



# Allegany County, Maryland

## Emergency Services Board

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*4-13-21 Meeting*

### **Communications**

None

### **Fire Services Committee**

No meeting has taken place since the last Emergency Services Board Meeting

### **EMS Committee**

No meeting has taken place since the last Emergency Services Board Meeting, however Josh Burkett reported they have a draft ready for the new ambulance numbering system to bring back to the next committee meeting. Ronnie Carr informed that the EMS committee was asked to look at renumbering the ambulance to reflect the company they belong to and move away from the MIEMSS 3 number system.

### **Safety Committee**

Nothing to report

### **DES**

Roger Bennett reported that those departments that had their appropriation requirements in by the first should have had their money released. Once the rest of the companies have their documentation submitted their money will be released. Roger stated that an article will be in the Cumberland Times-News regarding the Bedford Road VFD and Cumberland Water Department dispute. A meeting was conducted and fire suppression will be allowed to continued in the area and training options are being explored by the city and the county.

### **Communications/ 911**

Brian reported that the CAD administrator training has begun. They have found some mistakes in the GIS mapping with some individual addresses. If a company get an address that is not in the correct box area please let Brian know.

### **EMS**

Chris reminded that we are still in the middle of the pandemic and not to get relaxed. Dr Martin has announced that the in-station monitoring can be suspended. If an employee feels ill or shows symptoms then they need monitored, sent home and needs to follow the policy as before for testing and isolation. The new ambulance that is on order will be delivered 2 weeks early, around mid-May. Should be in service around the first of June. A grant was received for pediatric training. With the money, pediatric IO mannequins have been purchased for training purposes. Chris reported that he watches monthly at the CAD statistics and there are 3 agencies that are struggling and their scratch/fail rate is above 20%. An additional PHTLS class being held in Allegany County at DES on June 5, and 6, 2021. Can sign up for PHTLS under MFRI ALS, however is open to both ALS and BLS clinicians.

### **Emergency Management**

Carrie reported that there is a possible May time frame for FEMA to start announcing the first round of awards. The Narcan grant is still ongoing through the health department. The grant is a reimbursement program. Once you have purchased your Narcan, submit the bill to Carrie and she will submit the bill to the health department for reimbursement. The 508 account balances have been sent out. Next LEPC meeting is

June 8<sup>th</sup>. When requesting accountability tags, do not use the form on the DES website. No one knows where that information is going. Send Carrie and email with the info with a photo of the member.

### **Special Ops**

Ronnie reported that the collapse truck is still being outfitted for equipment. Also, the temporary duty officer vehicle is in and will be in service soon. The duty officer vehicle will be stationed at Company 8 for those officers to obtain. The new hazmat truck is being looked at. A committee has been developed to spec out a new boat and trailer. There have been a few recent calls to surrounding jurisdictions with all positive feedback from those local officials.

### **Fit Testing**

Machines are in service and ready for use. They are currently out to departments but you can contact Carrie to schedule a time for the machines.

### **Pump Testing**

Steve Ellsworth will be getting his committee together soon to discuss a plan for this year since MFRI will be unavailable.

### **Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office**

Jason reported that the state is placing a fire investigation unit in service for the region and stationed at the Cumberland Barrack. The unit will have lighting, tools, and other equipment to help facilitate any investigation the region is conducting.

### **MIEMSS**

If anyone is interested in a 50/50 AED grant the deadline is the end of May

### **MEMA**

Nothing

### **Standard and Policy**

Working on updating the county staffing policy, and the helmet/SCBA identification policy.

### **Old Business**

Tim Dayton reported that the MSFA had collected data of the lost revenue during COVID. There has been \$4million dollars put in the state budget for a grant program to assist with lost revenue. There will be a 1-page form and obtaining your 990s for a few years to look at the lost in revenue. The deadline is the end of April. If you have any question on whether to apply, submit the form and let MEMA tell you no.

### **New Business**

Ronnie stated that there is a new recovery fund being put out. Ronnie has already contacted the commissioners and let them know that the fire and EMS companies still need help if the county receives more money. Details were not out yet on what the new recovery act contains and what the money can be used for. Bobby Ritchie reminded that if you need anything contact Randy Kamp for possible state surplus. If you want any black BDU pants let Bobby know, he has approx. 75 pairs left. Also looking to get an IPOD for each department off of state surplus to use on apparatus for mapping and reporting. Pam Burkett, Chief 50, asked Director Pyles if there was truth to the rumor that the County was looking for property in the McCoolle/ Westernport area, and if Company 50 was the next to be pushed out of the Volunteer service. Director Pyle responded by saying Company 50 would receive correspondence from Mr. Beeman, by the end of the week.

Next meeting will be June 8<sup>th</sup> at 1800 @ the public safety building