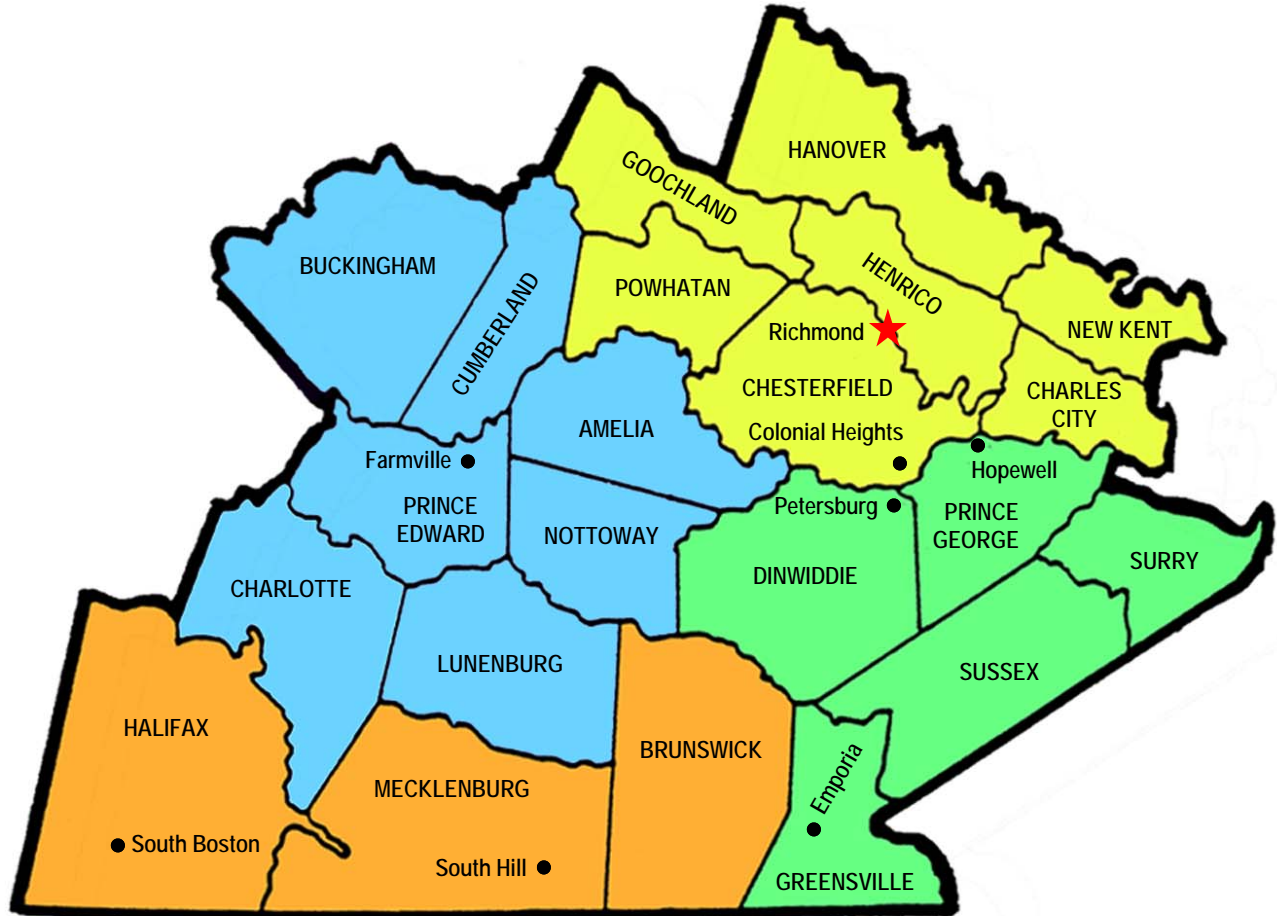
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The Old Dominion EMS Alliance is a non-profit, service organization designed to help local governments, rescue squads, municipal fire/EMS agencies, private ambulance services, hospitals and other interested parties develop and maintain the Central Virginia Emergency Medical Services System. It consists of some 4,300 prehospital providers in partnership with local doctors, emergency department physicians and nurses, pharmacists and other specialists to make available high quality EMS care to patients throughout the 9,000-square-mile region. The Alliance is made up of EMS agencies and acute care hospitals in Planning Districts 13, 14, 15 and 19.

EMS Resources in the ODEMSA Region

Square Miles	9,000
Population	1.4 million
EMS Providers	4,322
ALS Providers	1,108
Licensed Agencies	101
Licensed EMS Units	577
Calls Per Year	165,000
Hospital Emergency Departments	17



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