



Fire Services Committee Meeting Minutes 5/10/2016



CALL TO ORDER

The May 10, 2016 meeting of the Allegany County Fire Services Committee was called to order by Chairman Tim Dayton at 6:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

The following companies/departments were represented and in attendance:

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| Tim Growden | Special Ops | Roger Bennett | 911 Center |
| Susan Lee | Emergency Management | Don Dunn | Cumberland Fire |
| Dick DeVore | Emergency Services | Greg Boyd | District 16 |
| Derek Crippen | Bedford Road | Kenny Wolford | Oldtown |
| Wayne Rounds | Barton Hose | John Herath | EMS Division |
| Ron Dugan | Frostburg Fire | Chris Cage | Cresaptown |
| Tim Dayton | Potomac/Luke | Dick DeVore | Emergency Services |
| Phil Via | 911 Center | | |

COMMITTEE

1. PUMPS TESTS

Roger Bennett reported that parts need ordered before the next cycle.

2. KNOX BOX

Nothing to report.

3. BOX ALARMS

Roger Bennett reported many companies updated after the first of the year, but remaining companies can send anytime.

4. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

5. FIT TESTING

Roger Bennett reported that both units are checked out.

6. MEMA WESTERN MARYLAND LIAISON

Nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

6. COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Communications Center

Roger Bennett reported that we're operating out of the backup center. We're continuing with two more weeks of installation at the primary center and then two weeks of testing.

Alert Tones

Roger Bennett reported that there are still a few companies who have not turned in their questionnaire. If no questionnaire is received, it will be assumed that those companies want everything to remain the same. The system will be started end of this month/first of June.

User Radios

Roger Bennett reported that the AFG Grant starts announcing sometime in the next two weeks. He will need the questionnaire back from every company in order to know how companies want those radios installed in the vehicles.

Tower Sites

- Dan's – Timber still being cleared off of Dan's. Soil borings scheduled to be finished in two weeks.
- Barton – Working with the attorney now on getting the land deal completed.
- Cacapon – We moved the equipment from Cacapon to Morgan County. It'll still say, "Cacapon" on the radio. We did testing on Green Ridge with good reception.
- Warrior – Still looking for startup this summer, to be completed in the Fall.

7. EMS DIVISION

John Herath reported that the fail rate for the April was down to 3.8%. MIEMSS protocol updates are online. In the process of applying for a grant to do a class designed for ALS, BLS providers to train them in response when going into a "warm" zone. There will be new platform for eMEDS which will be more efficient.

8. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

New ERG's are ready to be picked up. We also will be hosting an "Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals" class on June 7-8, 2016. The training comes highly recommended.

OLD BUSINESS

1. April Allocations

Dick DeVore reported that all April allocations have been released.

2. Code Legislation

Dick DeVore reported that the Commissioners approved two pieces of code legislation that will affect the fire service. The first is related to how the appropriations will be handled moving forward. Any questions, see Dick and he will come talk to your department to discuss, if needed. The second code was the Residential Sprinkler Initiative. As of July 1st, it becomes mandatory and the incentive was increased to \$3,000 off of a resident's tax bill if sprinklers are installed. Two AFG grants have been applied for and we're hoping one or both of those come back approved.

3. Rocky Gap Funding

Dick DeVore reported that the casino is still showing improvement in its performance. So we are still anticipating the Rocky Gap funding in the Fall.

4. Line of Duty Memorial

Dick DeVore reported that we are still moving forward with the Line-of-Duty memorial. There will be events held in August with the proceeds going to each of the County's Line-of-Duty memorial fund.

5. Hydrants

Tim Dayton reported that the County has offered to change out the steamer fittings to storz ones.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Property Damage Accidents

Roger Bennett received a request that a particular company be alerted on all property damage accidents. Basically, there was an accident, the police thought it was going to be extended and they asked the fire department to come out to help with traffic – no one was injured, no vehicle damage. PD accidents are owned by the police department. If we are told there..... is a danger to traffic or the people involved in the PD, we'll alert the fire department.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Fire Services Committee will be held on July 12, 2016 at 6pm at the Emergency Services Headquarters in Mexico Farms.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Tim Dayton at 7:00 P.M.

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