

REGION I EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2016
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EMS Advisory Council Meeting

October 20, 2016

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held in the fire hall of Eastern Garrett County Volunteer Fire Department. Members in attendance included: Bill Hardy, Dr. William May, Dick DeVore, John Herath, Elizabeth Wooster, Doug Beitzel, Cheryl Rexrode, Diane Lee, Alison Robinson, and Dwayne Kitis.

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Wooster at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of July 21, 2016 Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

Welcome Guests

Guest attending included: John Donohue, Les Hawthorne, John Reginaldi, Paul Harman, and Shannon Adams.

Chairperson's Report – No report

Committee Reports

Prehospital Care System – No report

Quality Improvement – No meeting was held, but Elizabeth did refer and open case to Garrett County.

Bylaws/Membership

- It was decided to table the proposed change to the Bylaws concerning meeting dates.

ALS Advisory Committee / Garrett College

- Doug Beitzel gave an update on ALS training in the Region, please see attachment.

Region I Emergency Services Education Council, Inc.

- The Night for Stars Dinner was held on October 8 and was well attended. Dwayne thanked both counties for their donations to the event.
- Planning for the 2017 Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar is in full force now.

Garrett County Activities

Garrett Regional Medical Center – No report

Garrett County Emergency Management / ESB

- EOC project is in the planning phase and out for bids now; the project will be done in stages.
- The Emergency Services Board is dealing with an issue pertaining to LOSAP retirement payout.

Garrett County Communications – No report

Garrett County EMS

- Garrett County EMS has now taken over the McHenry area.

Garrett County Health Department – Diane Lee

- The Health Department just completed a Community Health Assessment; one of the focus groups is on EMS. A new tool for that will be launched on-line on November 1st.
- The HD is also undergoing new branding with a new logo and Facebook page.

Allegany County Activities

Allegany County Emergency Management and Communications – John Herath

- The 911 Center completed its annual inspection.
- County is moving forward with the State Radio System; final price is approximately \$7 million; expected go-live date is late 2017.
- Currently finishing construction on the Savage tower; Dan's Mountain tower and Warrior Mt. tower are moving forward also.
- EMRC Paging Group – may need to set up routine testing procedures to check on who is and who is not getting it.
- Roger Bennett is the point of contact if you are having issues with radios or dispatch.

Allegany County Emergency Services Board

- Ken May is recovering well.
- The Board is in the process of releasing appropriations; will be increased amounts for many departments; Gaming revenue and Senate Bill 508 monies will be coming out soon.
- New member-at-large on the Board is Brian Miller.
- As a result of the Trench Collapse class given at Allegany College of Maryland in September, the Commissioners will be recognizing those departments that participated on November 3.
- Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Program, 4 hour program provided by the Federal Government, will be a requirement for companies by 2018.

Allegany County EMS – John Herath

- There is a 5.25% fail rate overall in the county
- Oldtown station is no longer running ambulance calls; Morgan County EMS does not know how much longer they can help out in that area.
- On September 9 a TECC Class was held; 16 persons out of the 23 registered showed up for the course.
- Ambulance inspections are set for October 5 with BLS on the 7th.
- There will be an ACLS Refresher on October 26 at 6 p.m.
- MFRI also has ALS Refreshers coming up soon.
- A Tactical Medic Class was recently held with a grant from MIEMSS; very good class.

Allegany County Health Department – Alison Robinson

- The Health Department is pulling back on Zika related items; kits are still being provided to pregnant women.
- HD website is being updated to be more user friendly.
- Exercises for this year will include one on local bulk shipments – focusing on it being a table top exercise to be held in the spring; another exercise will be on the Active Shooter Policy which is being revamped.

WMHS

- The Health System has finished the Facility HPP Grant from DHMH. The Hospital's focus this year is for a complete plan on how to establish a new ED in the hospital should they lose the entire ED due to hazmat, flood, etc. incident.
- Flu shots are available for employees this month.
- A Base Station course was presented by Dr. May this month.
- Through the use of grants, two alert beacons are being installed outside the hospital buildings; this will alert persons trying to enter the hospital on issues occurring inside.
- A \$3.3 million grant was distributed between the three hospitals in Garrett, Allegany and Washington counties for community health. The hospitals will be focusing on improvements in a number of different ways; looking into readmissions to the hospital along with repeat users of the 911 system are two areas to be studied. Part of this will involve a Community Paramedicine Program.
- The hospital requests the Council form a workgroup to develop a regional plan for diversion status.

Allegany College of Maryland – No report

Regional Reports

Regional Medical Director – Dr. May encourage all to get their flu shots; positive cases have been seen at WMHS.

Region I Specialty Center – Elizabeth Wooster

- The Trauma designation process occurs again in 2018; there will be significant changes to COMAR by then.
- Changes/additions have been made to the Massive Transfusion Protocol.
- John Herath, Wayne Tiemersma, and Elizabeth are working on a Bleeding Control – Stop the Bleed Course; there will be a class in Garrett County on November 4 and one in Allegany County on November 2.
- Working on Adult section for Trauma Centers in COMAR; almost finished; anticipated to be in effect in 2018. Cyndy added that the Burns section was finished today.

MFRI – Todd Dyche

- A handout was provided on EMS classes in the Region. Please see attachment.
- The students that have successfully completed the EMT course but either have not taken the NREMT or have taken and been unsuccessful now have access to the Computer Adaptive Testing practice exams through Platinum Education. They just need to request a code from the MFRI Region 1 Office.
- State average NREMT scores are around 88% pass rate. With the new curriculum, rates are well above national average of 78% and many students are doing better in class.

MEMA – John Reginaldi

- MEMA is meeting with National Guard individuals to help setup Community Outreach Liaison Teams that would be available when activation of EOCs occur.
- There is a new version of Web EOC that just came out that is a lot more user friendly; training session will be held on November 3 in Washington County. A training session can also be brought up to Garrett County if we would like it.
- Damage Assessment for individual assistance, public assistance, and small business assistance training also being presented in Washington County on December 14.
- Western Maryland has been trying to coordinate an Incident Management Team, but unable to get enough people out to respond. MEMA wants to try to set up a regional or statewide team, but this is down the road a bit.
- SEOC in Garrett County will be in Oakland close to County garage.
- Washington County is in the process of designing a training center, which will be a state of the art facility for all public safety; still on paper as of now.
- November 18 there will be a Rail Car Training in Allegany County.
- There is an Emergency Management position available in Bowie area.
- Washington County will be having a full-scale exercise at their Regional Airport on April 17; they are looking for help for that exercise.
- Anyone interested in going to Alabama to the Center for Domestic Preparedness for training, please let John know.
- Winter weather forecast was sent out today.
- The MEMA facility has had a new renovation recently.

Medevac – No Report

CISM – Al Ward

- There was 1 call since the last meeting.
- A training class is set for Nov. 4, 5, and 6 at ACM. Dr. Jeff Mitchell will be the instructor. As of now, there are 40 registered with the vast majority being from Region I. A special thanks to Cresaptown and Bowling Green VFDs, Cumberland Church of the Nazarene, WMHS, and an anonymous donor for providing refreshments for the 3 days. Thanks to Kathy Condor and ACM for hosting it.

AGCVFRA – Dick DeVore

- \$10,000 has been raised to do Line of Duty Death Memorials for both counties.
- The Association is also working on fundraising for the Pat Bowser Scholarship and on legislative issues.
- MSFA noted that the state has a fund available for departments that are interested in doing any Capital Equipment purchases; it is 1% financed money.
- Next meeting is November 6, at 2 p.m., at Barton Fire Department.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition – Bill Hardy

- They are in the process of looking for a Vice Chair from Region I; no one has expressed interest yet. The Chairperson is onboard from the Region II area.
- The coordinator position is also open.

Career Fire & EMS – No report; business as usual.

Commercial Ambulance – No report

MIEMSS Region I Report – Dwayne Kitis

- Pocket Protocol Survey has been sent out.
- Ambulance and BLS First Response inspections were held in October; no major issues were found.

Guest Speakers

Les Hawthorne from MCAC, Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center:

- He looks at all Intel that comes in overnight and decides what is appropriate for the groups he is responsible for - which are fire, EMS, emergency management, and public health – then decimates it to the proper group.
- He is looking for any information on problems in our area on the heroin and fentanyl epidemic in Maryland.
- If there is an extraordinary event in our area, please let him know so that MCAC is made aware. Also, please contact him with any information on classes or problems the area is experiencing. He'd like to work with fire investigators to know what is going on and hazmat teams also, along with anything that has to do with critical infrastructure in the area.
- If you do not get MCAC alerts, please contact Les and he will send you a non-disclosure agreement for you to receive them.
- To contact Les please email him at Lester.Hawthorne@mcac.maryland.gov

John Donohue from MIEMSS:

- A week ago they sent out Expression of Interests for a grant that is specialized to Ebola; these are due on November 15. Three parts of this DHMH grant are:
 - Looking at what we are doing for High Consequence Infection Diseases for EMS
 - Hiring an Infectious Disease Coordinator shortly, and then establishing an Infectious Disease Advisory Panel to include EMS providers and Infection Control experts.
 - Designating High Consequence Infectious Disease transport teams for on scene response and interhospital transfers. (Frederick Memorial Hospital is the closest Maryland hospital to our area that is designated for Ebola)
 - They want the Councils, Health Departments, and Emergency Managers to be aware and signoff on the applications for these teams.
- Related to this grant, DHMH is also on the verge of awarded a grant to a University to assist them in putting together a Learning Management System for EMS.

Old Business

- Vote was initiated on having Dr. Stephanie Sisler as the Region 1 Pediatric Medical Director; Motion was made and passed to continue the process and contract to bring Dr. Sisler into the Pediatric Medical Director position.

New Business – None

- The 2017 Matching/Hardship Grants submissions for Region I were presented to the membership; prioritization was voted on and passed.
- The Region I Alert Policy was voted on and passed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Garrett College – ALS Training report for Region 1 EMS Advisory Meeting

October 20, 2016 1900 hours
Eastern Garrett Fire Department

2014-2016 Paramedic class

Of the 22 students completed course in June, we current have 14 students complete with NREMT testing and are currently certified as National Registered Paramedics. 4 students are retesting at the national level. 4 students still need to schedule to test at the national level.

Of the 14 student who are certified NRPs, 10 have completed the Maryland Protocol and are practicing Maryland Paramedics. 4 students still need to schedule the Maryland Protocol test.

One student also completed the Maryland CRT-I testing raising our practicing intermediate level providers to 16 MD CRTIs and 1 WV EMTI.

2016-2018 Paramedic class

26 students started the fall paramedic course on September 1st. They are currently taking A&P and the A&P final is scheduled for 10/24/16. They will then move onto Paramedic 1. All 26 students remain in the course. Clinical hours will start in the ER on 11/18/16.

Accreditation

We are currently preparing for our accreditation site visit scheduled for Dec. 8 & 9, 2016. We will be contacting clinical sites for visitation with the team.

ALS Refresher courses

The ALS Refresher course is finishing this weekend in Garrett County. The last one for Region 1 is scheduled for November: 5, 6, 19 & 20, 2016 in Allegany County at ACDPS.

New Allied Health classroom and Simulation Labs

An open house is tentatively scheduled for the new allied health classroom and simulations labs at the Garrett College Career Technology Training Center on Monday, November 7 at 5PM. Invitations will be sent, but open to all.



Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
 University of Maryland
 Western Maryland Regional Training Center
 Post Office Box 5153
 13928 Hazmat Drive
 Cresaptown, MD 21502-5153

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

Report Date: October 20, 2016

| Class | Log Number | Location | Start Date | Days | # Students | Status |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| EMT | - | TTEMS | 7/6/16 | MW/Sa | 15 | Active |
| EMT | - | WMRTC | 8/17/16 | W/Su | 25 | Active |
| EMT | - | NGCRS St. 3 | 9/26/16 | M/Th/Sa | 12 | Active |
| EMR Refresher | - | Flintstone | 10/14/16 | F/Sa/Su | 7 | Completed |
| EMT Refresher | - | Garrett College CTTC | 11/5/16 | Sa/Su | (4) | Canceled |
| <i>EMT Refresher</i> | <i>EMS-203-S010-2017</i> | <i>WMRTC</i> | <i>12/3/16</i> | <i>Sa/Su</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) – December 1
2. Student Council Initiative – Meeting will be held at WMRTC on Monday, November 14 starting at 1830 hours. Students of current MFRI classes are welcome to attend this information exchange.
3. Region 1 Advisory Meeting will be held at WMRTC on Thursday, November 17 starting at 1830 hours. MFRI Assistant Director Larry Preston will be in attendance. Please let me know if you plan on attending. Invites were sent via email but all are welcome to attend.

MIEMSS Region I
Matching/Hardship Grants
FY 2017 SUBMISSIONS

| COUNTY | COMPANY | OPTIONS | EXPANDED SERVICE | REPLACE | TOTAL COST | REIMBURSE | COMPANY PAY | PRIORITY |
|---------------------|--|--|------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Allegany (50/50) | Allegany County Dept of Emergency Services | Lifepak 15 | | Yes | \$27,554.68 | \$13,777.34 | \$13,777.34 | 6 |
| Allegany (50/50) | Cresaptown VFD | Lifepak 15 V4 (3) | | Yes | \$96,806.83 | \$48,403.42 | \$48,403.42 | 2, 7, 9 |
| Allegany (50/50) | Flintstone VFC | Lifepak 15 | | Yes | \$29,203.50 | \$14,601.75 | \$14,601.75 | 3 |
| Allegany (50/50) | Geroge's Creek Ambulance | Lifepak 15 | | | \$29,554.68 | \$14,777.34 | \$14,777.34 | 5 |
| Allegany (50/50) | Orleans VFC | Lifepak 1000 (Kit 1) - (2); Electrode Infant/Child Starter Kit (2) | Yes | Yes | \$4,639.50 | \$2,319.75 | \$2,319.75 | 1, 10 |
| Garrett (50/50) | Garrett County Dept of Public Safety | Lifepak 15 V4 (2) | Yes | | \$69,909.36 | \$34,954.68 | \$34,954.68 | 4, 8 |
| Grand Totals | | | | | \$257,668.55 | \$128,834.28 | \$128,834.28 | |

| Priority | Name | amount | % funded | |
|----------|---------------------|-------------|----------|--------------------|
| 1 | Orleans VFC | \$1,159.88 | 50% | |
| 2 | Cresaptown VFD | \$11,407.53 | 39% | |
| 3 | Flintstone VFC | \$11,407.53 | 39% | |
| 4 | Garrett County DPS | \$11,407.53 | 39% | |
| 5 | Georges Creek Ambu | \$11,407.53 | 39% | \$46,790.00 |
| 6 | Allegany County DES | | 0% | |
| 7 | Cresaptown VFD | | 0% | |
| 8 | Garrett County DPS | | 0% | |
| 9 | Cresaptown VFD | | 0% | |
| 10 | Orleans VFC | | 0% | |