



EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

November 16, 2017

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Edward McLellan, General Public
John Frank, Director, ES
Sonny Vincent, General Public
Wayne Tiemersma, Emergency Medical Service
Richard Carlson, Chief's Committee
Alex Mellott, Fire & Rescue Association
Terry Spear, Northern Rescue Squad
Rich Ford, Southern Rescue Squad

GUESTS:

Shelia Mahaffey, Secretary
Kevin Null, County Administrator
Curtis O'Neal, Citizen
Paul Harmon, Citizen

CALL TO ORDER

This Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Ed McLellan. (Lou Battistella - Absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting for May 18, 2017 meeting were distributed for review and comment via e-mail prior to the meeting. Alex Mellott made a motion to accept the minutes. Richard Carlson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

- **Emergency Services Clubs**
 - There are 24 EMS club members in each of the two schools; good news the clubs are growing. Vicki Walker is managing the educational portion of the clubs.
 - Would like to have local fire department and rescue squads interact with the clubs.
 - Individuals age 16 and up club are eligible for EMS training and age individuals 14 and up eligible for firefighter's youth training.

- **MIEMSS Report**
 - All Garrett County EMS and SGCRS vehicles and passed inspection. NGCRS have a couple of vehicles that did not pass because of equipment issues, no major issues.
 - Through grant funding Emergency Services purchased ballistic gear along with assault evacuation bags which is marked and ready to be distributed along with the ballistics' gear policy to every ambulance in the county.
 - Opioid Crisis - The State is interested in a blank acquisition of Narcan. There are forty (40) plus reports of Narcan being used in Garrett County as overdoses have increased.

- **Director of Emergency Services Report**
 - **Garrett County Emergency Management** is now Garrett County Emergency Services
 - **Emergency Operations Center**
The EOC design is in the final stages of completion. A meeting with architect is scheduled for January 2018 and we are continuing to work on funding for the project.
 - **Mission Critical**
Mr. Frank is continuing to work with Mission Critical personnel, a co-contractor with the architects to make sure planning is correct for all of the communication components for the new EOC.
 - **Mobile Radios**
Fourteen (14) Motorola mobile and fourteen (14) Motorola portable radios were purchased with an SHSP Regional Grant and distributed to all local fire departments and both rescue squads.
 - **Accountability Tags**
All Garrett County fire departments and both rescue squads will receive information from the 911 Center concerning Accountability Tags. The 911 Center will do the pictures and cards

and the individual fire departments and rescue squads are responsible to supply their own card holders.

- **Active Shooter Response Planning**
All Garrett County Schools will have Active Shooter Response kits.
 - **Opioid Crisis**
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 - **Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**
Garrett County received \$21k in grant funding to complete a 5-year update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- **Chief's Report – Emergency Medical Services**
 - **Emergency Medical Services**
 - Wayne Tiemersma distributed a packet summarizing the response data (response time, delayed calls, failed responses, and secondary response) for all the stations and explained the data presented.
 - Performance Measures Informal training for stroke patient care and diabetic patients for all EMS personnel. Stroke training course was available at Western Maryland Regional Medical Center in Oakland.
 - EMS received equipment such as ARC bags portable liters, tourniquets, quick clot and other training materials obtained with \$21k in grant funding for training.
 - Aviation Issue - Region I Advisory Committee met with Aviation Command and came up with an Agreement for Western Maryland stating if Trooper V is not available and the patient is a category A or B a commercial aircraft should automatically be called. Bottom line the closest aircraft should be called. Category C or D Trooper III can be called. The biggest issue we have with aviation transport is the weather.
 - Currently scheduling interviews for part-time EMS personnel
 - Grant County, WV sent a Mutual Aid Request to be reviewed with SGCRS before any decisions are made.
 - Proposed Training
 - TCCC Course 13 people completed this class in August
 - ISC Class scheduled for April 2018 which is a five day course
 - TECC Course “Tactical Emergency Casualty Care” which is EMS care in warm zone and rescue force - hopefully to be done the summer of 2018

NEW BUSINESS

- Firehouse Grants is a company that will write a grant for a fee this to be discussed at Chiefs Meeting.
- The Blooming Rose radio tower providing excellent coverage for the Friendsville area.
- There are currently 24 LOSAP participants receiving LOSAP benefits.

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The 2018 Emergency Services Board meeting schedule is:
February 15, 2018, May 17, 2018, August 16, 2018 and November 15, 2018
Special meetings may be scheduled if deemed necessary by the Board.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Emergency Services Board is scheduled for **February 15, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. on a motion by Alex Mellott, which was seconded by Terry Spear and carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED BY: _____ **DATE:** _____
Lou Battistella
Chairman