



Allegany County, Maryland

Emergency Services Board

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Board Members Present:

Chair: Shannon Adams (X)
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Board Membership:

Career: Steve Grogg (X)	Alternate: Mike Salvadge (X)
Fire Service: Shannon Adams: (X)	Alternate: Derek Crippen (X)
Fire Service Members at Large: Bobby Ritchie (X)	Alternate: Eddie Collins ()
EMS Committee: Vincent Pyle (X)	Alternate: Josh Burkett ()
EMS Member at Large: Scott Whetsell (X)	Alternate: Pam Burkett ()
ACDES: James Pyles ()	Alternate: Roger Bennett (X)
MSFM: Ed Ernst	

8/9/2022 Emergency Services Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1800 hours.

Members Present:

Previous Meetings minutes read and accepted.

Membership: Dwayne noted that the letters of request for Board Membership needed to be back to him by 8/17 so he can present it to the Council and then schedule the interviews. Looking at December 2022 to finalize. Roger noted he needed the name for the County Commissioners to appoint.

Committee Reports:

Fire Service Committee: Chiefs are to discuss the new Standards/Policies. Vehicle Standards have been a topic of discussion. Tim Dayton requested delayed inspections/implementation and if that would be an issue for the County. Chairman Adams deferred to the Chiefs meeting following the ESB meeting.

EMS Committee: Dissolution of the EMS Committee was discussed due to lack of participation from member Squads. Alternative forms of meeting were discussed such as virtual meetings. It was also brought up to update the EMS Email list from Carrie so as to reach current Squad Officers and notify them of the meetings. The upcoming VAIP inspections were noted on October 5, 2022.

Safety Committee: None.

ACDES: None

Communications: JCC is still taking new Box Cards from the Companies. Currently downloading updates to the CAD and testing box cards. 14 Box cards have been received so far by JCC. Follow up with Bobby/Jason on "Call Types/Downgrades" in the CAD.

Emergency Management: Getting the Box cards into the CAD with unit types. Additional discussion is needed to make sure things are accurate/operational.

Special Operations: Looking at Mid September to have the Safety Officer vehicle operational. To have 4 gas meter, command board, SCBA/Gear Storage. The new Hazmat Vehicle will arrive at the end of September and hopefully be in service by Jan. 1/2023. Anyone interested in joining Special Ops or any of the classes, please request from the officers of Special Operations with enough lead time to approve.

FIT TESTING: None

PUMP TESTING: Schedule is out. First come/First Serve. 3 test sites during 3 days. Start times 0700. Vacuum test only.

MEMA: None

MIEMSS: Letters of request for membership and hoping for a member for the ESB by October, finalized by December 2022. Protocol updates should be done. Miltenberger/Winterfest con-ed is available online. EMT certification payment is still available. Inspections for units 10/5 for ambulances/chase units, 10/7 first response vehicles. Four were inducted into the EMS hall of fame on 7/21. Dave Kile, Bill Herbaugh, Bill Beeghly and Vinton Shroyer. Taking nominations for next year.

MSFA: Monies are possibly available for Station Upgrades and Safety Equipment thru a Federal Grant. Fact finding at this time with an August 17, 2022 deadline. Submit interest to Tim Dayton or Kate.

MSFM: Dominoes Pizza is starting their smoke alarm program with Fire Prevention Week. Free smoke alarm with order if F.D. allowed to inspect the residence. Contact Ed Ernst for further information. Ed is trying to assess what the needs are for smoke alarms with departments and working for a source for them. Red Cross used to do a one to one replacement. A new MSFM Engineer should be in the Region shortly.

STANDARDS AND POLICIES: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Jeff Hobbs is the new representative for UPMC-WM ER. Wendy Helms is the alternate. Tim Dayton requested if the Board could look into the First Responder Dispatching issue, where staff are not responding from EMS agencies, but letting the F.D.'s handle the ambulance assist calls. Example: "Georges Creek gets a call for a low acuity call. They don't get out, FD gets alerted for first responders. Why can't a chase vehicle respond from Tri-Towns to handle an assist or nosebleed which would free up the F.D." Current policies of not dividing crews with County personnel also play into this scenario. Sometimes a second crew can become available and they don't notify JCC as well. Utilization of a chase car, when available, with a single provider is the core issue to free up the Fire Department. Chief Salvadge mentioned that often the single provider will wait until second alert, to see if the crew can be augmented and be able to provide a complete crew. Much discussion followed. Chief Salvadge and Pam Burkett to discuss possible solutions to the problems discussed. Discussion also followed regarding the Body Recovery on the upper Potomac and the interaction with Special Operations and who is in charge: The Chief of the Response area or Special Operations. Tim Dayton stated he believes that the Department Chiefs should have input into how the box cards are set up for Special Operations response taking into account proximity, etc. Derek Crippen brought up how the new CAD should be able to delineate some of these issues and resolve them once the Special Ops Cards are created for each area. Geographical proximity was also brought up for Special Operations responses. Whenever a Special Operations card is alerted, the teams/resources are dispatched for the response. Again, much discussion followed as to teams/geography/types/Command Coordination/Specifics per Chief Officers/Liabilities, etc.

Board Comments: None

Meeting adjourned.

Next Emergency Services Board Meeting to be Held on 10/11/2022 @1800 hours.

Other members present: Phil Via (ACDES), Tim Dayton (Potomac), Carder Miller (Mt. Savage), Jeff Hobbs (UPMC), Steve Bowman (Flintstone), Brian Adams (Flintstone), Allen Ruby, Sr. (Flintstone), Kevin Rounds (Barton), Steve Adams (Bowling Green), Steve Ellsworth (Corriganville), Doug Kiser (Corriganville), Jeremy Jack (Bowman's Addition), Bryan Miller (ACDES), Greg Boyd (District 16), Dwayne Kitis (MIEMSS), Scott Yates (Shaft).