

REGION I EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
OCT. 20, 2022
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Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

October 20, 2022

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held on Oct. 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at UPMC Western Maryland. Members attending included: Jeff Hobbs, Kim Gordon, Jonathan Dayton, Justin Orendorf, Wayne Tiemersma, Alison Robinson, Diane Lee, Doug Beitzel, Rick DeVore, Dwayne Kitis and Alex Kelly from MIEMSS.

The meeting was called to order by Doug Beitzel at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of July 21, 2022 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Welcome Guests

Scott Whetsell and Paul Harman.

President's Report – Doug Beitzel; No report

Committee Reports

Prehospital Care System – No report

Quality Improvement – No report

Bylaws/Membership

- The Council Membership list was voted on and approved.

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. – Dwayne Kitis

- The Miltenberger Committee is working on finalizing the conference schedule.

Garrett County Activities

Garrett Regional Medical Center – Kim Gordon

- All is going fine; no pediatric problems so far; not a whole lot of COVID lately either.
- The Hospital's Base Station recertification has been done.

Garrett County Emergency Management

Wayne reported that the Active Assailant Table Top for County supervisors went well.

Garrett County Communications – Justin Orendorf

- The 911 center is fully staffed.
- There has been no change in the backup Center project.
- They have now cut over to Next Generation 911; no issues and working fine.
- The Garrett County Board of Education got a grant to purchase radios for the schools and buses in the county; installation starts next week on the buses.

Garrett County ESB and EMS – Wayne Tiemersma

- The ESB has been looking at the overall health of NGCRS; things were identified in August that need to be worked on.
- The ESB has also asked that all organizations throughout the county be looked at to see if there are any issues.
- A weather ops. meeting was held yesterday with Garrett County agencies to give all an educated look at what to expect this winter; basically expecting similar to last year, overall mild.
- Ambulance inspections were conducted on Oct 4; went pretty well.
- The Community Resource Team in Garrett County has lost a few individuals and calls have also increased lately for assistance from the team.

Wayne gave a report on SEMSAC also:

- MIH (Mobile Integrated Health) is working on a definitions page on billing for Medicare and Medicaid. New billing will fall under categories MIH 1 level and MIH 2 level.
- A subcommittee of SEMAC is taking a look at what defines a Jurisdictional EMSOP and what is the benefit of having new EMSOPs in an area.
- National Registry issue from last meeting will go before the BLS Committee to discuss whether Maryland BLS recertification should align more with the National Registry's requirement of 40 hrs. over 2 years instead of the State's requirement of 24 hrs. over 3 yrs.; or at least get closer to the content required by the National Registry.

Garrett County Health Department – Diane Lee

- The Health Department is still offering COVID booster shots at Oakland on Tuesdays and in Grantsville on Fridays. People can sign up for them on their website.
- COVID testing is available at the HD on Monday/Wednesday/Friday.
- Flu shot clinics are taking place in Oakland on Thursdays and in Grantsville on Fridays. They can also sign up for this on their website.
- Flu Mist is being offered in Middle Schools and High Schools.

Allegany County Activities

Allegany County Emergency Management / Communications / EMS – No report

Allegany County Emergency Services Board – No report

Allegany County Health Department – Alison Robinson

- In August Janelle Mayer, Allegany County Health Officer for the Health Department, stepped down and the new Acting Health Officer is Margaret Wright.
- The HD held a Code Silver Active Shooter Drill on October 5. There were a lot of new people who had not taken part in drills before, so it went as well as could be expected under those circumstances.
- The HD is still very much involved in COVID and providing testing 3 days a week. Vaccinations for COVID and flu are also available for the public.
- There is still a lot of PPE for anyone who needs it. Please call Alison if your company could use some.
- The HD has rapid COVID tests and are sending them out to different sites such as libraries, daycare centers, etc.

UPMC Western Maryland – Jeff Hobbs

- Floor 7 remains open for COVID patients.
- The triage area in the ED is now bulletproof for staff safety.
- The helipad has been off limits during daytime hours since last Monday; this project was to be done by the end of October, but doesn't seem near completion.

Allegany College of Maryland – No Report

Regional Reports

Regional Medical Director – No report

Regional Pediatric Medical Director – No report

Region I Specialty Centers – Jeff Hobbs

- They received the Platinum Award from the American College of Cardiology for STEMI care; only two Centers in the state received the award. This is not the first time they have received this award.

MFRI – Todd Dyche

- A handout was provided on EMS classes in the Region; please see attachment.

MDEM – No report

Medevac – Rick DeVore

- The rooftop helipad at Ruby Memorial Hospital is now open for Medivac.
- The Early Activation Policy for Medivac has been pushed out; the point is to get the aircraft on scene as quickly as possible.

CISM – No report

AGCVFRA – Jonathan Dayton

- The MSFA has received the SAFER Grant for the past 3 years for a little over a million dollars. These funds have helped them to implement a mentorship program for Fire/EMS departments to help with recruitment and retention; due to this funding the northeastern portion of the state now has a Recruitment and Retention Coordinator; and a Marketing Manager position for the whole state was also created.
- The National Volunteer Fire Council has a new Mental Health program for 1st Responders.
- The new Association website is live now.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition

The Executive Board met today. They still have not hired a replacement for the position that Megan Roderick held.

Career Fire & EMS – Doug Beitzel

- Personnel numbers are the main problem now; they are hiring for 4-5 open slots and also have 2 people that just came out of the Academy.
- The new hiring advertisement out is for Firefighter EMT level; the ALS requirement has been dropped.
- Engine 1 needs replaced; they have found an engine and squad from Pierce which will be here sometime around March or April.
- The Department is specking out an ambulance to fit in the Cumberland South End Fire Station.
- They are also buying an ambulance from District 16 to use.

Commercial Ambulance – No report

Wayne mentioned that sometimes lately there has not been a commercial ambulance available in Garrett County and one night there wasn't any available in Allegany or Garrett County. This is a concern for the area.

MIEMSS

Region I Report – Dwayne Kitis

- Region I Hall of Fame presentation were made to Jeff Hinebaugh, Bill Herbaugh, and Bill Beeghly since the last Council meeting.

Old Business - None

New Business

- Notice was sent out that the Region needed to nominate 3 individuals for the SEMSAC position that Wayne Tiemersma currently holds since his term is almost up. The Council membership nominated Wayne, Doug Beitzel, and Mike Salvage; the nominations were voted on and passed unanimously. The nominations will be passed on to SEMSAC for their decision.
- The statewide Volunteer position on SEMSAC, which Justin Orendorf holds, is also opening up. Justin was nominated again, voted on and passed unanimously. His nomination will also be sent to SEMSAC.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

**Region I EMS Advisory Council Membership
October 20, 2022**

Member	Representation		Expiration Date **
Jeff Hobbs	Region 1 Specialty Center	No Action Required	01/15/24
Wendy Helms	Emergency Department Manager - Allegany County	No Action Required	01/15/25
Kim Gordon	Emergency Department Manager - Garrett County	No Action Required	01/15/25
Dr. Janelle Martin	Regional Medical Director	No Action Required	01/15/24
Dr. Stephanie Sisler	Regional Pediatric Medical Director	No Action Required	01/15/24
VACANT	Allegany County Emergency Services Board		01/15/24
John Frank	Garrett County Emergency Services Board	No Action Required	01/15/24
Jonathan Dayton	Allegany-Garrett Counties Vol. Fire & Rescue Association	Reappointment	01/15/26
Shannon Adams	Career Fire & EMS Departments	No Action Required	01/15/25
VACANT	Allegany County Dept. of Emergency Services - Emergency Mgt & Communications		01/15/25
VACANT	Allegany County Dept. of Emergency Services - EMS Division		01/15/23
Justin Orendorf	Garrett County Emergency Management & Communications	Reappointment	01/15/26
Wayne Tiemersma	Garrett County Emergency Management - EMS	Reappointment	01/15/26
Scott Flaskamp	Commercial Ambulance	Reappointment	01/15/26
Alison Robinson	Health Department – Allegany County	No Action Required	01/15/25
Diane Lee	Health Department – Garrett County	No Action Required	01/15/25
Doug Beitzel	Education – Garrett County	Reappointment	01/15/26
Kathy Condor	Education – Allegany County	No Action Required	01/15/25
Todd Dyche	MFRI	No Action Required	01/15/25
Rick DeVore	MSP Aviation Division	Reappointment	01/15/26
Allan Ward	MCISM	No Action Required	01/15/24
Jennifer Ritchie	Public At Large – Allegany County	No Action Required	01/15/24
Cheryl Rexrode	Public At Large - Garrett County	No Action Required	01/15/24



Garrett College
ALS Training report for
Region 1 EMS Advisory Council

October, 2022 - 1900 hour

– UPMC

2022-2024 cohort – The cohort started on Sept 1, 2022. We have total of 23 students, 3 are taking the full program for their AAS degree. The class is completing A&P today, and will begin paramedic I next week. This will continue through Christmas break and cover preparatory, pharmacology / IV and airway. Students will begin ER & OR clinicals in January. Students are currently collecting and turning in required immunization records to be ready.

5 paramedic providers are currently enrolled in the Paramedic AAS degree program. They applied for life experience, and were given 30 credits, leaving only the general education requirements to complete.

Accreditation – Our 5-year reaccreditation will begin with our self-study due to arrive in November. We will have 6 months to complete, then a site visit team will schedule a 2 day visit to inspect the program. Our annual report was submitted prior to the May 15th deadline and approved.

ALS Refresher – Allegany County Department of Emergency Services completed their ALS refresher last week. Garrett College already completed one this past spring. So that was the last local refresher course for those ALS providers expiring in March 2023. ALS requests for next year are being submitted to MFRI right now.

ALS (MFRI) courses being offered in Region 1

11/10/22 – 11/11/22 – **Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC)**

Garrett College CTTC

11/12/22 - 11/13/22 – **Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)**

Allegany County Department of Emergency Services



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 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

Report Date: October 2022

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	Cresaptown	3/12/22	W/Sat	11	Completed
EVO	-	Bittinger	8/7/22	Sun	12	Completed
EMT	-	Cresaptown	9/22/22	Th/Sat	29	Active
EMT Refresher	-	Cresaptown	9/25/22	Sun	11	Completed
EMT Refresher	EMS-203-S006-2023	GCCTTC	10/22/22	Sat/Sun	(10)	Open / Active
*EVO	<i>FIRE-130-S008-2023</i>	<i>LaVale Rescue</i>	<i>10/29/22</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>(8)</i>	<i>Open</i>
Haz Mat Ops	HM-102-S015-2023	Shaft	11/5/22	Sat	(12)	Open / Active
*EMT Skills	<i>EMS-202-S007-2023</i>	<i>Cresaptown</i>	<i>11/28/22</i>	<i>M/W</i>	<i>(3)</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. Renovation project at WMRTC is progressing well. On target completion is now Spring 2023. All classes in Allegany County will be held at the renovated facility, once completed.
2. Spring courses will be posted on the MFRI website soon.