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## February 9, 2016 Emergency Services Board Meeting

### CALL TO ORDER

The February 9, 2015 meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick DeVore at 6:00 P.M.

### ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The following board members were in attendance:

Dick DeVore	Ken May	Jason Mowbray	Bobby Pattison
Allen Ruby	Tim Dayton	Mickey McGowan	Donald Dunn

### IN ATTENDANCE

Roger Bennett	911 Center	Phil Via	911 Center
John Herath	EMS Division	Susan Lee	Emergency Mgmt.
John Reginaldi	Regional Liaison	Tim Growden	Special Ops
Ron Dugan	Frostburg Fire	Jim Van Meter	Corriganville
Kevin Rounds	Barton Fire	Allen Ruby	Flintstone
Dottie Ruby	Flintstone	Mark McDonald	LaVale
Jim Cook	LaVale		

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the December, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

### MEMBERSHIP

The new members from the Fire Services and EMS Committee are now seated on the Board. There has been interest from Brian Miller, currently a member of the Local Development Council, for one member-at-large position. We will submit his name as a recommendation to the Commissioners. However, this still leaves one member-at-large position open. If you know anyone who may be interested in the remaining position, please let Dick DeVore know.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations were held for officers with the following results:

- Chairman – Dick DeVore
- Vice-Chairman – Tim Dayton
- Secretary – Ken May

### COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miltenberger seminar will be held in March 11 and 12<sup>th</sup>. Please register soon.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### 1. COMMUNICATIONS/911

Roger Bennett reported on the following:

##### Towers

- Big Savage – Once the weather breaks, work will continue on this site and the Native American reservation burial ground issue will be resolved by then.
- Dan's – It should go out for bid the first week of March. They're finalizing the drawings for that site.
- Warrior – Slowed down due to weather.
- Barton – Still working on the land deal. Received a bid.

##### Data Sheets and Box Cards

Email or fax your data sheets and box cards to Roger. If you don't have a hard copy template, let him know and he'll get that to you.

##### New Radio System Data Sheets

The new data sheets that everyone recently received for the new radio system is separate data sheets than the grant that we did through AFG. The AFG sheets that we did for numbers, etc., were just for the companies that qualified to get AFG items - just for the mobiles and repeaters for your vehicles. The recently sent data sheets were to get numbers for the portables, based on riding positions, for the most part.

##### Knox Boxes

Recently, three knox boxes had problems. It takes about two weeks to get them sent out and back, then reinstalled. If you have problems with your knox boxes, let Roger know. We pay to get the fixed and this doesn't cost the companies anything.

##### Fire Reports

All fire reports are in through the end of December. The goal still is to have everything turned in to Roger by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Any companies having issues should let Roger know.

#### 2. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Susan Lee reminded all in attendance that due to the recent snow storm, numerous companies may be eligible for funding. Once more information is received, she will be forwarding it to the companies.

#### 3. EMS DIVISION

John Herath reported on the following:

##### Failed and Delayed Response

Finished up 2015 with a fail rate is 5.3%. It's already doing better as in January we were at 3.7%.

LifePak 15

Four LifePak15's have been received that were purchased with the MIEMSS 50/50 grant. This leaves four (4) of the old LifePak 12's in use in the county. We've applied for the AFG Grant hoping to replace those. After September of this year, Physio will not guarantee parts on the LifePak 12's.

Classes

The EMS Division is sponsoring an ACLS Class to be held Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> here at the Public Safety building. It is hoped to provide this class annually in order to get everyone certified. Our previously scheduled PEPP class is in the process of being rescheduled due to the Miltenberger conference.

**4. SPECIAL OPERATIONS**

Nothing to report.

**5. EMS COMMITTEE**

Bobby Pattison reported that the EMS Committee met and held election for officers. They also have the draft out for the new ALS Response policy

**6. FIRE SERVICES**

Tim Dayton reported that the committee held their officer elections.

**7. MEMA**

Dick DeVore introduced Mr. John Reginaldi, our new regional liaison officer for Western Maryland, covering Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties. Mr. Reginaldi reported that the Air Guard will be making a presentation on their resources that may be available to us on March 24<sup>th</sup> here at the Public Safety building. They will be bringing their mobile command post, as well.

**8. MIEMSS**

John Herath reported that the State did decide to allow the people who passed the Maryland part, but did not pass the National Registry, are being certified as EMRs. Also, a 24-hour class is being offered for the National Registry test in an attempt to get more people to pass it.

**9. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. LOSAP**

Dick DeVore reported that he spoke with Steve Kesner and everyone's information was submitted on time and was very much appreciated. The submission looks very much clean, with just a few things that need fixed. If Steve Kesner reaches out to you, please get corrections back to him so that we can get the document passed on to VFIS. Steve will meet with a designated LOSAP committee in order to approve it.

Motion was made by Tim Dayton, seconded by Ken May, to authorize the LOSAP Committee to act on behalf of the Emergency Services Board to approve the LOSAP document for submission. Motion passed.

## **2. Fire Tax**

Dick DeVore reported that the Committee met again, putting together some options to be reviewed. They are scheduled to meet again in two weeks to look at additional data that they've been asked to collect. A document will be produced that will be available for everyone to be able to provide input. However, if anyone has any points of concern regarding the fire tax that they want to see addressed in the document now, contact any committee member or Dick DeVore.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. POLICY AND SAFETY COMMITTEES**

Dick DeVore asked that the Board consider creating small policy committees that can generate policies that we can be presented to the Fire Services and EMS Committees. Also, we would have a staff person from the Department of Emergency Services collect all of your ideas and craft it into a policy (no one on the committees then has the daunting task of writing the actual policy). We'd like to create an EMS Policy committee and a Fire Services Policy committee. An additional third committee – a Safety committee - would also be beneficial, under this Board, to look at operational issues.

Ken May made the motion, seconded by Mickey McGowan, to move forward with the creation of three committees: Fire Policy Committee, EMS Policy Committee, and a Safety Committee. Motion passed.

### **COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

None.

### **COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Ken May reported that he has the taxing area documents and any companies interested in seeing the property values and amount you'll be getting – should contact Ken for a copy.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Dick DeVore at 6:40 P.M.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Allegany County Emergency Services Board will be held on April 12, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Emergency Services Headquarters in Mexico Farms.