



**Meeting Minutes
of the
Emergency Medical Services Committee**



July 28, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1833 by Chairman Pattison.

ATTENDANCE

The following Committee Members were present:

DEPARTMENT		PRIMARY		ALTERNATE
Bowman's Addition Vol. Fire Dept.		Arron Blacker		Jeremy Jack
Corriganville Vol. Fire Dept.		Gary Kamauf	x	Megan Michaels
Cresaptown Vol. Fire Dept.		Katrina Wolf		Charles Thomas
Cumberland Fire Dept	x	Vince Pyle		Shannon Adams
District 16 Ambulance Service		Tom Hamilton	x	Anne McKeown
Ellerslie Ambulance Service	x	Luke Merkel		Cameron Pressman
Flintstone Vol. Fire Dept.		Allen Ruby, Sr.	x	Bryan Adams
Frostburg Area Ambulance Service		Jim Koon	x	Mathew Krause
LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad		Adam Miller	x	Tim Thomas
Georges Creek Rescue Squad	x	Jenny Knox		Jim Dawson
Mt Savage Vol. Fire Dept.		Jennifer Lashley	x	Jennifer Mason
Oldtown Vol. Fire Dept.		Andrew Brown		Dennis Mallory
Tri-Towns EMS	x	Robert Pattison	x	David Swietzer
Allegany County EMS Division	x	John E. Herath	x	Richard DeVore

Others in attendance: Jim VanMeter, Corriganville; Susan Clark-Cecil, Cresaptown; Steve Corioni, Local 1715; Roger Bennett, 911; Alex Kelly, MSP; Dwayne Kitis, MIEMMS

Dwayne Kitis presented slide show on Implied Consent and Emergency Petitions. Lt H P Martz, MSP, and Sheriff Craig Robertson, Allegany County Sheriff's Department, explained how law enforcement can work with EMS in patient care issues. Discussion with committee members occurred in an effort to create better understanding of what each agency can expect from the other. Both officers asked that they be notified if there are any problems or concerns about incidents involving any of their officers.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by Vince Pyle, second by Luke Merkel to accept as printed

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Emergency Medical Services

Allegany County companies have a 5.42% failure rate for June, and 4.96% for the year. Five companies had double digit fail rates for the year, four companies for June..

Oldtown ambulance is out of service while company decides its future.

Morgan County EMS has replaced Paw Paw ambulance that has gone out of service. Morgan's ambulance is staffed with career crew.

MFRI ALS Refresher has been moved to November (5&6, 19&20) due to problems with weather and scheduling make up this past January

Working on scheduling TECC class in September (10&11) at Public Safety Building

Dr Sylvia Owusu-Ansah will be in Allegany County tomorrow (7/29) to talk with ALS providers about Pediatric Airways for a paper she is writing

Testing to hire another ALS provider in Allegany County

Countywide EMS database went in to effect on July 5, 2016. Each company will have 2 Q/A officers to review their reports. Providers can no longer do reports under their company EMEDS database, Q/A officers can access reports from their company for calls before merger.

Ambulance Minimum Standards Committee has submitted recommendations to MIEMSS, awaiting final approval from EMS Board. We will have to decide if we want to use the new standard or VAIP when final approval is granted..

Emergency Management Division

No report

911 Joint Communications Division:

Chief Bennett reported on status of towers.

Allegany County will provide new radios when conversion is completed

Low band paging system will be replaced. I am Responding is secondary alerting method.

Station training webinars are available from I am Responding for all companies

Director

No Report

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quality Assurance: No Report

Medical Review: No cases reviewed

Helicopter Utilization Review: 6 calls since last meeting with 3 patients transferred to WMRMC via helicopter, 2 transported by ambulance and 1 refusal.

Education and Training: No Report

GRANT UPDATE

AFG Grant for LifePac 15's still pending'

OLD BUSINESS

Money from Rocky Gap will be sent to companies. County appropriation out in October.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Pattison stated that TriTowns was going to purchase Knox Boxes for controlled drugs on ambulances. County is looking into finding funds to help companies to pay for Knox Boxes.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR COMMENTS

No Report

MSP AVIATION

No Report

MIEMSS

MIEMSS plans are to have EMEDS upgraded to Elite Platform delayed until next spring..

2015 Protocol updates are out, and should have been completed by June 30, 2016.

Night for Stars scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2016 at the Shrine Club. Region 1 office is accepting nominations for next year's awards. Sponsorship letters have been sent to companies.

Allegany County was awarded \$19,501.85 for Active Shooter TECC class training and supplies

Ambulance Inspections scheduled for October 5 (ALS) and October 7 (BLS)

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on September 22, 2016 at 18:30 hours at the Public Safety Building, 11400 PPG Road, Cumberland.

ADJOURNMENT

20:30 hours

Respectfully Submitted,

John E. Herath