



EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

May 18, 2017

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lou Battistella, Chairman – General Public
Edward McLellan, General Public
John Frank, Director, PS& EM
Sonny Vincent, General Public
Wayne Tiemersma, Emergency Medical Service
Richard Carlson, Chief's Committee
Alex Mellott, Fire & Rescue Association
Terry Spear, Northern Rescue Squad
Rich Ford, Southern Rescue Squad

GUESTS:

Shelia Mahaffey, Secretary
Kevin Null, County Administrator
Dwayne Kitis, MIEMSS
Dick Bolt, Citizen

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 16, 2017 meeting were distributed for review and comment via e-mail prior to the meeting. Sonny Vincent made a motion to accept the minutes. Edward McLellan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

- **Emergency Services Clubs**
 - The EMS Clubs are doing well. An end-of-year field trip consisted of the touring the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI) in Cumberland where they did the dark building maze, toured the Allegany County 991 Center and EOC, watched the Washington County Cadet Drill and toured Trooper V with a pilot tour and hands on access. The day concluded with a Hagerstown Suns baseball game at the Suns Municipal Stadium.
 - There are currently twenty students in the clubs at both Northern and Southern schools.
 - Hope to have a recruitment event for the EMS Clubs in the near future.

- **MIEMSS Report**
 - The DOT 2016 Ambulance Inspections for NGRS have been submitted to MIEMSS, SGCRS still needs to be submitted.
 - Dr. Janelle Martin is the new Regional Medical Director.
 - Washington County working on a grant to obtain a mobile ambulance bus that will be retrofitted for up to nine patients. This bus will be available for Regions 1 and 2 which includes Garrett County.
 - Frostburg Ambulance is being taken over by Allegany County due to the fact there are not enough volunteers to provide adequate coverage for the ambulance to operate. Currently waiting for the Allegany County Commissioners to approve hiring of personnel. Hope to have all new personnel in place by July 1, 2017.

- **Director of Emergency Management Report**
 - **Emergency Operations Center**

The EOC design is in the final stages of completion with an anticipated date of late June to early July. Upon completion of the facility design, site layout and storm water management will be addressed. A meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2017 for a detailed Audio-Visual discussion with technology specialists. Hopefully will be able to break ground early fall.

- **Mission Critical**
Mr. Frank met with Mission Critical personnel, a co-contractor with the architects. Maryland First offered their services to make sure planning is correct for all of the communication components for the new EOC.
- **Mobile Radios**
Fourteen (14) Motorola mobile APX 8500 UHF, VHF, 700/800 radios valued at \$7,293.43 each were purchased with an SHSP Regional Grant and distributed to all local fire departments and both rescue squads. For all departments receiving radio equipment it is imperative that the radio equipment be installed correctly, therefore, it is highly recommended that departments receiving radio equipment use one of the licensed radio vendors below for in vehicle installations, programming, and or routine maintenance and/or repairs. Ganoë Communications, Greg Ganoë 540-539-2866 or Pillar Innovations, Todd Hetrick 301-616-6344
- **Tourniquets**
All law enforcement personnel in Garrett County now have tourniquets
- **Active Shooter Response Planning**
The LEPC committee made changes to the Capability and Gap Assessment and discussed actions for plan implementation. The Draft Plan will be completed and distributed for review and comment prior to finalization of the plan.
- **Opioid Crisis**
Garrett County has a designated Opioid Intervention Team in place to meet the State mandate with the Maryland State of Emergency-Opioid Crisis. The State of Emergency is an instrument that jurisdictions may use to coordinate anti-opioid and heroin strategies. Only two reports of Narcan a month in Garrett County which is very low.
- **Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**
Garrett County received grant funding to complete a 5-year update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The LEPC will serve as the planning committee for this update. The committee to keep all hazards identified in the previous plan and adds “cyber-threat” as a hazard to be included in the new plan. Municipal information and feedback packets will be prepared and distributed at the municipal mayor’s meeting to encourage participation in the process.
- **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.
 - Dr. Rikhye the Garrett County EMS Director has identified several performance measures throughout the jurisdiction. These will change throughout the year and be reported to the Medical Director and Emergency Services Board.
 - Informal training for stroke patient care for all EMS personnel
 - EMS applied for \$21k in grant funding for training and additional equipment such as ARC bags portable liters, tourniquets, quick clot and other training materials.
 - Proposed Training
 - ICS training for Group/Division Leaders
 - “Stop the Bleed” training for all VFD’s
 - TECC Course “Tactical Emergency Casualty Care” which is EMS care in warm zone and rescue force - hopefully to be done the summer of 2017
 - Interfaculty transports – if no ALS personnel is available the responsibility to transport patients is the responsibility of Public Safety
 - Friendsville station response time is improving significantly down from 34% to 4.5%. A new driver and three new EMT’s were hired.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Accountability Tags**

We have received the print heads for the Accountability Tags. The administrative aspect for the tags needs to be set up with IT.

- **Addison, PA Coverage**

Friendsville will continue to be a mutual aid response provider no contract is needed.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Oakland VFD obtained a used bread truck that they have converted into a Special Response Unit.
- Friendsville VFD is seeking funding to obtain a hazmat truck and a spill response trailer. The truck will be used as a Special Response Unit, located in the northern part of the county, and will be equipped with the same resources as the Oakland unit.

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The 2017 Emergency Services Board meeting schedule is:
August 17, 2017 and November 16, 2017.
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 17, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m. on a motion by Alex Mellott, which was seconded by Terry Spear and carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED BY: _____ **DATE:** _____

Lou Battistella
Chairman