



# EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

May 17, 2018

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lou Battistella, General Public  
Sonny Vincent, General Public  
Wayne Tiemersma, Emergency Medical Service  
Richard Carlson, Chief's Committee  
Alex Mellott, Fire & Rescue Association  
Rich Ford, Southern Rescue Squad  
Terry Spear, Northern Rescue Squad

## GUESTS:

Kevin Null, County Administrator  
Dwayne Kitis, MIEMSS

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## CALL TO ORDER

This Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Battistella.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting for February 15, 2018 meeting were distributed for review and comment via e-mail prior to the meeting. Wayne Tiemersma made a motion to accept the minutes. Sonny Vincent seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## REPORTS

- **MIEMSS Report**
  - Commercial Ambulance Issue – Interfacility Transfer. Garrett Medical Transport is not always able to provide interfacility transfers from GRMC, thus local units must handle with places a stain on EMS services. Region I Council will send a request to MEMS to allow West Virginia transport company to transport patients from GRMC to West Virginia hospitals. This is currently not permitted.
  - Garrett County received \$6,000 in grant funds for the Stop the Bleed program.
  - Manual chest compression devices will be added to the 50/50 grant match program.
  
- **Director of Emergency Services Report**

No report provided - John Frank, Director, Garrett County Department of Emergency Services was not able to attend the May 17, 2018 Emergency Services Meeting due to the Emergency Operating Center's partial activation for the Kitzmiller - Shallmar Landslide.
  
- **Chief's Report – Emergency Medical Services**

**Emergency Medical Services**

  - Wayne Tiemersma distributed a packet summarizing the response data (response time, delayed calls, failed responses, and secondary response) for all the stations and explained the data presented.
  - GCES continues to provide a limited amount of Driver services to SGCRS as they are requested.
  - GCES has moved to the Elite reporting platform and are working on some minor issues but everything seems to be working well. The end goal is to be as "paperless" as possible by July.
  - Emergency Services Clubs-Field trip to WVU SIM Lab and MEDCOM. Deep Creek Fire Company did a vehicle extraction demonstration. Evaluating strategies for next year to retain and add new members.

- **LOSAP**
  - Alex Mellott and Rich Ford spoke with all companies, except Friendsville and Deer Park on LOSAP and Maryland Tax Incentives. Not all companies are using the same point systems and forms for LOSAP. Recommended that the County accept the State Approved forms-Ladies Auxiliary.
  - Discussion on the death benefit issue for Matthew Shaffer.-Claim will be paid.
  - Recommendation to establish a committee to review LOSAP Plan. Motion by Wayne Tiemersma, seconded by Terry Spear and approved. Alex will appoint committee.
  
- **Workers Comp. Fire/Ems Companies**
  - Kevin Null, County Administrator, discussed the status of Worker's Compensation for Fire and Emergency Medical Service Companies. Commissioners have allocated \$120,000 in the FY 2019 budget to provide WC coverage for all fire/EMS volunteer providers.
  
- **Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct**
  - Background on Firefighter Code of Ethics and the EMP Code of Ethics was distributed.
  
- **Member's Comments**
  - Sonny commented on the lack of cooperation/communications between companies. It was noted that Oakland used to sponsor a company picnic and invite all companies in the County. Last year no other company showed up.
  - Terry Spear announced that Friendsville will host a presentation on First Net, a service that provides priority cell phone access for first responders, on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. A representative from AT&T will provide information.
  
- **Executive Session**  
 Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Motion by Sonny Vincent, seconded by Rich Ford at 5:05 P.M.

**2018 MEETING SCHEDULE**

- The 2018 Emergency Services Board meeting schedule is:  
**August 16, 2018 and November 15, 2018**  
 Special meetings may be scheduled if deemed necessary by the Board.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Emergency Services Board is scheduled for **August 16, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. on a motion by Alex Mellott, which was seconded by Sonny Vincent and carried unanimously.

**MINUTES APPROVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOU BATTISTELLA  
 Chairman



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## Executive Session

### May 17, 2018

- **Executive Session**

Discuss on ethic policies and policies of members posting information/photographs of fire/ems incidents on social media. Are there any current policies? What are the HIPPA implications?

Will do further research and report back.

On a motion by Alex Mellott which was seconded by Rich Ford the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 P.M.