



# EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

**August 18, 2022**

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lou Battistella, General Public  
Wayne Tiemersma, EMS Chief  
Alex Kelly, MIEMSS  
Terry Spear, Northern Rescue Squad  
Justin Orendorf, Bittinger Rescue Squad  
John Frank, Emergency Services  
Richard Carlson, Chief's Committee  
Mark Clookie, Southern Rescue Squad

## GUESTS:

Shelia Mahaffey, Emergency Services  
Curtis O'Neal, Emergency Services  
Chris Shue, Emergency Services  
Phillip Rumer, Emergency Services  
Matthew Krause, Emergency Services

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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 May 19, 2022, minutes, were distributed for review and comment via e-mail prior to the meeting. Richard Carlson made a motion to accept the minutes. Mark Clookie seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## REPORTS

- **Emergency Service Clubs**
  - The Emergency Service Clubs looking into the opportunities for SHS and NHS Clubs this Fall 2022.
- **Chief's Report – Emergency Medical Services**
  - Attached is Chief Tiemersma's report summarizing the response data (response time, delayed calls, failed responses, and secondary response) for all the stations is attached.
  - Southern Garrett Rescue Squad needs drivers especially during the weekends.
  - One full-time Emergency Services employee is going from full-time to part-time.
  - Interviews for both part-time and full-time EMS employees will be conducted next week.
  - Aviation – attempting to be a more user-friendly system. Region I – would like to know more information when in flight about what type of call – trauma, etc. Also, if called out and not needed will view as a training call.
  - Garrett County Community Response Team has been very active responding to overdoses.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Replacement for an Emergency Service Board Citizen Representative – No updates on this item.

## NEW BUSINESS

**PUBLIC SAFETY DAY** - went very well and was well received by the public.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

- DOT inspection to be scheduled for the Hazmat Truck
- The Hazmat Truck is scheduled to be at Deer Park Signs on August 22, 2022, to be marked with county information.
- EMPG money is available for foam training
- Swift Water Rescue Team is currently training
- Search and Rescue dog located an individual that was lost.
- Cyber Incident Response Training will be held at the EOC on August 24, 2022.
- The Fire Rescue Association hopes to get everyone on the same level and agreed to pay the first year of a five-year contract.

- All Fire Department and EMS radio updates are complete. Also, added Monongalia County West Virginia.

**NORTHERN GARRETT RESCUE SQUAD**

- Updated responses to the Action Plan have been sent to John Frank and Lou Battistella.
- Supply chain issues are holding up repairing vehicles that need to be put into service.
- Vehicle 922 will hopefully be replaced August 26, 2022, then all four vehicles will be in service.
- Will evaluate vehicles 924 and 925 to see which vehicle is best to fix.
- Vehicle 921 needs the latch on the door replaced.
- NGRS now has a fully operational Board of Directors and are in good shape financially and administratively.
- There have been improvements in manpower, but it needs to get a lot better.
- Supply procurement is significantly improved since EMS staff are involved.
- There are significant concerns that NGRS can be sustained.
- The sustainability issue is a huge concern for the long run.
- NGRS onboarding process is the same as the county uses.
- EVOC – the last few hired by NGRS have EVOC training.
- Response time from station 3 is still high.
- Officially the ESB has not stated their concerns about NGRS to the Board of Garrett County Commissioners.
- With the date to be determined there will be a closed session meeting dedicated to personal matters.

A motion was made to officially notify the Board of Garrett County Commissioners of the concerns of the long-term viability of Northern Garrett Rescue Squad and about specific concerns of finances and personnel for Northern Garrett Rescue Squad. Wayne Tiemersma made the motion. John Frank seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**MIEMSS**

- New Clinician Protocols as of July 1, 2022.
- Garrett County Ambulance inspections are scheduled for October 4, 2022.
- **EMT Education Stipend Program Details**
  - Must attend a Maryland Ed Program to qualify for the stipend.
  - Must be at least 16 years of age.
  - Must finish the full program and pass the NREMT Exam and the MD Practical Exam to receive a certification.

**LOSAP** – no updates on the status of the LOSAP documents currently.

**2022 MEETING SCHEDULE**

- The 2022 Emergency Services Board meeting schedule is, 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 17, 2022, 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 4:50 p.m. on a motion by Wayne Tiemersma, which was seconded by Mark Clookie and carried unanimously.

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

LOU BATTISTELLA  
Chairman