

REGION I EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2024
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Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

January 18, 2024

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held on January 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Members attending were: Al Ward, Alison Robinson, Doug Beitzel, Dr. Janelle Martin, Jennifer Ritchie, Justin Orendorf, Kimberly Gordon, Lori Peck, Mike Salvadge, Richard DeVore, Sam Grant, Shannon Adams, Scott Whetsell, Wayne Tiemersma, and Alex Kelly.

The meeting was called to order by Alison Robinson at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of October 19, 2023 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Welcome Guests

Paul Harman, NGCRS; Amber Ganoë, WVU GRMC; Colin Graham, MHA; Marissa Arnone, MDH; Dr. Rameen Shafiej, UPMC Western MD; and Cyndy Wright-Johnson, MIEMSS

President's Report –no report

Committee Reports

Prehospital Care System – No report

Quality Improvement – No report

Bylaws/Membership

There were two changes to the Council Membership list for 2024. Lori Peck was appointed to fill the position that Diane Lee vacated under the Garrett County Health Department and Derick Crippen was also voted in to fill the Garrett Co EMS position.

ALS Advisory Committee / Garrett College – Doug Beitzel

- An update on ALS training in the Region was provided, please see attachment.

Region I Emergency Services Education Council, Inc. – Wayne Tiemersma

- The Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar brochure is out now. Please distribute it widely.
- There are two positions that need to be filled on this council and a meeting will be held soon to discuss the issue.

Garrett County Activities

Garrett Regional Medical Center – Kim Gordon

- Shelby Dilly is now our full-time Base Station Coordinator.
- Amber Ganoë is the new Director for the ED and ICU.
- A Base Station course was held recently; she thanked Jeff Hobbs from UPMC WMD for his help.
- Thanked all of Garrett County EMS who have helped them tremendously whenever there have been some extremely critical patients who needed transport. They have helped us several times and we greatly appreciate it.
- The hospital will have a ground crew that will be available to them 24/7 and will be housed on the Garrett Regional Medical Center campus with an ALS crew.

Garrett County Emergency Services & Emergency Services Board – Sam Grant; Emergency Manager

- Derek Crippen has been selected as the new EMS Chief for the County; he started this past week.
- Dr. Rikhye, our Medical Director officially resigned his position today. Dr. Martin has very graciously stepped up to be interim for us until we're able to get a new Medical Director in place. We're hoping to move forward quickly on that process.

Garrett County Emergency Management & Communications- Justin Orendorf

- The backup 911 Center project is underway; getting equipment ordered now. Hopefully, in six to eight months from now we'll have that project finished.

Garrett County Health Department – Lori Peck

- The last COVID clinic has been finished at the Health Department, but COVID vaccinations are available and anyone can call and set up an appointment to schedule one. COVID testing still is available with the HD at this time and we have free over the counter COVID tests at the libraries and in the hallways of the HD.
- Their Health Officer, Bob Stevens, is set to retire at the end of April. There is a job application on the website.

Allegany County Activities

Allegany County Emergency Management / Communications

- The new CAD should be up soon; go live date is in February.

Allegany County Emergency Services Board – Scott Whetsell

- There's been some discussion about updating the ambulance alert and response policy. The EMS Chiefs Subcommittee met in the last couple weeks and came up with the latest revision draft to go in, so that's has to be voted on. The Emergency Services Board has a meeting next month.

Allegany County EMS – Mike Salvadge

- We have been approved for RSI; are in the final stages of getting that program wrapped up and started. We will have two units within the county that will have the RSI stuff on them and a portable vent on each; the unit that's stationed in LaVale also will have RSI capability.
- One of our big pushes from our Resuscitation Academy is trying to find a way to get AEDs in all the patrol cars for the police departments. We're in the planning stages of trying to get that off the ground. Biggest hurdle we're going to have is the annual training of CPR to 10% of the County population.
- We're developing a peer support group within the department and it will be open to all providers in the county. It is not going to deal with system things. It's going to be for people to get help with things such as the aftermath of events or any kind of problem that people may be dealing with and want to talk to someone about.

Allegany County Health Department – Allison Robinson

- The HD is looking for a new Health Officer. Dr. Junie Delizo resigned a couple of months ago. So, unfortunately, we only had him for about four months before he resigned. They have changed things up a little bit for the position and are also looking at individuals with a public health background, but have a bachelor's degree.
- Are in the process of revamping all of our Plans.
- We are still doing COVID testing and still handing out tests.
- The HD is getting the Family Planning Program back in Allegheny County again

UPMC Western Maryland – No report

Allegany College of Maryland – No report

Regional Reports

Regional Medical Director – Dr. Janelle Martin

- She formally thank Dr. Rikhye for all his years of service to Garrett County as the Garrett County EMS Medical Director.
- One of the biggest issues is the respiratory virus season that we are in the middle of now. Maryland's hospitalizations for COVID, influenza, RSV and all other respiratory viruses are significant. We may be pulling out of the very, very high volume right now. She is encouraging all EMS to pay attention to PPE; would very strongly recommend employing universal face masking for all clinicians and patients as tolerated during patient encounters, but specifically for respiratory viruses or respiratory symptoms. Most Healthcare facilities have requested universal masking, too.
- There are multiple changes for protocol that will be going into effect in the summer. There's actually quite a few of them.

Region I Specialty Centers – Jeff Hobbs, no report.

MFRI – Todd Dyche

- A handout was provided on EMS classes in the Region.

Medevac – Rick DeVore

- The 2023 numbers for whole blood use by the Command: The Aviation Command transported 63 patients and administered 77 units.
- Right now, obviously with winter and the weather here, Trooper 5 may not always be able to get to you with the aircraft. However, we have a medic at the section, even if we are down for the weather. So, if you guys on the ground feel like blood or RSI is a potential, by all means request us and we can head your way VIA ground.
- Recently, the Command announced annual awards. Two of the awards, Pilot of the Year and Non-commissioned Officer of the Year were both members from Trooper 5.

- Right now is the time to get something scheduled for springtime, if any Departments want to do demos or training, so that we can start planning and do some outreach and go from there. If anybody has any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

CISM – Al Ward

- No calls for service since the last Council meeting.
- The ICISF is now offering the basic course for CISM members online. If anybody's interested in doing that, there's a couple of them coming up in the spring. You can check with their website on the dates and the costs and everything and then get with me for an application and we'll go from there.
- As always we're here 24/7, call us if you need us.

AGCVFRA – Jonathon Dayton was unable to attend, but emailed an update to members.

- The legislative session is upon us. If you want to track fire and EMS legislation, I would encourage you to sign up for the Maryland State Firemen's Association weekly updates.
- As for the AGCVFRA, we have suspended the relief fund for 2024 until we can find and agree upon a solution for financial sustainability.
- The next meeting is at Bowman's Addition on February 11th.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition – Colin Graham

- He is the new Regions I & II Coordinator
- They have the new Link systems.
- We purchased Stop the Bleed new trainers and supplies from Rescue Essentials; with both laceration and gunshot wound. We're getting about 300 gallons of simulated blood (the powder form) and we're buying about a thousand fold combat gauze for the trainers. As always, if you are doing training, just reach out to us if you need something.

Career Fire & EMS – Chief Adams

- It's been a little busy for the last couple weeks. We've had to have the County come in and handle some calls; they've been backing us up. Trying to keep an ambulance on the streets as quick as we can.
- As of a couple weeks ago, we became fully staffed again.
- We are in the process of going to new priority dispatching with the County.

Commercial Ambulance – No Report

MIEMSS

Cyndy Wright Johnson emailed members an update on EMSC activities. (January updates and handouts). She was also on the call to give highlights on upcoming activities:

- The Pediatric Champion Forums for 2024 have been scheduled and the dates sent to each champion – EMS, RN ED and Physician ED where we have them identified. Please reach out with any questions or to provide contact information for hospital Pediatric Champions- our group email is pedsready@miemss.org.
- Winterfest 2024 is the first weekend in February. Miltenberger EMS & Trauma Conference is the second weekend in March. EMSC is hosting an all-day Pediatric Skills and Simulation preconference on Friday before both conferences. Please join us – it will be fun. Moulage, child actors, parent actors and of course pediatric Champion and EMSC faculty leading 5 simulations through the day. Registration brochure have been posted on FB and websites.
- March 23, 2024 is the annual Public Fire & Life Safety Educator seminar held at MFRI HQ in College Park – the registration information and agenda are attached. Registration is OPEN on the MFRI website under seminars. Annual reminder that Star of Life and Right Care awards for activities/ action between January 1 and December 31, 2023 is attached in the EMSC update and the Right Care handout. DUE Date March 29, 2024
- January EMSC update that was attached - also has links to pediatric resources and national updates.
- 2024 list of conferences that was sent out is a working document that will be updated bimonthly as we receive more information.

Old Business - None

New Business

- The Council membership needs to select someone to fill the Vice President position that Diane Lee held and the new person must be from Garrett County. Nominations were asked for and Lori Peck's name was presented; no other nominations were made and a vote was held and passed selecting Lori as the new Vice President. She graciously accepted.
- Doug Beitzel was selected by the EMS Board to be the new SEMSAC representative for our Council.

- Al Ward inquired about the policy of having Allegany and Garrett ambulances dispatched to calls in Eastern Garrett County's territory. Mike Salvadge from AC Dept. of Emergency Services, and Sam Grant with GC Emergency Management both spoke on the matter to help clarify the situation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



**Garrett College
ALS Training report for
Region 1 EMS Advisory Council**

January 18, 2024 - 1900 hours
online

2022-2024 cohort – The cohort is in its last semester. We retain 20 students. This will be a busy semester as they complete their capstone and other clinicals requirements. The last day of class will be May 7th. NREMT psychomotor testing is scheduled for May 18th. Graduation is set for Tuesday, May 14th at 7 p.m. in the Garrett College Performing Arts Conference room. The Council is invited.

Paramedic accelerated hybrid – This cohort has 9 students. One withdrew due to time, and one failed the fall semester due to clinicals. They meet on Wednesdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for in-person lecture review and skills. All lecture content is online. Following the capstone clinical time, graduation is expected in the first part of September 2024. This cohort will only have the NREMT written exam with no psychomotor.

Fall 2024 cohort – Applications for the 2024-2026 two-year evening program, and the 2024-2025 daytime hybrid program will open March 1. If interested, contact us to get on the interest list and begin that conversation.

Accreditation – Our 5-year reaccreditation is underway. We completed our self-study and have already received our Executive Analysis. Our site visit is expected in July – December of 2024.

Health Sciences partnerships – Partnerships between Garrett, Allegany, Potomac State, and Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College continue with the paramedic program being the first program to collaborate on. There was a meeting at Garrett College canceled this week due to the weather. In the process of rescheduling.

MFRI ALS courses in Region 1

2/19/24-2/22/24 – ALS Refresher - – ***LOW ENROLLMENT per MFRI***

MFRI Western Maryland Regional Training Center

11/20/23-11/21/23 – Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS)

MFRI Western Maryland Regional Training Center

4/1/24-4/4/24 – ALS Refresher - – ***LOW ENROLLMENT per MFRI***

Garrett College CTTC



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EMS Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County

Report Date: January 2024

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	Cresaptown	4/5/23	W/Sun	17	Completed
<i>*EMS Officer I</i>	<i>MGMT-203-S002-2024</i>	<i>GCCTTC</i>	<i>3/12/24</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>(9)</i>	<i>Open</i>
EMT Refresher	-	Bowling Green	10/22/23	Sun	21	Completed
EMT	EMS-106-S012-2024	WMRTC	1/11/24	Th/Sat	20	Active
<i>*EMT</i>	<i>EMS-106-S042-2024</i>	<i>GCCTTC</i>	<i>2/21/24</i>	<i>W/Sun</i>	<i>(4)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMR</i>	<i>EMS-105-S004-2024</i>	<i>GCCTTC</i>	<i>2/26/24</i>	<i>M/Sat</i>	<i>(3)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT Refresher</i>	<i>EMS-203-S041-2024</i>	<i>WMRTC</i>	<i>3/4/24</i>	<i>M/W</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>Open</i>
EMT Refresher	EMS-203-S040-2024	GCCTTC	4/13/24	Sat/Sun	(12)	Open / Active
<i>*EMR Refresher</i>	<i>EMS-207-S006-2024</i>	<i>WMRTC</i>	<i>4/15/24</i>	<i>M/W</i>	<i>(5)</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