

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

November 15, 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
Edward McLellan, General Public
John Frank, Emergency Services

GUESTS:

Dwayne Kitis, MIEMSS
Shelia Mahaffey, Emergency Services

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 August 16, 2018 were distributed for review and comment via e-mail prior to the meeting. Alex Mellott made a motion to accept the minutes. Richard Carlson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

- **Emergency Services Clubs**
 - GCES continues to support both Emergency Service Clubs at NHS and SHS. There are approximately 20 students in each club. This fall they have been reviewing fire operations and are now transitioning into medical, and law enforcement during the winter period. Fire and EMS practical sessions are being planned for spring when the weather permits for outdoor activities.

- **MIEMSS Report/Commercial Ambulance Services**
 - EMS Protocol Update for 2018 active providers should have taken the course by July 1, 2018. Providers should have received a pocket protocol, if not need to see their jurisdictions highest EMS official. Providers that have not taken their protocol will have their Region I affiliations revoked. A list of Providers who have not taken the protocol update is available from the Region I Office.
 - Every provider (EMR, EMT, CRT, and Paramedic) before their recertification date must sign on to the licensure system, under the applications tab to start the renewal process. If you have not received your new certification call card call the Region I Office or MIEMSS Main Office for assistance.
 - Grants – 50/50 matching grants will be prioritized by the region by the end of November, and will be awarded by early January. Priority will be given to 12 lead acquisition, then AED's and then to the mechanical chest compression devices.
 - Nominations are now being accepted for Region I EMS Hall of Fame. Call Region I office for more details.
 - Star of Life and Right Care When it Counts Awards – Nominations are being accepted all year long, online nomination forms on MIEMSS website.
 - Dr. Theodore Delbridge named the new MIEMSS Executive Director; he will start February 13, 2019
 - Dr. Timothy Chizmar is the new State EMS Medical Director.
 - Upcoming events – Region I EMS Council scheduled for January 17, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. the location to be determined and Miltenberger 2019 March 8-9, 2019 at Rocky Gap.

- **Director of Emergency Services Report**
 - EM - Maryland First Radio Program –Field testing went better than expected with the portable radios having above 90% coverage without the Table Rock tower being turned on; hopefully the tower will be turned on by the second week of December weather permitting.

- Received a grant to purchase 25 triband radios for the Sheriffs Department.
 - The bids for the new EOC close November 20, 2018.
 - Stop-The-Bleed Training - Funding is available to train 250 Garrett County employees 150 Garrett County Roads Department employees received the training on August 15, 2018. There have been approximately 2,000 individuals trained in Garrett and Allegany Counties.
- **Chief's Report – Emergency Medical Services**
 - Ambulance inspections were held on October 2, 2018. All units passed the medical equipment portion of the inspections however, NGCRS had two units that failed DOT inspections due to faulty emergency lightening. One unit has been corrected to date, still waiting on documentation of correction to the second unit.
 - Elite Reporting – the transition to the Elite platform continues to go well. The end goal is to go paperless throughout the county. Both NGCRS and SGCRS are in varying stages of completion toward this process. GCES is working with both agencies to align the process throughout the jurisdiction.
 - GCES SOG Manual – GCES distributed the first official SOG Manuals. They are available to the ESB Board members to view if requested. The document will continuously be reviewed and will be updated once a year.
 - The CAD Report for November 2018 was distributed and discussed.
 - **LOSAP**
 - No updates at this time Rich Ford and Alex Mellott have talked to all thirteen companies.
 - **Workers Comp. Fire/Ems Companies**
 - All Volunteer fire, rescue and auxiliary members in Garrett County are now covered. Chesapeake is the carrier, Mosholder is the insurance agent.
 - **New Business**
 - Potomac Edison Issue – a motion was made by Alex Mellott and seconded by Richard Carlson to have The Emergency Services Board compose a letter to the Garrett County Commissioners, Delegate Beitzel and Senator Edwards at the request of the Association concerning this issue.
 - All Emergency Services Board Members who wish to be reinstated need to send a letter of intent to be reinstated to Kevin Null, County Administrator.

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The 2019 Emergency Services Board meeting schedule is:
February 21, 2019, May 16, 2019, August 15, 2019 and November 21, 2019
 Special meetings may be scheduled if deemed necessary by the Board.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Emergency Services Board is scheduled for **February 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. on a motion by Sonny Vincent, which was seconded by Rich Ford and carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED BY: _____ **DATE:** _____
 LOU BATTISTELLA
 Chairman

