



Allegany County, Maryland

Emergency Services Board

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8-10-2021 Emergency Services Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1900 hours.

Members Present: Chris Biggs (ACDES), Scott Yates (Shaft), Tim Dayton (Potomac), Roger Bennett (ACDES), Scott Whetsell (LaVale Rescue), Carrie Hughes (ACDES), Carder Miller (Mt. Savage), Wayne Rounds (Barton), Phil Via (ACDES), Greg Boyd (Dist. 16), Vince Pyle (CFD), Steven Adams (Bowling Green), Bryan Miller (911), Eddie Collins (Bedford Road).

Previous Meetings minutes read and accepted. (Motion-Chris Biggs, Second by Scott Whetsell)

Membership: None

Communications: None

Committee Reports: ***Fire Service Committee:*** No meeting. Departments are still working on submission of their box assignments. ***EMS Committee:*** Only 5 members of the EMS committee attended the last meeting. Informally discussed the issue of single provider response issue with ambulances in the County. Working on a clarification to the 2018 Allegany County Ambulance Response Policy to be presented and discussed at the next EMS Committee Meeting.

Safety Committee: None

ACDES: Elizabeth Wooster has requested that all pyxis communications go thru her and not the pharmacist. This will ensure continuity of communications for all parties involved. UPMC has agreed to a 1 for 1 exchange for medications utilized in patient care. The narcan has been updated to reflect the 2mg/ml dosage currently used in the field locally. Charcoal is now available too. We are still having issues with someone exchanging their "soon to be outdated" medications with current medications in the pyxis, as noted by CFD and ACDES employees. Elizabeth is aware of this issue and monitoring the situation.

Covid numbers continue to increase again. Please remind your members to wear all appropriate PPE on calls as recommended by the 5/25/2021 COVID Guidance Document. Be sure to remind your members to document in Elite charting as well.

Bedford Road VFD has completed all MIEMSS requirements for their ALS chase vehicle.

Please remember to have all BLS members trained in albuterol nebulizer administration. ACDES is offering another training for this on 8/12/21 @1800 hours. Con-Ed from MIEMSS is available.

We have noted some providers are not completing their PCR reports within the 24 hour mandate. Please remind them to do so.

Stop the Bleed training is getting back on track. An instructor course is in the works as well. Please contact Chief Biggs or Sue Clark-Cecil for class details. ACDES is looking to do a ACLS and PALS renewal course this Fall too. TBA.

Ambulance 513 has been placed in service. 514 has been ordered.

This Fall MIEMSS will be performing the annual Voluntary Ambulance Inspections. Make sure you have current DOT inspections done.

MFRI: A lot of the courses are on CANVAS. All ALS classes are up and announced on the site. Also, many BLS courses, which were under ALS, are now placed under the respective Regional Training Center at which they are being held. Everything is now thru the CANVAS learning modules.

BLS providers now have access to the pyxis to retrieve Albuterol for the BLS nebulizer protocol.

Communications: CAD is coming along. The G.I.S. section of the CAD is taking longer than anticipated. They will push back the start date. Accepting box assignments from department chiefs as they are finalized by each department. Please remind your membership to identify themselves by provider level when they respond on calls.

Emergency Management: As of this date, have not heard anything back from AFG regarding our submission. Midland VFD was awarded an Operations Grant. As of this date, the Narcan Grant has not yet been renewed from the ACHD. The next LEPC Meeting will take place 9/14/21 at 1000 hrs. Recovery monies have been released to the departments and checks sent out. If you haven't received your check, MEMA is your point of contact. Many thanks to Tim Dayton for diligently working on this issue.

Fire Reports: The County has allocated the 508 monies. They are to be distributed as per County policy. The Company receives an invoice, the invoice is submitted to the County which disperses the funds. You are able to keep the monies for up to 2 years, provided you are current with your fire reporting. Fire Reports are due by the 10th of each month, entirely June 30th for your appropriations to be received.

Engine Rescue/Rescue Engine standards are out. Box cards have been sent out for departments to set up with the new standards, as many are working on bringing apparatus up to the new standards.

Special Operations-Collapse truck specifications are coming along. Hazmat truck is on order. There will be a Swiftwater training on 8/28/2021 0800-1700 provided Jennings Randolph lake has enough flow. There will also be a Rope Rescue Drill in September.

FIT TESTING: It is ongoing in the County. Two machines, both currently in service.

PUMP TESTING: Taking place each Sunday this month at MFRI WMRTC. Steve Ellsworth is doing the testing and will accommodate times on those dates. Equipment checks will be in each respective department stations and are TBA.

MEMA: None

MIEMSS: None

MSFA: None

STANDARDS AND POLICIES: None

Old Business: Discussed the CAD box assignments. Robert Ritchie made a motion to approve, seconded by Chris Biggs. Motion Approved.

New Business: Appropriations are due out 10/1/2021. If you meet the requirements, they will be released to your department. If they are not met, they will be held until everyone else is completed. The VAIP Ambulance inspections will use the current (Jan. 2020) VAIP document on MIEMSS website. A motion was made to proceed. Motion was made to use the Jan. 2020 VAIP by Scott Whetzel and seconded by Roger Bennett. A request was made to the board by the QA Board and Dr. Shafiei to retain the current membership of the board. A motion was made and carried. A motion was made to the board by Dr. Shafiei to appoint Josh Bosley as the career ALS representative to the QA Board. The motion was made and not approved, but held by the board until further notice.

Board Comments: The American Recovery Act monies from MEMA have been received by the County, with estimated department losses in the County between \$11-13 million dollars. The County was awarded \$4 million dollars. With the changes at the MSFA and Department of the Military in Maryland Government, we will have to wait and see who will be responsible for different disbursements in the future. Big thank-you to all the departments which provided the supporting documentation to receive this award.

Tim Dayton asked if there was a guidance document provided to assist with Box Alarm Cards. Roger stated there was a guidance document available.

Meeting adjourned at 1900 by Josh Burkett and Chris Biggs. Next Emergency Services Board Meeting to be Held on 10/12/2021 @1800 hours.