

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

August 19, 2021



MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lou Battistella, General Public
Wayne Tiemersma, EMS Chief
Richard Carlson, Chief's Committee
Johnny Mayne, Fire & Rescue Association
Mark Clookie, Southern Rescue Squad
Terry Spear, Northern Rescue Squad
Bill Ingram, General Public

GUESTS:

Shelia Mahaffey, Emergency Services
Alex Kelly, MIEMSS

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 20, 2020, minutes, were distributed for review and comment via e-mail prior to the meeting. John Frank made a motion to accept the minutes. Alex Kelly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Certificate of Appreciation for ESB Member Sonny Vincent

A Certificate of Appreciation for George "Sonny" Vincent for "13 years of Service with the Garrett County Emergency Services Advisory Board" signed by the ESB Chairman, the County Administrator and the three County Commissioners was presented to the Board. All Board Members agreed the certificate is a very nice gesture of appreciation for all of Sonny's years of dedication.

REPORTS

- **MIEMSS Report**
 - Business is finally getting back to normal after dealing with the Coronavirus.
 - The Cardiac Device Grant for 2022 is available for application submission.

- **Director of Emergency Services Report**
 - John Frank welcomed everyone to the new facility and conducted a tour after the meeting.
 - The final inspection with the fire marshal for the elevator is scheduled for the end of August 2021 and the final inspection for the new EOC is scheduled for September 2021.
 - An assessment of PPE to be done to see if more is needed.
 - The Table Rock radio tower is now online.
 - Looking into state monies for communication for a tower in the Swallow Falls area since there is a need to increase the radio coverage in this area.
 - The Search and Rescue Team is currently working on bylaws.
 - The Swift Water Team is doing very well.
 - The Hazmat Team will conduct a flaring device training in Friendsville
 - Looking into EMPG and HMPG grants to fund redoing the Mitigation Plan as well as considering doing a Flow Study, and the County Emergency Plan needs updated as well.

- **Chief's Report – Emergency Medical Services**
 - Wayne Tiemersma distributed a report summarizing the response data (response time, delayed calls, failed responses, and secondary response) for all the stations and explained the data presented. The report is attached for reference.
 - There are currently no full-time staff openings in the Emergency Services Department.
 - The Knox Box Project – have been installed in all transport vehicles in the county.
 - Currently working on a training schedule for the Emergency Services staff.

- Trooper V is interested in doing a training session in Garrett County. The target date for the training is September 16, 2021, at the Garrett County Airport for both EMS and fire departments.

OLD BUSINESS

- **LOSAP**

- The LOSAP Review Committee will review Section 4.2 (a) and (b) benefit eligibility payment dates on or about January 1st and report to the Emergency Services Board at the November 18, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Friendsville VFD was awarded a grant that covered both equipment and training for the grain rescue training. The grain rescue tube and specialized training is to help protect against grain entrapments in the area. Over 65 volunteers participated in the training session from various local VFD's.
- LOSAP - The Board discussed the 1-point requirement to collect the \$3,000.00 burial benefit. It was recommended by the Board that the Fireman's Association look into this and make a recommendation to the County Commissioners that the Burial Benefit be changed to a more stringent requirement. Johnny Mayne will present the recommendation at the Fireman's Association November meeting.
- The NFPA website is a good site for training for critical emergency response for fire and EMS personnel to help prepare them to respond to incidents involving alternative fuel vehicles. It was suggested to reach out to MIFI for online training courses.
- MSP - Commander Brian Kloss announced he has been transferred to the MSP Hagerstown Barracks and the new Commander for the MSP McHenry Barracks is Jeremy Stonebreaker.
- Replacement for an Emergency Service Board Citizen Representative – Any suggestions for a new citizen representative are to be emailed to Lou Battistella who will gather names and will forward to Kevin Null.

2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The 2022 Emergency Services Board meeting schedule is:
February 17, 2022, May 19, 2022, August 18, 2022, and November 17, 2022
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 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the EOC 32 Outfitter Way McHenry. Please enter from Deep Creek Drive.** With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. on a motion by John Frank, which was seconded by Wayne Tiemersma and carried unanimously.

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

LOU BATTISTELLA
Chairman