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April 9, 2019 Emergency Services Board Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The April 9, 2019 meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Dayton at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

The following members/alternates were in attendance:

Tim Dayton
Josh Burkett

Jim Pyles
Steve Corioni

Ken May
Wayne Rounds

Jason Mowbray
Sam Wilson for Donald Dunn

IN ATTENDANCE

Bryan Miller
Phil Via
Sam Wilson
Bobby Ritchie
Carder Miller
Dwayne Kitis
Ken Wolford

Allegany 911
Allegany 911
Cumberland
Good Will
Mt. Savage
MIEMSS
Oldtown

Greg Boyd
Kevin Rounds
Wayne Rounds
Roger Bennett

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as written by motion from Jim Pyles, seconded by Josh Burkett. Motion approved.

MEMBERSHIP

Nothing to Report.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nothing to Report.

MEMBERSHIP

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. EMS COMMITTEE

The Committee met and discussed education training in Garrett County, MIEMSS protocols, the County billing policy, EVOC driving requirements for transporting vehicle, and the proposed safety officer policy.

2. FIRE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wayne Rounds reported that the Committee met at Good Will Fire Department and voted to approve the Safety Committee proposal as it was written. The group also voted on and approved on standardizing the FDCs at any new construction within the county will require 5-inch LDH connections for future installations. The next Fire Services Committee meeting will be held on May 14, 2019 at the Mount Savage Volunteer Fire Department.

3. SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bobby Ritchie reported that a Safety Committee has been working on a number of issues, including the safety officer proposal, officer emails, and various other items. The safety officer class has approximately 18 attending and will be held at the Bowling Green Fire Department, with Shannon Adams instructing the class.

4. EMERGENCY SERVICES

Director Jim Pyles reported that he has been traveling the county meeting with fire and EMS departments. He wished to thank everyone for their hard work and their dedication to the citizens of Allegany County. He added that his phone is always on if anyone has questions or concerns please call him.

5. EMS DIVISION

Roger Bennett reported that Chris Biggs is now acting Chief of the EMS Division. Currently, we have four county ambulances -- two units cover Frostburg and two cover the remaining areas. One unit is now out of service. We're doing the best we can. Staffing is in transition and we've advertised for additional positions in the paper. We strongly depend on our part-time employees. If you have an interest in doing part-time work as an EMS provider, please apply. We are also still receiving requests to add additional county staff to the volunteer EMS stations. Roger encouraged all to realize that it's not just a matter of growing the department -- but it's also a matter of funding -- and we must do it wisely.

All the ambulance companies have "Leave Behind" kits. We'll be collecting them as the Health Department wants to redistribute those to locations where the kits can be used more efficiently. If you haven't already turned in the kits, Chris Biggs will be around to collect them.

6. COMMUNICATIONS/911 CENTER

CAD System

Bryan Miller reported that we attended one demo for the new CAD system. We're getting ready to put it out on RFP.

Data Sheets

Bryan Miller encouraged companies were to submit their new data sheets and box cards.

New Radio System

Roger Bennett reported that for companies who responds in West Virginia, portables may have issues. We're doing them one company at a time.

New Alerting System

Roger Bennett reported that the State approved all of our tower requests to put back haul in place and they hope to get it up and running in May. The system is in place and we have companies' pagers and they'll be passed out soon when the new system is completed.

7. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Narcan Grant Monies

Roger Bennett reported that companies interested in the Narcan grant reimbursements need to get their receipts in by June 30th.

Fire Apparatus Standards

Roger Bennett reported that the Fire Apparatus Standards policy is now on the website.

AFG Grants

Roger Bennett reported that the SCBA/Lucas devices - looking at May/June for those to be announced. The 2019 applications should come out in July or August to apply. Lucas devices are in. If you have any questions, please reach out to Steve.

8. MEMA

John Reginaldi reported that the Annual MEMA Conference in Ocean City will be held at the end of May. May 7th will be the quarterly Emergency Manager's meeting. The Coordinated Complex Terrorism Attack grant is for planning, plan-writing, training, and exercises.

9. MIEMSS

Dwayne Kitis reported that the next grant is the \$200,000 State Homeland Security grant project and is an opportunity for Allegany County. The CRISP program - an information sharing patient portal through eMeds - that was planned by Dr. Deren will bring real-time information on-scene. Virginia has already agreed to it. It will soon be forwarded to Allegany County's legal department for review. The new Quality Assurance policy is going to be reviewed and come back to the Board. Also, Dwayne reported that the Region I EMS Council would like to have an appointment from the Emergency Services Board.

10. LEPC

Nothing to Report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. SB508 MONIES

Roger Bennett reported that Steve Shipley sent an email out to everyone on how much money they need to spend by June 30, 2019. That is not your balance in your bank account – this amount is just what you need to spend by the end of June.

2. APRIL ALLOCATIONS

Ken May reported that the 22 out of 25 companies have their required reports/submissions in to receive their April.

3. AMBULANCE STATUS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tim Dayton reported that it's in our best interests not to put EMS company-affiliated board members on the EMS Quality Assurance Committee. More information will be forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS

1. VOTING CLARIFICATION

A lengthy discussion was held on whether fire representatives can vote on EMS issues and/or whether EMS reps should vote on fire department issues. It was stated that the fire committee and the EMS committee were created to discuss potential policies for review and to receive their committee's vote on the policy, and then bring it back to the Emergency Services Board for the Board's vote.

2. EMS Policy – Ambulance Alert and Response Policy

{ Steve Corioni recommended that we accept the EMS Policy with the two amendments to be worded "transport vehicles or ambulances", seconded by Jim Pyles. Motion passed. }

3. Region I EMS Council Appointment

{ Wayne Rounds made the motion, seconded by Jim Pyles, that Ken May be officially reappointed to the Region I EMS Council. Motion passed. }

4. Safety Committee Policy

{ Wayne Rounds made the motion, seconded by Jim Pyles, to approve the Safety Committee Policy. Motion passed. (Two EMS members abstained from the vote). }

5. Safety Committee Reporting

After considerable discussion, the following motion was made:

{ Motion was made by Jason Mowbray, seconded by Joshua Burkett, to have the Director look at the Safety Committee membership to ensure proper representation of both EMS and fire departments. Motion passed. }

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Allegany County Emergency Services Board will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Emergency Services Building on PPG Road.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M. by Chairman Tim Dayton.