



Fire Services Committee Meeting Minutes 1/08/2019



CALL TO ORDER

The January 8, 2019 meeting of the Allegany County Fire Services Committee was called to order by Chairman Wayne Rounds at 6:00 P.M. at the Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department.

IN ATTENDANCE

The following companies/departments were represented and in attendance:

Wayne Rounds	Barton		Shannon Adams	Bowling Green		Chris Cage	Cresaptown
Kevin Rounds	Barton		Bryan Miller	Shaft/911		Ken Wolford	Oldtown
Bobby Ritchie	Good Will		Phil Via	Frostburg/911		John Reginaldi	MEMA
Carder Miller	Mt. Savage		Steve Shipley	ACDES			

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MINUTES APPROVAL

There were no minutes from the previous meeting.

COMMITTEES

1. COMMUNICATIONS

Bryan Miller reported that companies need to submit their equipment and call-down lists, and any changes To their officer lists.

2. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Steve Shipley reported that the PPE grant should be wrapping up and most have placed their orders.
- Nothing further at this time to report on the SCBA grants. We're still waiting to hear an update.
- Susan Lee retired December 31, 2018. Anything you need, please let Steve know.

3. EMS

No representative present.

4. FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

No representative present.

5. MIEMSS

No representative present.

6. MEMA

John Reginaldi reported that the Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack grant is still progressing with a meeting scheduled for February 7th. He also reported that a January 30th meeting will be held in Morgantown for Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania to come together to possibly form MOUS with fire and law enforcement. Please contact Steve Shipley if you're interested in participating in either of these meetings.

7. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Steve Shipley reported that standards were updated and put on the county website.

8. PUMPS TESTING

Wayne Rounds reported that all companies' pumps tests and equipment check passed. This year's fit testing dates and schedule will be announced as we get nearer to summer.

9. FIT TESTING

Steve Shipley reported that two new fit test machines are in. These newer-style fit testing machines take much less time to use and are more user-friendly to use than the old machines. He added training can be held with individual companies to show them how to initially use the new machine. However, we won't be able to do everyone's fit tests for them after the initial first-time use training. Call Steve if you would like him to come out and show you how the new machines work.

10. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. SAFETY COMMITTEE

Shannon Adams asked if a Safety Committee was formed after the last meeting. Wayne Rounds responded that he knew messages went out asking for volunteers to sit on that committee. Bobby Ritchie added that he felt we should take action to formulate the committee. Steve Shipley reported that he will contact Dick DeVore to get the list of interested participants and have the committee created.

NEW BUSINESS

1. COUNTY APPARATUS FLEET SPREADSHEET

Steve Shipley reported that they're trying to cut "knee cap" funding and Statewide they're looking for what units are in place and what years they are, etc. Some companies haven't updated their apparatus lists since 2010. The spreadsheets were sent out on Nixle and were passed out tonight to the chiefs in attendance. Departments were asked to fill out the spreadsheet and either email to Steve Shipley or mail/drop it off to PPG Road to his attention.

2. NOMINATIONS OF 2019 OFFICERS

Nominations for Chairman of the Fire Services Committee:

- Wayne Rounds was nominated for Chairman
- Shannon Adams was nominated for Vice-Chairman
- Tim Dayton was nominated for Alternate Member-at-Large for Chairman
- Chris Cage was nominated for alternate Member-at-Large for Vice-chairman

3. SWIFT WATER TEAM

Shannon Adams reported that the Swift Water Team will hold their first team meetings on February 2nd and 3rd. These will consist of one morning and one evening meeting. Anyone interested in becoming a member need contact Shannon and attend one of the meetings. We currently have six pending applications.

4. UNDERAGE FIREFIGHTING

Much discussion was held on whether it was permissible to allow members under the age of 18 to be allowed to perform interior firefighting. Some believed as long as they made it through Firefighter I training and have parental consent. Wayne Rounds added that he had contacted Dick DeVore, as well as Todd Dike at the training center, and both are going to check into it. The County Attorney will be also contacted to discuss the issue and receive legal advice in the matter.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Fire Services Committee will be held on March 12, 2019 at the Good Will Volunteer Fire Department's armory at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M. by Chairman Wayne Rounds.