

Garrett County Emergency Services Board

Meeting Minutes
for
February 8, 2007

Members present:

Ed McLellan
Brad Frantz
Terry Spear
David Betz
Todd Dyche
Jamie Rodeheaver

The meeting of the Garrett County Emergency Services Board was held on Thursday, February 8, 2007 in the Garrett County Commissioners conference room.

Chairman McLellan opened the meeting at 16:00 hours.

Brad Frantz introduced Ken Queen from the Garrett County Government Procurement Department. Mr. Queen gave a presentation on his experiences with setting up a LOSAP system. Highlights of the presentation included:

- 1) How the LOSAP is administered
- 2) A contact person to handle actuarials
- 3) Developing a RFP for LOSAP
- 4) Distributed 2 sample RFP's for review by board members
- 5) Reviewed the benefit payment options (Lump sum vs. Monthly payment)
- 6) Prorated benefits for quick start-up

Following the presentation the board agreed that we need to draft and finalize our own LOSAP manual and program prior to the RFP. Copies of Anne Arundel and Carroll counties programs were given to the members for review and comment prior to the next meeting. Any suggestions or comments should be e-mailed to Terry Spear before the next meeting.

Minutes of the January 19, 2007 meeting were approved as corrected. Brad Frantz motioned and Todd Dyche seconded to approve the minutes with the correction, motion carried by voice vote.

Ed McLellan shared correspondence from John Nelson regarding the Board's comments relating to the revision of Garrett Counties Comprehensive Development Plan. The ESB will be informed as to the progress and status of the new plan. Ed further informed the Board that the County Commissioners gave approval to proceed to hire an Emergency Services Coordinator as recommended by the ESB. The Board also discussed expanding the duties of the Coordinator to include a liaison role for the recruitment and retention of members the emergency services, along with working out problems with current EMS response issues. A letter from Dr. Perry to the Garrett County Commissioners was also discussed. Discussion on ways to increase the citizen response to subscription memberships sent out by Northern and Southern Rescue Squads was brought before the Board.

Brad Frantz discussed the stats for response times for EMS Companies. Manpower issues at SGCRS were discussed regarding the following:

- 1) Establishing an Incentive Program similar to Northern
- 2) Training requirements for new and current members (this affects both squads)
- 3) Assistance from County Government to start an Incentive Program at Southern. ESB will further discuss this issue.
- 4)

Dave Betz will bring these items to the attention of SGCRS at their next meeting to see if there is any interest in initiating items #1 & #3. Their next meeting is February 20, 2007; Dave will report their decision at the next Board meeting.

Next meeting of the Garrett County Emergency Services Board will be March 1, 2007 at 16:00 hours in the County Commissioners Conference Room.

Jamie Rodeheaver informed the Board that he and Bob Browning met with the County Commissioners to attempt to gain additional funding from the County for Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company. They stated that a majority of their emergency responses has a direct connection to the increase in transient visitors to Garrett County.

The Board then discussed possible funding alternatives for emergency services in Garrett County. Those being ways to target transient visitors, i.e., revisit the Impact Fee/Excise Tax proposal, or implantation of a user based taxing schedule that would only tax or establish a fee for transient people.

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 16:00 in the County Commissioners conference room.

The meeting adjourned at 17:45 hours.
Terry Spear, Secretary

