



Fire Services Committee Meeting Minutes 9/13/2016



CALL TO ORDER

The September 13, 2016 meeting of the Allegany County Fire Services Committee was called to order by Dick DeVore, Alternate for Chairman Tim Dayton, at 6:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

The following companies/departments were represented and in attendance:

Dick DeVore	Ellerslie/ACES	CB Broadwater	Good Will
Roger Bennett	911 Center	Kevin Rounds	Barton Hose
Phil Via	911 Center	Doug Hanson	Frostburg Fire
Ken Wolford	Oldtown	John Herath	EMS Division

PRESENTATION

Dick DeVore introduced Michael Kernana, NIMS/ICS Coordinator -Simulation Center Coordinator from MFRI. Mr. Kernana made a presentation to the group on the value and importance of the Incident Command Simulation Center. This simulation center allows students to learn and to practice in a safe, supportive environment where they work with highly-skilled instructors using state-of-the-art computer simulated scenarios of all types. This simulator can be brought out to companies. More information is available. An informational pamphlet is attached to the Minutes.

COMMITTEES

1. PUMPS TESTS

Dick DeVore reported that the pumps testing is underway at the Training Center. The first weekend of testing is complete. Any concerns, please make contact with Steve Ellsworth.

2. KNOX BOX

Nothing to report.

3. BOX ALARMS

Nothing to report.

4. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

5. FIT TESTING

Dick DeVore reported that a new laptop was purchased for fit testing. Companies who will be using the equipment can now be supplied with the laptop, as well.

6. MEMA - WESTERN MARYLAND LIAISON

Nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

6. COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Pagers

Roger Bennett reported on the options of the Minitor VI two-tone pager and the Unication's G1 pagers. He'll be forwarding information on both pager types to all fire chiefs in order to receive some feedback on from companies on which they would like us to incorporate.

Alerting System

Motorola hopes to have the first four towers complete in October, with the remaining ones finished as we construct them (Warrior, Dan's, and Martins).

Radios

Roger Bennett reported that we've started purchasing radios for the new system. They're tri-band radios but will be issued to you at a dual-band capacity. If you wish to turn on the 150 portion, there is an \$800 charge per piece. We're doing the portables currently because the mobiles that we're buying are not out with tri-band until December. We should start late fall/early winter performing the installs on all of the mobiles -- and as portables arrive, we'll continue to push those out.

7. EMS DIVISION

John Herath reported that the August fail rate went up to 6.64%. Last weekend, the TECC class was held with 16 students in attendance. Ambulance inspections will be held on October 5th.

8. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nothing to Report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. October Allocations

Dick DeVore reported that with Ken May recent surgery and recovery, we're asking that companies do not hand-deliver their paperwork to LaVale Rescue Squad. Instead, all paperwork for the October allocations needs dropped off to Cheri. Also, this year's allocations will be distributed using the new allocation formula.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Fire Services Committee will be held on November 8, 2016 at 6pm at the Emergency Services Headquarters in Mexico Farms.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Dick DeVore at 6:30 P.M.

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Enc. Incident Command Simulation Center Pamphlet