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December 11, 2018 Emergency Services Board Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The December 11, 2018 meeting did not have a quorum for an official meeting. Chairman Dick DeVore asked Roger Bennett hold an informational meeting for those in attendance.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

The following members/alternates were in attendance:

- Allen Ruby
- Roger Bennett (alternate for Dick DeVore)
- Wayne Rounds (alternate for Mickey McGowan)
- Shannon Adams (Alternate for Don Dunn)

IN ATTENDANCE

Bobby Pattison	EMS Division	Wayne Rounds	Barton Hose
John Reginaldi	MEMA	Roger Bennett	Emergency Services
John Herath	Bedford Road	Shannon Adams	Bowling Green
John Clingerman	Orleans	Allen Ruby	Flintstone
Phil Via	911Center	Steve Shipley	Emergency Management
Steve Adams	Bowling Green		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EMS Division

Bobby Pattison reported that turnout gear arrived today. Short forms being left at the hospital have become an issue. It was determined that before finalizing the report, hand it to the ER secretary and they will give you a patient identification number – which will be a validated field. This is coming from the Regional Medical Director. If you have any problems with the ER secretary, please let him know. Stop the Bleed classes continue and have been a success. If you need drills, we can bring resources to you at no cost to the department. Those who applied for Lupus devices through the 50/50 grant. It was decided to split the monies evenly and back fill with Rocky Gap monies. The Voluntary Ambulance Inspection committee will resume meetings in January with the goal to bring the entire state on board. Also, Bobby reported that they are seeking clarification from MIEMSS on whether we leave Narcan with families of overdose victims or don't leave it.

Steve Shipley added as just a reminder to all departments, any Narcan purchases can be reimbursed to your company. Just send your receipts to Steve.

Roger Bennett added that the EMS Division is advertising again for more EMS employees.

Fire Services Committee

Roger Bennett reported that Dick DeVore had asked the Board to designate a location for January's Fire Services Committee meeting. Shannon Adams volunteered Bowling Green's station.

Emergency Management

Steve Shipley reported that most of the departments have met with a representative of their choosing to order the gear. Some departments have already received their gear. There are a few departments who are still deciding on a vendor.

Pagers are in and getting programmed. The pagers were cheaper than we thought they'd be so we'll be able to purchase approximately 45 additional pagers with the monies left over.

Nine departments participated in the mechanical CPR grant. There were thirteen departments for hose and 15 departments for SCBA but they got cut from the grant because their SCBA was too new, and an email was sent to those companies.

Roger Bennett reported that the standards we approved a few weeks ago have not been posted to the internet but IT has been contacted.

HazMat/Special Ops

Steve Shipley reported that we're in the process of typing the swift water team. We had grant money to purchase those items which will be a big benefit to special ops. If anyone in your department would like to join special ops, get in touch with Steve to get an application.

Communications Division

700 Meds Patches

Roger Bennett reported that the 700 Meds Patches were tested and the hospital reported that they could not hear the patches properly. We called MIEMSS and was told it was a power issue and they'll be reconfiguring the power on the 700 system on the Meds Patch side. That triggered the need for having heads in the back of the ambulances. We will cover putting a second head on your one radio in the back of the ambulance. Once the equipment is in, Ganoë will come out and put these in. This was done initially on some of the ambulances, and it has worked out well.

450 System

Roger Bennett reported that MIEMSS is not going to get rid of the 450 System but they are not going to invest any further monies into them. If you company is buying a new ambulance, you'll want to go with one radio, two heads – one in the front and one in the back. He also noted that if a company were purchasing a new apparatus, that we will cover the install of that radio. We also will cover the uninstal of the radio. BUT do NOT uninstall the radios yourself as you will be responsible for it if you uninstall it. Also, if you're doing a new build of a vehicle, let us know so we can offer assistance and provide options so you don't have issues with how the wiring is run, what type of wiring, and so forth.

Pagers

Roger Bennett reported that the first 700 pagers are in. This gives every company 28 pagers. Companies who were setting off a pager tone and a siren tone every time there was a box drop – that's going to go away. Your siren tone will set off your pagers so you'll only have one pair that will go off. Those tones were given to Motorola and they were ran through a system and appear to be good for the most part. These will be given to Ganoë to put in the pagers. Our paging system is currently held up by the State of Maryland's Tower Committee's decision to allow us to put two microwaves on Dan's rock. Once approved by the committee, we'll be able conclude those two sites and go live. The other five sites are Maryland-First sites and we have all those permissions.

MEMA

John Reginaldi reported on the following:

- The Active Assailant Statewide program is up and running. There are approximately 70 people in the group and is still a work in progress
- MEMA received a 2.1-million-dollar grant for the Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack – part of that grant will be used for training and planning but cannot be used for equipment.
- A meeting was held last week to talk about MOUs between Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.
- The incident management team continues to grow. Anyone interested may contact John or Steve Shipley.

- The School Safety Tip Hotline is up and running. Anyone who has any information regarding a threat to a school can contact that number and remain anonymous.
- The State declaration is still in effect for the Opioid problem.
- The quarterly meetings with emergency managers of Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties will resume -- possibly with the next meeting being held in February.

LEPC

Steve Shipley reported that the LEPC Committee is being revamped. Jim Swauger has stepped down as chairman and Jeff Neubauer from Verso has taken the lead and the LEPC hopes to move forward with positive results.

OLD BUSINESS

LOSAP

Roger Bennett reported Steve Kesner held his annual LOSAP meeting in December. All but two companies were in attendance and the information was forwarded to those companies via the regular mail. All paperwork needs submitted by January 31, 2019. Ninety people are eligible for retirement with the LOSAP program now.

NEW BUSINESS

Cumberland Hose Company By-Laws

Roger Bennett passed out the proposed by-laws for the Cumberland Hose Company to attending members and the rest will be mailed to members for their review. These provide people who don't have a home company and want to be part of special ops – it will give them a home company. These will be voted on at the next Board meeting.

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

None.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

No adjournment was needed as the meeting was not officially called to order.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Allegany County Emergency Services Board will be held on February 12, 2019 at the Emergency Services Headquarters in Mexico Farms at 6:00 PM.

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