

# EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

August 15, 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  
Terry Spear, Northern Rescue Squad

## GUESTS:

Shelia Mahaffey, Emergency Services  
Dwayne Kitis, MIEMSS

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## 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 May 16, 2019 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

- **MIEMSS Report**
  - Two local members were recently inducted into the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems Region I Emergency Medical Services Hall of Fame. Region I covers Allegany and Garrett counties. Honored were Garrett County jurisdictional medical director; Dr. Richard Perry and Ralph Lichty, Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad.
  - Inspections for ambulances are scheduled for October 1, 2019. Narcotics are to have two locks.
  - Garrett College now has a paramedic degree program and is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. The initial paramedic training program is on a two-year cycle. If you already have a paramedic license you will receive 20 credits and need to complete general education credits for degree completion.
  - Dwayne Kitis, MIEMSS is now Region I and II Administrator, which includes Garrett, Allegany, Washington and Fredrick counties.
  
- **Director of Emergency Services Report**
  - The AFG Regional Volunteer Grant for radios continues to be monitored and is currently in the technical review phase.
  - Additional grant funding was identified for upgrading mobile communications throughout the county including Tri-Band radios and mobile repeaters systems for targeted vehicles.
  - The Maryland First 700 system consoles are currently being installed in the 911 Dispatch Center. The Commissioners have approved the complete 700 system dispatch consoles; the process has begun for the project.
  
- **Chief's Report – 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.
  - No inquires have been reported to the Medical Review Board this quarter.
  - Chief Tiemersma and Terry Spear are working on improving run times at the Friendsville station. Currently six people are enrolled in EMT classes and two new providers have been added in the last 30 days.
  - Trooper V is only available during daylight hours due the availability of medics and pilots.
  - Dr. Rikhye is now the sole Medical Director for Garrett County.

- The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued new regulations order which must be implemented. This may require a separate DEA number for each station.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **LOSAP**
  - Per Alex Mellott the new LOSAP document will be presented at the next Emergency Services Board meeting for approval.
  - The State Tax Incentive issue was discussed and tabled and will be discussed at the next Emergency Services Board meeting.
  - The problem with CBIZ not issuing benefit checks in a timely manner was discussed.
- **Potomac Edison Delay Response Issue**
  - No updates at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- There is a Citizen Representative Emergency Service Advisory Board Vacancy due to the resignation of Edward McLellan. Anyone interested in filling the position needs to send a letter of interest to the Board of County Commissioners.
- The Fireman’s Association acquired a Fire Safe Trailer that is currently being rehabbed.

**2020 MEETING SCHEDULE**

- The 2020 Emergency Services Board meeting schedule is:  
**February 20, 2020**, May 21, 2020, August 21, 2020, November 19, 2020  
 Special meetings may be scheduled if deemed necessary by the Board.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Emergency Services Board is scheduled for **November 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. on a motion by Alex Mellott, which was seconded by Sonny Vincent and carried unanimously.

**MINUTES APPROVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOU BATTISTELLA**  
 Chairman