

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

November 20, 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
Bill Ingram, General Public

GUESTS:

Shelia Mahaffey, Emergency Services
Dwayne Kitis, MIEMSS

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 August 15, 2019 were distributed for review and comment via e-mail prior to the meeting. Richard Carlson made a motion to accept the minutes. Alex Mellott seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

- **MIEMSS Report**
 - Dwayne Kitis introduced the new MIEMSS Associate Regional Director, Alex Kelly.
 - The 18th annual Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar to be held on March 13-14, 2020 at Rocky Gap.
 - FY 2019 Matching Grants Prioritization -The priorities for the monies in Garrett County are Lifepak 15s and two AED's.
 - MIEMSS – Five Year Plan Summit in Annapolis, to be held December 18, 2019.
 - Dwayne Kitis, MIEMSS is now Region I and II Administrator, which includes Garrett, Allegany, Washington and Fredrick counties.

- **Director of Emergency Services Report**
 - An overview on the status of radios was given. A Total of 68 mobile radios and 118 portables APX Triband radios purchased with a cost of \$997,766.55. With promotions and a 65% discount applied our cost savings is \$299,585.00.
 - The 911 communications will upgrade to Maryland First.
 - The Tablerock tower project is to be completed by summer of 2020.
 - EOC project waiting on second appraisal for the pre-existing building being considered.
 - Justin Orendorf named the Communications Unit Leader
 - November 6, 2019 the Western Maryland Regional "CCTA" completed a tabletop complex coordinated terrorist attack exercise.
 - The "EAP" Emergency Action Plan for the courthouse needs a few items completed for the final draft plan.
 - The Local Emergency Planning Committee work group is planning a spring/summer 2020 tabletop exercise for Garrett County's emergency response plan active shooter/active assailant.
 - National Weather Service - considering transitioning from Pittsburgh to Sterling weather services. State initiative Maryland is currently using five National Weather Station, this will attempt to consolidate information.
 - March 26, 2020 the Department of Homeland Security is providing a training for Explosive Devices, an 8-hour day course and a 2-hour evening program for volunteers.

- **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.
 - EMS Clubs – EMS clubs are currently on hold since Garrett County Schools changed their structure for club activities.
 - GCES is working to strengthen their drug box inspection procedures and is working with EMS staff, GRMC and Dr. Rikhye to finalize some changes that will be compliance with new guidelines. The process will include a system wide approach for all EMS units that maintain an ALS designation with Garrett County.
 - GCES is reviewing current statewide performance measure data obtained from January to September 2019. The areas include subsection of the following: Trauma Measures, Acute Coronary Syndrome / Heart Attack, Cardiac Arrest, Diabetes, Stroke and Pediatric Care.
 - The 951 vehicle was down for two weeks – have an agreement with J&J to get a loaner in case of a breakdown but no loaners were available. Thankful to SGCRS for the use of their backup unit.
 - Garrett County Community Resource Team - This Team will provide public educational information and resources on opioid addiction and treatment options as well as outreach and follow-up with patients treated for an overdose. Members of the Team are Garrett County Health Department - Jenny Hesse; Garrett County Emergency Services - Jessica Canan, Chris Shue, and Nathan Ford.

OLD BUSINESS

- **LOSAP**
 - The LOSAP Review Committee advised the word “vested” be taken out of the last sentence in section “c” of the Burial Benefit section. On a motion by Alex Mellott, which was seconded by Rich Ford and carried unanimously to remove the word “vested” from section “c”.
 - The LOSAP Review Committee advised to change “1” to “A ‘in the Auxiliary Section and add page as Appendix B to/Auxiliary Income Tax and Take” Ladies” out of the document. On a motion by Wayne Tiemersma, which was seconded by Rich Ford and carried unanimously to approve the afore mentioned.
 - Information needed by CBIZ in order to process benefit checks to LOSAP members was given to Fire Department Representatives.
 - The LOSAP Review Committee to review and revise the wording in section 4.1 **BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY**. Section (a) Normal Eligibility Benefit - Benefit payments shall begin on January 1st coincident with or next following the date on which the Active Volunteer meets the eligibility criteria under this Section and shall be made directly to the Active Volunteer.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bill Ingram was introduced as the new Citizen Representative on the Emergency Service Advisory Board.

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 **February 20, 2020 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 John Frank and carried unanimously.

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

LOU BATTISTELLA
Chairman