



Allegany County, Maryland

Emergency Services Board

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Board Members Present:

Chair: Shannon Adams (X)
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Board Membership:

Career: Steve Grogg (x)
Fire Service: Shannon Adams: (X)
Fire Service Members at Large: Bobby Ritchie ()
EMS Committee: Vincent Pyle (X)
EMS Member at Large: Scott Whetsell (X)
ACDES: James Pyles ()
Region 1 Council: TBD

Alternate: Mike Salvadge (X)
Alternate: Derek Crippen (X)
Alternate: Eddie Collins (X)
Alternate: Josh Burkett ()
Alternate: Pam Burkett ()
Alternate: Roger Bennett (X)

Emergency Services Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Eddie Collins: Bedford Road, Shannon Adams: Cumberland FD, Steve Adams: Bowling Green, Scott Whetsell: LaVale Rescue, Tim Dayton: Potomac, Sam Wilson: Baltimore Pike, Wayne Rounds: Barton, Allen Ruby Sr.: Flintstone, Dottie Ruby: Flintstone, Steve Bowman: Flintstone, Thomas Hamilton: District 16, Phil Via: DES, Alex Kelly: Miemss, Nick Green: Frostburg, Matt McMorran: Frostbug, Derek Crippen: Bedford Road/Special Ops, Vince Pyle: CFD, Steve Grogg: CFD, Roger Bennett: ACDES/Co. 17, Mike Salvadge: ACDES, Carrie Hughes: ACDES, Steve Hout: Baltimore Pike.

Previous Meetings minutes read and accepted.

Membership: Nominated and voted on the composition of the Board Officers of Chair- Shannon Adams, Vice Chair-Scott Whetsell, Secretary-Vince Pyle

Mail Communications: None

Committee Reports: The policy changes presented to the Allegany County Commissioners regarding LOSAP changes of reinstatement of benefits for those vested. Still requiring the required readings by Code Home Rule.

Fire Service Committee: Discussion regarding the vote for the proposed Chief Officer Standards, By Law Changes and Failed Response Policy changes took place. The Vote tallies were presented and the tally document is attached to this email.

EMS Committee: The EMS Committee reported that upon presentation to the membership regarding the Chief Officer Standards, By Law Changes and Failed Response Policies, there was a unanimous approval.

Safety Committee: The Application for Safety Officer just closed but if anyone is interested, have them contact Chief Crippen. Information meetings will take place on 2/24/22 and 3/3/22 at 1800 hours @

Bowling Green VFD. You can attend either. The Safety Officer Skill Checklist can be found on the County Website.

ACDES: Brian Miller is out sick. Please get the new Department Officer lists to dispatch, so they can be updated. New CAD sheets need to be sent in so they can start going into the new CAD. We are transitioning from Verizon to Motorola phone service. This will enable improved mapping. The Fire Reporting is a work in progress. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Bennett. The Fire Marshal Office/FEMA are having issues reading the reports. It's an end user problem, not on our end. If you're having issues importing times, check the "rip setting" on your Iamresponding. We welcome Mike Salvadge as the new Chief of EMS for Allegany County

Communications: None

Emergency Management: Fit testing machines are out. Will need recalibration. April appropriations are on the County Website.

Special Operations: Chief Crippen stated anyone who needs their meters calibrated, please contact Special Ops as the calibration gas is nearing its expiration date in 90 days. The Safety Officer meetings as previously discussed will be held on 2/24/22 and 3/3/22 at 1800 hours at Bowling Green VFD. New Hazmat vehicle is finally finished at International. Now being sent for the new box and air compressor. Should be here in three months. The goal with the two trucks is to reduce needed vehicles on emergency scenes for Special Operations. The Swiftwater Rescue schedule is out. The new duty officer vehicle should be ready in March. The other special disciplines calendars should be out soon so folks can plan their schedules.

FIT TESTING: None.

PUMP TESTING: None

MEMA: None

MIEMSS: There will be no in person Miltenberger Emergency Services Conference again this year. There will be a hybrid Learning Management System online courses from Winterfest and a few of the speakers which were going to be at Miltenberger for additional clinical hours for ALS and BLS providers via MIEMSS online continuing education web portal.

MSFA: None.

STANDARDS AND POLICIES: Discussed the votes from the Fire and EMS Chiefs. Three policies were up for discussion. Officer Standards/By Law Changes/Failed Response Policies. The votes came down as follows: Of 21 departments which voted, 12 voted yes, 4 voted no and 5 abstained for the Officer Standards. For the By Law Changes: 13 voted, 0 no and 8 abstained. Failed Response Policy: 13 yes, 0 no, and 8 abstained. The EMS Committee changed their policy from 20% fail rate to 25% fail rate to reflect the same standards for both Fire and EMS.

Old Business: Scott Whetsell brought up that the ESB form a committee to look at the Policy and Usage of I Am Responding in Allegany County. He requested that 2 people from each of the disciplines should be represented (Fire/EMS/DES/911).

New Business: Discussion followed regarding the SHA policy for highway incidents. After discussion with SHA representative, George Walker, the following protocol is to be utilized for highway incidents requiring SHA. The Incident Commander is to call dispatch who will then contact SHA. SHA will then contact the on call person to contact 911. 911 is going to link the SHA representative to the on scene IC to get the needed resources moving.

Board Comments: None

Meeting adjourned. Next Emergency Services Board Meeting to be Held on 4/12/22 @1800 hours.