



Garrett County Emergency Services Board

May 18th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

ESB Members in Attendance

- Lou Battistella, General Public
- Wayne Tiemersma, Garrett County EMS Chief
- Alex Mellot, Garrett County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association
- Terry Spear, Northern Rescue Squad
- Justin Orendorf, Bittinger Volunteer Fire Department
- John Frank, Emergency Services
- Richard Carlson, Chief's Committee
- Mark Clookie, Southern Rescue Squad
- Bill Ingram, General Public
- Chris Nichols, General Public

Guests in Attendance

- Curtis O'Neal, Garrett County EMS Lt
- Alex Kelly, MIEMMS

Call To Order

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

Chairman Battistella introduced the newest appointed member to the board representing the general public as the 3rd citizens representative, Chris Nichols.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with 1 correction to the date of the previous meeting.

Reports

Emergency Services John Frank

- Planning his retirement at the end of August of 2023.
- Emergency Services is currently hiring for a planner to replace a recent resignation.
- Fire Marshal Cieslarczyk also has recently resigned.
- Garrett County Emergency Management is still awaiting the release of federal earmarked funds for the backup 911 center radio project.
- The hazmat team recently had a major incident involving a fire at a local machine shop with a significant oil spill into a nearby stream. The incident was successfully mitigated with assistance from local fire and rescue and MDE.

Emergency Medical Services Wayne Tiemersma

- Attached report from Chief Tiemersma showing EMS mutual aid responses, response times, call volume, failed responses, etc.

Southern Garrett Rescue Squad Mark Clookie

- There are 5 new potential EMT's coming out of the next EMT class for Southern Rescue.
- A new ambulance has been ordered and an expected 2-year delivery time is anticipated.
- Southern Rescue will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in July.

Northern Garrett Rescue Squad Terry Spear

- A new MOU has been agreed upon and signed by Northern Rescue with Garrett County Government for EMS staffing.
- An open house was held in Friendsville the department was able to recruit 4 folks for the upcoming fall EMT class.
- There are several personnel in the current EMT class and doing well.
- Northern is still struggling with repairs of ambulances due to long wait times for parts.
- A new ambulance that had been purchased a few weeks ago will be delivered in the next 2 weeks.
- After a recent meeting with Garrett County Government and the Medical Director, changes are being implemented to allow for mutual aid ambulances to be alerted on the initial alert.

Bittinger Volunteer Fire Department, Justin Orendorf

- Bittinger will be celebrating its 50th anniversary as well this year.
- 3 new EMTs have recently completed class and are finishing up their mentorship program and are on the ambulance providing care.
- The department has 3 part time personnel that assist with covering EMS shifts as needed.
- There are 2 currently in the Garrett College paramedic program and potentially 2 more starting in the fall.
- Funding to assist with volunteers wanting to take the paramedic program would be very beneficial.

New Business

- No new business was brought to the board.

Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1650.

Minutes Approved By: _____ Date: _____

Lou Battistella
Chairman



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ESB-Chiefs Report 05/18/2023

Total Calls Fails 1due/2due/Fail % Avg Dispatch to Enroute time.

February 2023

Station 1	43	0/0/0	3.23
Station 3	21	6/0/28.57%*	3.46
Station 11	99	0/0/0	2.25
Station 9	172	0/10/5.81%	3.08
Station 90	25	0/0/0	4.66

*Station 3 fail breakdown NGCRS Staff 6 (28.57%), GCES Staff 0 (0.00%)

March 2023

Station 1	67	0/0/0	3.40
Station 3	25	1 (3)/0/16%*	4.80
Station 11	88	0/0/0	1.75
Station 9	157	0/15/9.55%	3.67
Station 90	27	1/0/3.7%	3.17

*Station 3 fail breakdown NGCRS Staff 1 Fail, 3 additional (OOS) calls handled by station 11

April 2023

Station 1	51	0/0/0	3.23
Station 3	27	3 (7)/0/37.03%*	3.96
Station 11	93	0/0/0	2.03
Station 9	170	0/9/5.29%	3.10
Station 90	23	1/0/4.34%	3.21

*Station 3 fail breakdown NGCRS Staff 3 Fail, 7 additional (OOS) calls handled by station 11



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Mutual Aid calls out of the county continue to be monitored. We have increased slightly to 6.5% of call volume.

Runs by County between 2/16/2023 – 5/17/2023

Scene Incident County Name (eScene.21)	Number of Runs	Percent of Total Runs
Garrett	1,011	93.44%
Preston	21	1.94%
Somerset	21	1.94%
Grant	8	0.74%
Tucker	19	1.76%
Allegany	1	0.09%
Mineral	1	0.09%
Total: 1,082		Total: 100.00%

Average Run Time Summary Report (In Minutes) between '2/16/2023' - '5/17/2023'

Avg Unit Notified to Enroute in Minutes	Avg Unit Enroute to Arrived at Scene	Avg Unit Arrived on Scene to Left Scene	Avg Unit Left Scene to Arrived at Dest	Avg Patient Arrived at Destination to Patient Transfer of Care	Avg Patient Arrived at Destination to Unit Back in Service	Number of Runs
2.93	8.85	24.84	20.78	6.24	28.56	1,082

Transported by Destination Report between 2/16/2023 – 5/17/2023

Disposition Destination Name Delivered Transferred To (eDisposition.01)	Number of Runs	Percent of Total Runs	Disposition Type Of Destination (eDisposition.21)
Garrett Regional Medical Center (WVU) - 322	909	84.01%	Hospital - ER Dept
Western Maryland (UPMC) - 395	86	7.95%	Hospital - ER Dept
Ruby Memorial Hospital (WVU), WV - 461	39	3.60%	Hospital - ER Dept
Ruby Memorial Hospital (WVU), WV - 461	4	0.37%	Hospital - Non-ER Dept
Not Applicable	24	2.22%	
Landing Zone - 992	6	0.55%	Other
Monongalia General Hospital, WV - 271	5	0.46%	Hospital - ER Dept
Meyersdale Medical Center (Conemaugh), PA - 400	3	0.28%	Hospital - ER Dept
Other Facility - 888	3	0.28%	Other
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Total: 1,082		Total: 100.00%	



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- The ESB workgroup tasked with ongoing operation review and recruitment met once since the last ESB. Squad town halls and still pending. A proposal from GCES for a Reserve Clinician Program was reviewed. The current volunteer squads have expressed concern about a county volunteer plan. GCES and the county administration plan to discuss options for recruitment next week.
- Fire/EMS Academy shareholder group (EMS, GCC, GCBOE, MFRI) continues planning for the fall of 2024. The group is awaiting further logistical information for the final plan.
- NGCRS and GCES continue to work collaboratively for ongoing operations. A new MOU has been agreed to in principle. GCES is still awaiting final signatures from NGCRS.
- SGCRS driving coverage has stabilized. We have had minimal request for driver coverage.
- 6 additional Interfacility transports have been completed since the last ESB. This has proven to be a long-term issue. Mon EMS has stepped up their assistance to Garrett Regional with the ongoing staff shortages that County Medical is experiencing. There still remains a significant gap. All stakeholders continue to work on long-term answers.

2301825 Ruby Memorial A952	3/4/2023
2302101 Ruby Memorial A952	3/13/2023
2302229 Ruby Memorial A952	3/18/2023
2302632 Ruby Memorial A952	4/1/2023
2303550 Ruby Memorial A952	5/1/2023
2303627 Ruby Memorial A952	5/4/2023

- GCES has a few open positions remaining. Interviews of current applicants are being scheduled. Paramedic Jason Robison was just recently promoted to lieutenant and has been assigned to D shift.



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- The Garrett County QA/QI board met on May 2nd and went over the QA plan. The document is being edited and a final document should be in place by the next meeting in June (TBD). The current clinician board members are as follows.
 - EMT Sharon Paugh – BLS Volunteer
 - Paramedic Pam Frantz – ALS Volunteer
 - Paramedic Joshua Bernard – ALS Career
 - CRT Steve Smith – ALS (CRT)
 - EMT Brandon Lynch – BLS Career
 - Vacant – BLS (EMD)
 - Vacant – BLS (EMR)