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Emergency Services Board 10/14/2025

VOTING ATTENDEES:

Shannon Adams-Chair (x). Mike Salvadge-Vice Chair (x). Secretary Vince Pyle (x). FSC Chair-Shannon Adams (x). FSC Vice Chair-Wes Foor (). FSC Member at Large-Tim Dayton (x). FSC Citizen at Large (). EMS Chair-Vince Pyle-(x). EMS Vice Chair-Allen Ruby-(x). EMS Member at Large-Gerald Broadwater-(x). RMS Member at Large Alternate-Justin White-(). EMS Citizen at Large-(). MSFM-(). Region 1 EMS Council-Scott Whetsell-(x). Career Representative-Mike Salvadge-(x). Career Representative Alternate-Cody Pearce (). DES Director-Roger Bennett-(x). Alternate DES-().

NON VOTING ATTENDEES:

Carrie Hughes-DES, Doug Hanson-Frostburg VFD, William Davis-Frostburg VFD, Dottie Ruby-Flintstone, Ian Reike-Flintstone VFD, Scott Yates-Shaft VFD, Greg Boyd-District 16 VFD, Robert Ritchie-Goodwill VFD, Alex Kelly-Miemss.

Previous meetings minutes were emailed by DES. A motion to approve was made to approve and the minutes were approved.

Communications: Back at the primary call center.

DES: There was an issue with Trooper Five on a final approach. Evidently the Medic switched his radio over to the scene channel and walked over the LZ brief which caused some confusion. To eliminate confusion in the future, we are going to keep all the EMS and LZ briefs on the same channel. Also make it brief and to the point regarding obstacles, hazards and surface. Early activation and standby is still active if you think you might need a helicopter. Trooper 5 does have cyano kits for smoke inhalation/entrapment on fire scenes for both victims and fire personnel. They can be brought via ground. 911 is back at the primary location.

Regarding appropriations, the letter was sent over to Allegany County finance on the first of October. The finance person was out on leave. She is back now and you should see your appropriations by the end of October. Please when you turn in your audit materials make sure they're on your department letterhead and the dates the audit was done. This also helps when the county gets audited. Please also make sure the letterhead is signed by somebody in your department.

Fire: Please submit any ideas by 11/4/2025

EMS: None

Safety: None

Special Operations: Hazmat 48 is now operational, the offloading pump has been fixed.

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LOSAP: Please start compiling your Losap materials as January is just around the corner. Waiting on the reports to come back and we will be meeting as we historically have on a Sunday in November. Please start checking with the people who are over the age of 60 that have 10 years or more if they want to start collecting however the recommendation is that if you're over the age of 60, plan to continue your service and only have 10 years of service in Losap, then it's recommended that you not collect yet. \$105.00 is the benefit max.

MEMA: None

MIEMSS: 50-50 Cardiac grants are closed. All who requested a grant were approved.

MPSAC: None

Standards: Policies were brought up that needed a vote by the ESB, brought up by the Fire Chief's Committee. The policies in question could not be located so it was deferred to the next meeting.

SHA: there are still issues with State Highway not coming off the interstate to assist with traffic control. There was discussion as to whether they would only come off the interstate 5 miles or whether they would also run other state roads throughout the county. Chief Bennett to contact SHA and get clarity on the manner.

Old Business: None

New Business: An update on Chief 360. We are currently using NFIRS now with I am responding. I am responding is not going to move forward with FEMA's new NIRS program so we went out and contracted with Chief 360 which will replace IAR. Our text alerts and also CAD materials will be provided to your peripherals. We had to go with their subcontractor for the NIRS link access. That program is the alert networking we've given them. The contact for every department in the county and that representative should be working with Chief 360. So in summary, there's three things we are doing: We're going to Chief 360. We're going to alert networking for the fire reports which is NIRS. And the NIRS program itself. Once you set up your NIRS program through FEMA, you never have to touch it again once your alert networking is set up. For your fire reporting they will provide training for your department to teach you how to use it. It is supposed to be easier to use than I am responding but time will tell. Chief 360 is customizable. We should be able to take everything else and I am responding and shifted over to Chief 360 without much tweaking.

The policies that were sent out to the county chiefs for comment, please look over these policies and provide comments back to the board. The policies and questions are currently on the county web page and up-to-date.

Our next combined meeting will be held on 12/9/2025. Chief's meeting at 1800, then ESB at 1900. Scott Whetsell made the motion to move the date. Motion was seconded by Vince Pyle.

Chief Bennett made a motion to adjourn second by Scott Whetsell. Meeting adjourned.