

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

February 21, 2019



MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lou Battistella, General Public
Sonny Vincent, General Public
Richard Carlson, Chief's Committee
Alex Mellott, Fire & Rescue Association
Rich Ford, Southern Rescue Squad
Edward McLellan, General Public
John Frank, Emergency Services

GUESTS:

Shelia Mahaffey, Emergency Services

CALL TO ORDER

This Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Battistella.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting for November 15, 2018 were distributed for review and comment via e-mail prior to the meeting. Richard Carlson made a motion to accept the minutes with one correction. Alex Mellott seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES CHAIRMAN

A motion for Lou Battistella to remain Emergency Services Board Chairman was made by Edward McLellan, Sonny Vincent seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

- **MIEMSS Report/Commercial Ambulance Services**
 - Miltenberger 2019 Emergency Services Seminar to be held March 7-9, 2019 at Rocky Gap in Flintstone Maryland.
- **Director of Emergency Services Report**
 - EM - Maryland First Radio Program –is live in Garrett County and doing extremely well. The tower at Dan's Mountain was struck by lightning which is the main tower for Garrett and Allegheny Counties. The tower is temporarily up.
 - All five bids submitted for the new EOC were rejected for being over budget. The architect and contractors to redesign the building to bring cost down and rebid in spring 2019. ARC, MEMA and the Governors' grant team all working on funding for the EOC.
 - Swift Water Rescue Team – bylaws, operating guidelines and applications are complete and will be presented at the Chiefs Meeting for the fire chief's approval.
 - The 2019 -2020 Adverse Weather Plan was reviewed and implemented.
 - Emergency Action Plan for Courthouse is in "Draft form". The committee to meet once more to review the plan and if acceptable implement the plan.
 - Stop-The-Bleed training – approximately 2,000 individuals including 500 county employees have been trained.
 - Hazardous Action Plan was approved
 - LEPC Training List is attached
- **Chief's Report – Emergency Medical Services**
 - Emergency Services Clubs - EMS operations will be the course of study during winter classes. Fire and special operations will be resumed in April. We are maintaining approximately 20 students in each club. A spring field trip is being discussed, however no plans are definite.
 - House of Worship Emergency Action Plan – Director Frank and Chief Tiemersma have been active in developing a template and have begun the process of reaching out to area churches.

- GCES has not received a final inspection for INGCRS unit to wrap up the VAIP for the past year (emergency light replacement).
- GCES has begun to refer opiate overdose related calls to the health department for peer recovery follow up post event.
- Chief Tiemersma will be reaching out to NGCRS and SGCRS to establish dates in April for EMS/Law Enforcement/Fire reviews of recently adopted Active Assailant Response plan.
- GCES is looking into a day seminar for all EMS providers in May on various topics.
- MSP Aviation has been operating on a limited schedule due to staffing issues. GCES and Aviation Command have been in touch and the effect has been limited at this point, however, the concern is being monitored in cooperation with the Regional Medical Director.
- Trooper V is only flying between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- **LOSAP**
 - No updates at this time
- **Potomac Edison Delay Response Issue**
 - A meeting with the Director and General Manager of Potomac Edison is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2019 with Kevin Null, Lou Battistella, John Frank, Kenny Collins, John Feather and Justin Orendorf.

NEW BUSINESS

- The problem of Garrett County losing volunteers in the rescue squads and fire departments and incentives to get younger individuals at the middle school level were discussed.

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The 2019 Emergency Services Board meeting schedule is:
May 16, 2019, August 15, 2019 and November 21, 2019
Special meetings may be scheduled if deemed necessary by the Board.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Emergency Services Board is scheduled for **May 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. on a motion by Sonny Vincent, which was seconded by Alex Mellott and carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED BY: _____ **DATE:** _____

LOU BATTISTELLA
Chairman

