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April 8, 2025 Emergency Services Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was prefaced by a presentation of SHA CHART/Responses to the Fire/EMS Chief's Meeting.

Members Present: Shannon Adams-Chair/FSC Chair, Mike Salvadge-Vice Chair/Career Rep., Vince Pyle-Secretary/EMS Chair, Wes Foor-FSC Vice Chair, Tim Dayton-FSC Member at Large, Allen Ruby-EMS Vice Chair, Gerald Broadwater-EMS Member at Large, Scott Whetsell-Region 1 EMS Council, Roger Bennent-DES Director, Alex Kelly-MIEMSS.

Previous meeting minutes were emailed out by ACDES. A motion by Scott Whetsell to approve was seconded by Tim Dayton.

Communications: The Communications Policy has been updated to reflect the "ECM Mode" assigned channels.

Committee Reports:

Fire Service Committee: Standards Committee met on Monday, April 7. The Local Alarm Response Index Cards were approved. You can double pull, but later in the response index. If something is OOS, the Company is still dispatched for a unit response (ex: Truck OOS, engine response). It will also pull the next available unit. Ex: Vehicle Accident responds an extrication piece with no entrapment and an ambulance. With entrapment, an upgraded response. No double pulling on the initial alarm except for Tankers. Attempting to limit department failed responses.

EMS Committee: Requesting the removal of Section 7, Subsection b from the current Ambulance Response Policy document as voted on by the EMS Chiefs Committee Meeting last Fall. Officer Standards changed to mirror the Fire Committee. One exception being the change of the Hazardous Materials Operations to Hazardous Materials Awareness.

Safety Committee: None

ACDES: Every Fire Company needs to fill out a survey form for the MSFM Office. Keep doing NFRIS reports so you are eligible for 508 monies. Waiting to see in May 2025 which reporting system we go with for Fire Reporting. Right now it is Chief 360 verses I Am Responding. The Federal Government is looking at September 2025 for implementation for Maryland Fire Reporting. Will know in May.

Emergency Management: One Fit Test Machine is currently available.

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Special Operations: Water Training Dates are out. Rope Rescue/Collapse dates are being worked on. Hazmat Drill to be set up.

LOSAP: Reminder to have any/all additions/corrections to membership reports by May 2025. LOSAP database has been submitted to the State. Need members middle initials for complete information.

Fit Testing: One machine available.

Pump Testing: Dates are out. Please respond. Dates are WEST: 7/21-25/25, CENTRAL 8/4-8/25, EAST 8/18-22/25. The current policy is to be updated with correct verbiage and the addition of "Third Party Testing".

MDEM: None

MIEMSS: None

MSFA: Credentials are needed for the MSFA Association. No report yet on the taxing proposal.

MSPAC: None

Standards and Policies: Standards Committee met on Monday, April 7. The **Local Alarm Response Index** Cards were approved. You can double pull, but later in the response index. If something is OOS, the Company is still dispatched for a unit response (ex: Truck OOS, engine response). It will also pull the next available unit. Ex: Vehicle Accident responds an extrication piece with no entrapment and an ambulance. With entrapment, an upgraded response. No double pulling on the initial alarm except for Tankers. Attempting to limit department failed responses. **Officer Standards** Much discussion took place on how to enforce the Standard and the rationale thereof. How do we enforce it? Do we enforce it? Will departments submit an annual report of standards? Much discussion also followed regarding the use of withholding funding to enforce the Officer Standards. The County Officer Standard was formally adopted in 2017. Code Home Rule supports the Officer Standards. Out of the County, only 7 departments currently do not meet the standard. A proposal to grandfather experienced Officers who do not meet the current requirements, taking account of their experience, to meet the requirement to be sent to the Standards Committee. A motion was made by Tim Dayton that the Fire Chiefs recommend that the monies not be tied to Officer Training. Motion seconded and brought to a vote. Motion Passed.

Old Business: GIS meeting Data Vote? The process is not even close to being complete as there is not enough data yet from West Virginia and Pennsylvania. 2025 Appropriations monies were approved and signed on 4/1/25.

New Business: Discussion regarding funding sources for County Fire/EMS took place. An updated Emergency Response Policy is being worked on. All Departments need Worker's Compensation for their members in order to take MFRI Classes. Please provide the County with your Department Membership numbers to get an idea of how many individuals would need coverage for possible funding assistance.

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Election of Officers: Motion made to open nominations by Scott Whetsell, second by Tim Dayton. Nominations were held and voted upon. The following officers were elected.

Chairman: Shannon Adams, Vice Chairman: Mike Salvadge, Secretary: Vince Pyle. Letters to be sent to the County Commissioners by Carrie Hughes.

We still need to fill the Vacant "Citizen at Large" positions.

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Meeting Adjourned at 2030 hours. Next meeting will be on June 10, 2025 at 1800 hours.

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