



## EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

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### February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Emergency Services Board Minutes

#### Board Members Present:

Chair: Shannon Adams (X)

Vice Chair: Mike Salvadge (X)

Secretary: Vince Pyle (X)

#### Board Membership:

Career: Mike Salvadge (X)

Alternate: ( )

Fire Service: Shannon Adams: (X)

Alternate: Wes Foor ( )

Fire Service Members at Large: Tim Dayton (X)

Alternate: Wayne Rounds ( )

EMS Committee: Vincent Pyle (X)

Alternate: Alan Ruby ( )

EMS Member at Large: Gerald Broadwater (X)

Alternate: Dottie Ruby ( )

ACDES: Roger Bennett (X)

Alternate: Carrie Hughes ( )

Region 1 Council (X) Scott Whetsell

Meeting called to order at 1900 hours.

#### Members Present:

Previous Meetings minutes notes not available as no meeting was held.

Chief 360 Presentation was given to the ESB membership and how it would integrate into our CAD and the utilization for departments.

Meeting was called to order after the presentation

All board members present.

**Members Present:** Due to the Secretary out running calls, I do not have a membership head count for the meeting.

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**Previous meeting minutes were emailed out by ACDES.** A motion by Scott Whetsell to approve was seconded by Roger Bennett.

**Communications:** Frostburg Fire Department has a request to split their response cards and changing Frostburg Fire Department Station 2 to Frostburg Fire Department Station 26. Roger Bennett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Salvadge.

**Committee Reports:** The Ambulance Response Policy will need to be revisited as there are updates to the document which need to be discussed, approved and voted on. One being the Ambulance Assist Policy for Fire Departments and the other the EMS Committee's removal of "Lights and Siren" response on all EMS calls. According to Chief Shipley, the Fire Department Ambulance Assist Policy has already been updated, changed and is currently in force with Dispatch.

**Fire Service Committee:** Discussion on withholding funding for those departments not meeting officer standards. Sent back to the Fire and EMS Chiefs meeting for discussion.

**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.

**Safety Committee:**

**ACDES:** Fire reports are going well. Being up to date in June and December assists with making sure we get 508 funding on time. If you are unfamiliar with NFIRS, let us know and we can do trainings. Shannon is point of contact for MFRI classes. If you want any input for classes, please let Roger or Shannon know.

**EMS:** Chief Salvadge discussed the new guidelines for documenting patient charts from MIEMSS when multiple units are on the same call, and how to document the CARES portion of the chart. One representative from each department response will require an EMEDS report. I.E., if 514 and Cumberland Engine 2 respond on an EMS call and both engage in patient care, an EMEDS report must be done through both Allegany DES and Cumberland.

**Emergency Management:** Ambulance inspections were done late fall so they have been added to April Allocation requirements.

**911:** Chief Shipley brought up the new Local Alarm Changes. This would separate Local Fires into two categories and provide upgrade levels for each like Residential and Commercial Fires. 1. Brush Fires. 2. Local Fires other than Brush (Truck, Vehicle, Dumpster, etc.). Data sheets were sent out, please fill it out and send it back so it can be updated. GIS Dispatching Q&A session with dispatch is on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 hrs.

**Brush Fire Proposed Levels:** Initial: Local Company Response. Level 1-3 Brush Trucks, 3 UTV's, 2-Tankers. Level 2: 5 Brush Trucks, 3 UTV's, 2 Tankers. Level 3: 5 Brush Trucks.

**Other Local Fire Proposed Levels:** Initial-Local Company Response. Level 1: 3 Engines, 2 Tankers. Level 2: 3 Engines, 2 Tankers. Level 3: 3 Engines, 2 Tankers.

**Special Operations:** Duty Officer Safety 48 truck is currently at Station 51 due to the Winter Weather.

**LOSAP:** You have until 5/1/25 to submit any corrections. Everything has been submitted. Remember to submit social security numbers with the applications. Failure to do so will negate the submission.

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**Fit Testing:** Both fit test machines are out but let Carrie know if you are in need of one.

**Pump Testing:** 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:** Mark your calendars for the Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar March 7-8, 2025. There are also to remote tracks on Friday (Child search and rescue) and Saturday (Advanced Auto Extrication).

**MSFA:** None

**MSPAC:** Please remember if you have a severe burn patient, they have beneficial drugs to assist in patient care which are not available locally. Call early.

**Standards and Policies:** The Officer Standard compliance and disbursement of 508 monies will be revisited in the Fire Chief's meeting coming up in March.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Updating of the verbiage of the Pumps Testing Policy and adding "Third Party Testing". Tim Dayton made a motion to accept, seconded by Scott Whetsell.

Chief Shipley's Local Alarm changes. It was discussed to be added to the Response Policy and discussed in the Standards Committee, Fire Chief's/EMS Chief's meetings and changes to be made to the Response Index.

There will be a SHA meeting with Fire Department Representatives at Baltimore Pike VFD on 2/26/25 at 1800 hours. Please attend so we have a good representation and discuss getting a CHART Truck for highway incidents.

Officer Standards for EMS Officers regarding the Hazmat requirement was brought up. Further discussion as to whether an Awareness level would be sufficient or not instead of Operations.

New Creek, VFD is hosting a DOT Rail Car Incident Response for Crude, Ethanol, and other Flammable liquids on 3/15/25 0800-1700. Registration is due by 3/1/25.

Contact Shannon or Roger with any MFRI Course requests and Course input. Make sure you complete the required Physicals for your members for any drills.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of MFRI requiring departments to have worker's compensation plans for their attending members. Still in discussion in College Park at this point.

Meeting Adjourned at 2000 hours. Next meeting will be on April 8, 2025 at 1800 hours.

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