



Garrett County Emergency Services Board

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD- MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2011 MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed McLellan, Chairman
Lou Battistella, At-large representative
George "Sonny" Vincent, At-large representative
Bob Browning, GCFRA representative
Duane Stein, GCFRCC representative
Paul Harman, EMS representative
Brad Frantz, GCPS/EM

GUESTS

Dwayne Kitis, MIEMSS
Mike Simmons

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McLellan at 4:05 p.m. Minutes of the December meeting were distributed, reviewed and corrections noted. Lou Battistella moved to approve the minutes as amended, Sonny Vincent seconded and the motion was approved. Corrected minutes will be posted on the county web page.

1. There was a brief discussion on the consolidation of worker's compensation and Dwayne Kitis reported on Allegany County's study. It was decided that Garrett County Fire/EMS Companies should be encouraged to maintain individual coverage.
2. There was a lengthy discussion on the LOSAP document and procedures, based on a list of questions submitted to Bob Browning:
 - Q- At what date would a member be eligible for benefits if they were age 60 and have 25 years or more of service?
A- Five years from LOSAP start date of 7/1/2008. The member would be eligible ONLY for the years of service provided from the inception of LOSAP.
 - Q- At what date would a member be eligible for death benefits if they were age 60 and Have 25 years of service.
A- See Section 4.3
 - Q- Does eligibility start on July 1, 2008 as long as the member has met the State Income Tax Subtraction Modification program?
A- Yes. The tax incentive eligibility is the accepted criteria until such time as the county provides guidance for LOSAP reporting.

- Q- Is training not listed in the LOSAP document acceptable for accumulating points? (i.e., required MSHA training).
A- Eligibility of training not specifically listed in the LOSAP document will be determined on a case by case basis by the Emergency Services Board. However, generally accepted training and new training opportunities offered by legitimate outside agencies will be considered favorably.
 - Q- Could EMS Officers be added to the list of eligible officers for points?
A- This will require a recommendation of the ESB to the Commissioners and an amendment to the existing LOSAP document. The ESB will take under advisement and discuss at a future meeting.
3. Brad Frantz updated the Board on the activities of the Emergency Services High School Clubs, including the implementation of a MFRI-sponsored First Responder Course at Southern High School and preliminary discussions on a Vo-tech curriculum for Fire and EMS.
 4. Brad Frantz updated the Board on plans for a full-scale exercise in September and the possibility of a recognition day for responders to coincide with the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.