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August 13, 2019 Emergency Services Board Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The August 13, 2019 meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Dayton at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

The following members/alternates were in attendance:

Tim Dayton	Jim Pyles	Ken May	Jason Mowbray
Josh Burkett	Steve Corioni	Wayne Rounds	Donald Dunn

IN ATTENDANCE

John Reginaldi	MEMA	Dwayne Kitis	MIEMSS
Derek Crippen	Bedford Road	John Clingerman	Orleans
Scott Whetzel	LaVale Rescue	Kevin Rounds	Barton
Megan Cobb	Corriganville	Wayne Rounds	Barton
Brandon Cobb	Corriganville	Pam DeVore	LaVale Rescue
Bryan Miller	911	Chris Cage	Cresaptown
Scott Yates	Shaft	Jesse Schultz	Cresaptown
Chris Biggs	Allegany EMS	Phil Via	Allegany 911
Bobby Ritchie	Good Will	Greg Boyd	District 16
Eddie Collins	Bedford Road	Joshua Burkett	Tri-Towns EMS
Ronnie Carr	Rawlings	Ken May	Tri-Towns EMS
Jon Miller	Midland	Steve Corioni	Flintstone

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nothing to report.

OTHER COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

There was a discussion regarding the box cards relating to Co. 52. Changes were made by the Allegany County Department of Emergency Services Director due to multiple factors. Members from Co. 9, Co. 52, & Co. 5 explained the reasoning of why they believe this was incorrect to do without informing them. At the conclusion of the discussion, Director Pyles explained that the box cards will be put back to the way they were before pending the review of the QA Committee which was sent there to be reviewed due to it being a patient safety issue. It was decided that Co. 9, Co. 52, and Co. 5 would meet at the conclusion of both QA Committee meeting and the EMS Committee meeting to discuss the findings. Ken May explained that the EMS system is one of the best things that happened in years and that we should not give up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. EMS Committee Meeting

- a. Nothing to Report

2. Fire Services Committee

- a. Nothing to Report

3. Safety Committee

- a. Blocking Policy
 - i. This was changed to have any road greater than 35mph added to the list and added that a Class A apparatus would be needed to fulfill the blocking instead of smaller units. This policy was approved by both the Fire Services Committee and the EMS Committee. It now goes to the Director for signature.

4. DES

- a. Alerting: Working on one site at Jackson Run daily. Trying to get equipment up on the tower. Please check your batteries on the Pagers to make sure they are not dead. You may swap them out with Phil. There will be extra batteries in the future. Possibly 1 to 2 pagers that will be issues that we have extra. Plan is to have Jackson site up and have the 700 system, 450 system and the low band patched together to allow for some adjustment time. In the meantime, if we have a low band failure again, we will bring in extra personnel to dispatch via lamresponding like we have done in the past. We cannot go live until all 7 tower sites are active and this is the one that is holding us up. Station alerting devices are ready and they are plug and play. We are going to begin pushing out the new alerting devices to companies shortly. Kenwood 8180's is what we are using. One is for each department in the county.
- b. Radios in West Virginia. Wayne Rounds reported that this is becoming a safety issue. There are several times that we have patched and can hardly hear everything that is being said over the radio. Roger Bennett reported that the radio system was built to work in Allegany County and our second priority is talking to other counties. We are looking for support from the board or other departments to go to West Virginia to try and get this fixed. Wayne suggested trying to get the governors involved to try and make it work out.

- i. Wayne Rounds made a motion that the ESB Board write a letter to the Emergency Management of West Virginia, the SWICK, and carbon copy Maryland First to ask them to add our radio IDs into there system due to it being a safety issue. Seconded by Josh Burkett. Motion Passed

5. Communications

- a. Monday at 07:00 the dispatchers will be moving to the back up center due to painting. Derick Crippen asked about starting an automatic fire alarm box and if that is possible to do. Many departments are in support of it. We should wait till the new CAD is in place to move forward with it.

6. EMS Division

- a. Quality Assurance meeting is on Thursday. Morphine was removed in July from all units except from medic 511 per doctor's request. As per the Med Vaults a seal is no longer good. You must have a med vault a lock and a seal for the new standards put in place. Lieutenants are coming along and should be shortly. On September 12 at 19:00 hours a Stop the Bleed Instructor course will be held at PPG Road. We are looking for new preceptors and will be holding more courses for this to be possible.

7. MEMA

- a. John Reginaldi reported that on August 9 there is regional EPA tabletop in Charlestown WV. October 10 at PPG is the Western Maryland Tabletop Meeting.

8. MIEMSS

- a. Dwayne Kitis advised that there is another position is opening up under him. October 2 is the Ambulance Inspections and October 7th is the first responder vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR OTHERS

Chris Cage reported that Squad 9 has a capability to refill the air cascade now.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Allegany County Emergency Services Board will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Emergency Services Building on PPG Road.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M. by Chairman Tim Dayton.