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Emergency Services Board 12-9-2025

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

Non-Voting Attendees: Carrie Hughes-DES, Doug Hanson-Frostburg VFD, William Davis-Frostburg VFD, Dottie Ruby-Flintstone VFD, Ian Reike-Flintstone VFD, Nick Miller-Cresaptown VFD, Joshua Bosley-DES, Alex Kelly-MIEMSS, Eddie Collins-Bedford Road VFD, Sam Wilson-Baltimore Pike VFD, Doug Kiser-Corriganville VFD, Greg Boyd-District 16 VFD, Elijah Crowe-Bowling Green VFD, Jeremy Athey-Cresaptown VFD, Emilie Perkins-Bowman's Addition VFD, Steve Bowman-Flintstone VFD, Scott Yates-Shaft VFD.

Meeting was called to order at 1830 hours. Previous meeting minutes were brought to the floor for questions/comments. None voiced. Motin to approve-Roger Bennentt. Seconded-Vince Pyle. Minutes approved.

Communications: The 911 center will move to the secondary location on PPG road temporarily in February for a short period and then return to normal.

DES: Only two companies are still left which need to set up an Emergency Networking Account for NERIS fire reporting. Department Demographics will need to be loaded into Emergency Networking for a complete department profile. DES will dump IAR back history into EM once we see all is operating normally. As it historically has been, failed reporting will hold up your department's 508 monies. The current 508 money disbursement is being delayed due to Federal Audits. Once completed, the monies will be disbursed as normal. Chief 360 will be replacing the IAR application. There will be customizable options for your department with Chief 360. DES is looking at the possibility of being able to respond via the application on calls without radio traffic. If it is possible, a SOP will be developed in association with the capability. Fit test machines are both calibrated and back in service. Still awaiting the official opening date for George's Creek EMS Station. Should be soon. DES just signed a contract with FOAMFRAT learning platform. This will offer online training, providing CAPCE approved training for EMS ALS providers. Considering a BLS upgrade in the future as well. This platform will be utilized in place of the traditional refresher. We will also be utilizing a tracking system for our fleet/drugs called "PS Tracks". Once established, we will open it up to other departments to use. Also, Co. 12 and Co. 50 will be the ventilator training sites for anyone interested in becoming familiar with the vent operations.

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Fire: Two policies were put forth by the Fire Service Committee. The Response Index Policy and the Exposure Policy. The Standards Committee also seeks direction and clarification regarding the Fire Officer Standards. As of this date, no response from the County Departments regarding the inquiry sent out by Chairman Adams.

EMS: None

LEPC: A tabletop exercise was performed with all stakeholders on 12/5/2025, hosted by the ACHD. The scenario was a weather related traffic incident on the cross town bridge. A large scale scenario will be held this Spring with local stakeholders. Vendors are being evaluated for hosting the exercise.

LOSAP: Everyone needs to start working on their points and state income tax paperwork. It is due 1/31/2026. The vendor is currently under audit so the annual reports will be delayed and disbursed as soon as the audit is completed. Manilla envelopes with your department's information will be provided to be picked up. Once you turn 60 years old with 15 years of service, you qualify to collect the benefit. If your information changes, you must get the changes in by the first two weeks of the month in order for it to process for that month in time.

Special Operations: If you need to be added to Chief 360 for Special Operations, contact Chief Crippen for the code. The agency name is "Allegany Spec Ops". A meeting regarding interest in Safety Officers will be held after this meeting.

MEMA: None

MIEMSS: None

MSFA: None

MSPAC: None

Old Business: Two new policies were put on the floor for a vote. They are the "Response Index Policy", "Exposure Policy". The "Response Policy" was brought up for a vote. Motion to approve by Scott Whetsell, seconded by Mike Salvadge. Motion carried and approved. The "Exposure Policy" was brought up for a vote. Motion to approve by Roger Bennett, seconded by Scott Whetsell. Motion carried and approved.

New Business: A letter which was received from Frostburg VFD regarding the enforcement of the County Officer Standard and Allegany County Index Management System proposed updates. It is proposed to send it out to the County Departments for comment and have discussion in the Fire Chiefs meeting in January. A motion to send it out to the departments for review was made by Scott Whetsell and seconded by Wayne Rounds. Motion passed to push the document out to County Departments for review. Bobby Ritchie, representing the Standards Committee, discussed the lack of response regarding the open letter to County Departments about the Officer Standards. No response was obtained from County Departments. The Standards Committee is kicking the issue back to the ESB to rule on. The floor was opened with discussion following. We will hold a combined meeting of Fire/EMS Chiefs and the Emergency Services Board in January to prevent a month delay. Meeting to be held on 1/13/2026 at 1800. Motion was made by Roger Bennett, seconded by Scott Whetsell. Motion Passed. Discussion followed about the role of the Emergency Services Board, their regulatory authority and how it plays into the enforcement of Policies and Procedures working with the Fire and EMS Committees. Chairman Adams to pursue further clarification from the County regarding the Board's scope and authority to act. Additional discussion followed.

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The meeting adjourned at 1908 hours.

Next meeting is a combined meeting on 1/13/2026 at 1800 hours.

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