

REGION I EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2018

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Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

January 18, 2018

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held January 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Frostburg Ambulance building located at 86 West Main Street, Frostburg, MD. Members in attendance included: Elizabeth Wooster, Dr. Stephanie Sisler, John Frank, Donald Dunn, Robert Pattison, Wayne Tiemersma, Alison Robinson, Diane Lee, Doug Beitzel, Kate Winfield, Todd Dyche, Alex Kelly, Allan Ward and Dwayne Kitis.

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Tiemersma at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of October 19, 2017 Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

Welcome Guests

Guest attending was Katie Salesky.

President's Report – Wayne Tiemersma

Wayne updated the group with highlights of recent meetings in the state.

- SEMSAC discussed the continued Opioid crisis accruing across the state.
- At the E-Licensure meeting today they stated that the stand-alone Affiliation forms should be available by the middle of next week. Providers must get onto the Licensure system to complete the form; Implementation has started for the Elite Platform (replaces eMEDS).
- Current Legislative items/issues include: Mobile Integrated Health is rolling out across the state; ER overcrowding – Maryland ranks worst in the nation; Automatic External Defibrillators – placement, etc.; Constantly loosing beds in the State of Maryland and pressure to reduce stays in hospitals.
- MIEMSS Executive Director search is still ongoing.
- As of Dec 2019 the National Registry will not test CRTs.

Committee Reports

Prehospital Care System – No report; No recent meeting.

Quality Improvement

The Region I Training Site Facebook page is up and running.

Bylaws/Membership- Dwayne Kitis

- See the attached Council Membership; two appointments and two reappointments were voted on and approved unanimously.
- Doug Beitzel was voting in to fill the position of Council Secretary/Treasurer. The Council officers are: President – Wayne Tiemersma, Vice President – Elizabeth Wooster, Secretary/Treasurer - Doug Beitzel.

ALS Advisory Committee / Garrett College – Doug Beitzel

- Doug gave an update on ALS training in the Region and a list of upcoming ALS classes, please see attachment.
- He also mentioned that MFRI will be asking for ALS training requests soon.

Region I Emergency Services Education Council, Inc. – Dwayne Kitis

- The Miltenberger Brochure is out and the website should be working properly now.

Garrett County Activities

Garrett Regional Medical Center – No report

Garrett County Emergency Management/Communications / Emergency Services Board / EMS – John Frank

- Opioid Intervention Drug Overdose Fatality Review meets quarterly; the Garrett County Drug Free Community Coalition meets the 1st Wednesday of each month.
- Garrett County was certified as a Storm Ready community by the National Weather Service.
- Gas dome releases and blow offs are occurring at gas wells at Texas Eastern sites.
- Meth labs are still a recurring issue.
- MIEMSS has a grant available for Narcan – reimbursement for when a patient is not transported.
- They are redoing the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Emergency Operations Plan for the county; also working on an Active Shooter Response Plan.

- A Stop the Bleed class was held for the School Board today; 15 kits have been installed in the County. They also have a Stop the Bleed course and Alice program available for any churches that are interested; houses of worship are high on the threat matrix. The County also has a draft Emergency Action Plan to offer to churches in the area.
- The County is moving forward with the State Incident Management Team; have 300 applicants statewide; seeing decreasing funds available for response now.
- New radio system – Maryland First is going live in Allegany County around June and in Garrett County in the Fall. The state field testing will probably be in March.
- The County recently hired 3 more employees for Garrett Emergency Services; now have 20 full time and 16 part-time staff.
- Garrett Emergency Services has performed 4 interfacility transports when other services were not available.

Garrett County Health Department – Diane Lee

- Flu is widespread, hitting old and young the hardest; 20 pediatric death across the nation. The vaccine may not be targeted on this strain of flu as well, but can reduce the severity of it – encourage people to get flu shot.
- Flu is also in the long-term care facilities.
- Currently have unvaccinated population being treated for Whooping Cough in area; 2 family members were exposed.

Allegany County Activities

Allegany County Emergency Management/Communications / Emergency Services Board / EMS – Robert Pattison

- Along with the grant provided by MIEMSS, Allegany Health Department also has a pot of money for reimbursement of expenses departments incur using Narcan.
- Reimbursement checks for the Hyndman Incident are being processed now.
- The grant for pagers will roll out soon.
- The radio system turn on date is set for June. Tower work still continues.
- The last meeting of the ESB was canceled.
- The last of the Safer Grant positions has been filled; almost at full staffing capacity in the county now.
- Failed/delayed rates numbers are still improving.
- The Frostburg Ambulance Board of Directors will dissolve in March; all properties have been transitioned over to the County.
- As of today, the County took delivery of another ambulance and will have another coming next Friday which will bring the total up to four.
- Training rolling out: Had First Aid Heart Saver CPR for Roads Division today; ALS Class to be held this weekend at Public Safety Building; on the 29th there will be a DNR Stop the Bleed class and Heart Saver CPR; plan on Stop the Bleed for Frostburg State University Police and another for students; in the Spring, Stop the Bleed will be going to the High Schools.

Allegany County Health Department – Alison Robinson

- The Active Shooter Drill they had went pretty well; they plan on doing yearly drills.
- The HD is doing reaccreditation process this year.
- The HD has to do Community Reception Center Planning, but don't have the resources – Allegany, Garrett, Washington and Frederick counties are all ill-equipped for his project.
- HD is receiving radios from Maryland First which will enable them to talk to DHMH and other State agencies via these radios.
- There have been 19 cold related deaths so far this year in Maryland. She also echoed sentiments concerning the flu presented earlier.

WMHS – Elizabeth Wooster

- Construction is starting on a new psych emergency department area at the Health System; the ED is also converting some beds to pediatric observation beds; parking areas have also been changed a bit, too.
- All clinics have moved back to the hospital.
- Elizabeth attended the quarterly West Virginia QA/QI Committee in Martinsburg on Nov. 16. This is a big step in getting MD and WV together talking on issues.

Allegany College of Maryland – Kate Winfield

- The new catalogs for Continuing Education are out now.

Regional Reports

Regional Medical Director – No report

Region I Specialty Center – Elizabeth Wooster

- The Trauma Center re-designation paperwork has been submitted and accepted by MIEMSS.
- Dr. Arrisueno will be stepping down as Chair of Trauma Services on May 1st; Dr. Dhungel will be the new Chair.
- Trauma Net, a group that represents 11 centers in MD which looks at injury prevention and advises the State is starting a new website. This site has a blog portion to it where the centers will be submitting items; she will be submitting an item on hyperthermia and having someone else do one on hunting safety soon.

MFRI – Todd Dyche

- A handout was provided on EMS classes in the Region. Note of interest - the new EMS Officer 1 Course is out. Please see attachment.
- Every month a 12 hr. online course that complements skills is opened up.
- Fall Course Request have been sent out online; if someone needs one, please contact Todd.
- EMT Program – there is a big push for Platinum Education registration, this helps providers get ready for National Registry and mimics the NR exam. Only 60% of students statewide use it and out of that only 20% are utilizing it fully by taking a full exam.
- Another curriculum change - they are doing away with the EMT Practical Exam testing during class.
- Students are reminded that they can come back in to their last successful point of the EMT Course to finish up the class, but this can only be done 1 time.
- MFRI has a new Director, Chief Mike Cox.

MEMA – No report

Medevac – Alex Kelly

- Service has been running smoothly in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties.
- Dwayne and Alex attended a meeting with Dr. Bess concerning the usage of State Medevac in WV. Dwayne has also had discussions with Mineral County authorities on the same subject. All are trying to mend bridges and repair relationships between Region I area and WV. Also, SYSCOM and MEDCOM have issues creating friction between them for whatever reason which adds to this problem.

CISM – Al Ward

- No calls since last meeting.
- There will be a “free” one-day course at Allegany College on March 10, 2018, Suicide Awareness for Crisis Responders.

AGCVFRA

- The association wrapped up both Line of Duty Memorial projects; there are bricks for sale to dedicate for \$25. They are looking at doing an annual ceremony at each site.
- New project is smoke detectors; a new law went into effect on Jan. 1, 2018. The Association is looking at doing fundraiser to help support departments in the installation of new detectors in the community.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition – Katie Salesky

- They have a FEMA sponsored 8 hr. course on Emergency Preparedness Plans being held in Martinsburg and 2 others in the state for Long-term Facilities to help guide them in the process.
- In the Spring, there will be a required Coalition Surge Drill for Garrett, Allegany, Washington and Frederick counties.

Career Fire & EMS – Donald Dunn

- Chief Dunn thanked Garrett County for the Narcan they provided to the City. It was a big help to Cumberland.
- In 2017 the City responded to 6686 calls for an average of 18.83 a day; Ambulance calls were 5304.
- One person was hired.
- The City has sent a letter to the County requesting help with EMS.

Commercial Ambulance – Chris Gynn

- On Feb. 1, 2018, Valley Medical will no longer have the service contract with WMHS. The new provider of the contract will be Butler Ambulance.

MIEMSS EMSC – No report

MIEMSS Region I Report – Dwayne Kitis

- 50/50 Matching Grants – Everyone will get what they put in for and we also receive some money left over from Region II.

- Dwayne updated the group on “protocols not taken list” for 2017. After the letters were sent out to providers on the original list, 31 eventually took the protocols and we also had 12 letters returned as non-deliverable. Some others on the list may have moved out of the area.
- EMS Hall of Fame – There were 18 individuals nominated this year, but the most awarded in a year will be 10. He suggested that the Prehospital Care System Committee select those to be honored this year. A motion was made and passed stating that the Prehospital Care System Committee meet and recommend up to 10 individuals from the nomination received for the MIEMSS Region I Hall of Fame and the Council will support this recommendation.

Old Business

- Prehospital Care System Committee previously recommended that all ALS providers need to do a skills competency before being recertified. But those individuals who do a lot of skills already on the ambulance runs they make just need that documented and it will be up to the County whether they accept it.

New Business

- The Council needs to officially appoint our Regional Affairs Representative. Motion was made and passed stating that Wayne Tiemersma is our Regional Affairs Representative and Robert Pattison is the backup. A letter will be sent to RAC.
- West Virginia will be adopting new EMS protocols, 2 of which are significant and may have impact in our area. They will be giving TXA in the field and also Ketamine for patients that are behaviorally uncontrollable – this is an optional protocol. If one of our MD companies has to rendezvous with a WV unit and work on the scene together and either of these two drugs is used, it is important that this be reported to the hospital.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Region I EMS Advisory Council Membership
January 18, 2018**

Member	Representation		Expiration Date
Elizabeth Wooster	Region 1 Specialty Center	No Action Required	01/15/19
Jill Spiker	Emergency Department Manager - Allegany County	No Action Required	01/15/19
Jeffrey Hinebaugh	Emergency Department Manager - Garrett County	No Action Required	01/15/19
Dr. Janelle Martin	Regional Medical Director	Appointment	01/18/21
Dr. Stephanie Sisler	Regional Pediatric Medical Director	Appointment	01/18/21
Kenneth May	Allegany County Emergency Services Board	No Action Required	01/15/19
John Frank	Garrett County Emergency Services Board	Reappointment	01/18/21
Donna Struntz	Allegany-Garrett Counties Vol. Fire & Rescue Association	No Action Required	01/15/19
Donnie Dunn	Career Fire & EMS Departments	No Action Required	01/15/19
Richard DeVore	Allegany County Department of Public Safety - Emergency Mgt & Communications	No Action Required	01/15/19
Robert Pattison	Allegany County Department of Public Safety - EMS Division	No Action Required	01/15/19
Ken Collins	Garrett County Emergency Management & Communications	No Action Required	01/19/20
Wayne Tiemersma	Garrett County Emergency Management - EMS	No Action Required	01/19/20
Chris Guynn	Commercial Ambulance	No Action Required	01/19/20
Alison Robinson	Health Department – Allegany County	No Action Required	01/15/19
Diane Lee	Health Department – Garrett County	No Action Required	01/15/19
Doug Beitzel	Education – Garrett County	No Action Required	01/19/20
Kathy Condor	Education – Allegany County	No Action Required	01/15/19
Todd Dyche	MFRI	No Action Required	01/15/19
Alex Kelly	MSP Aviation Division	No Action Required	01/19/20
Allan Ward	MCISM	Reappointment	01/18/21
Don Malaney	Public At Large – Allegany County	No Action Required	01/15/19
Cheryl Rexrode	Public At Large - Garrett County	No Action Required	01/15/19

Garrett College – ALS Training report for Region 1 EMS Advisory Council meeting

January 18, 2018 - 1900 hours - Frostburg Area Ambulance

Cohort Report and status

2016-2018 cohort – 26 students started the cohort. 22 remained at the end of the first year (Semesters I&II, Maryland CRTI). 19 students continued to the second year (Semesters III&IV) and 5 CRTI bridge students were added.

The second year was started with 24 students. During the third semester, 2 students withdrew. The third semester ended with 22 students who all continued into the 4th semester.

Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings and the course will run through May 31, 2018 with NRP testing on June 9, 2018.

2016-2018 certification report – 22 students completed the first year.

NR I'99 - 13 have completed the NR I'99 psychomotor (7 are retesting stations, 2 haven't tested)
- 12 have completed the NR I'99 written test (3 are retesting, 7 haven't tested)
- 10 are completed with all NR I'99 testing and eligible for Maryland CRTI testing and 2 haven't attempted NR I'99 testing.

Maryland CRTI – 4 students have attempted and completed start testing and are functioning Maryland CRTIs. 6 students have yet to test at state level.

2018-2020 cohort - A new cohort will beginning in September 2018. Applications are now available and due May 31, 2018. Please email: doug.beitzel@garrettcollege.edu or call 301-387-3772 for an application or if questions.

Change in certification and testing

It should be noted that NREMT will no longer provide testing at the I'99 level for states such as Maryland after 12/31/19. So the 18-20 cohort will be the last class testing at the NR I'99 level. Maryland is looking at what to do with the CRTI level and how to provide testing thereafter.

Currently NREMT provides certification and testing for EMT, AEMT and Paramedic. Maryland currently uses NREMT's EMT and Paramedic certification and testing.

Degree programs

We continue the process of working towards a full degree program through the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC).

Upcoming ALS classes:

Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) - Garrett College CTTC – 2/17 & 2/18.

Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC) - Garrett College CTTC – 3/24 & 3/25.

MFRI will be seeking request for FY19 ALS courses soon, please give feedback.



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EMS Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County (note: may not reflect entire schedule)

Report Date: January 2018

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	WMRTC	8/23/17	W/Sun	24	Testing
EMT Refresher	-	GCTTC	11/4/17	Sa/Su	12	Completed
EMT Refresher	-	WMRTC	12/2/17	Sa/Su	16	Completed
EMT Skills	-	WMRTC	12/5/17	T/Th	6	Completed
EMT	-	Southern Garrett	1/4/18	M/Th/Sa	16	Active
EMT	-	Fort Hill High	1/4/18	M/Th/Sa	9	Canceled
EMT	-	WMRTC	1/9/18	T/Sa	15	Active
<i>*EMS Officer I</i>	<i>MGMT-203-S010-2018</i>	<i>LaVale Rescue</i>	<i>4/4/18</i>	<i>M/W</i>	<i>(6)</i>	<i>Open</i>

Notes:

1. Numbers in parentheses indicate total preregistered students
2. *red color, bold, and italicized font indicates additional enrollment needed for class to start

Additional Information

1. Preregister online at <http://www.mfri.org/cgi-bin/schedule.cgi?S=Online> for the following training opportunities:
 - EMT Refresher (12 hour) – February 1
2. Fall Course Request Schedule has been distributed and due back by March 30.