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APRIL 18, 2024
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Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

April 18, 2024

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held on April 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Members attending were: Al Ward, Alison Robinson, Derek Crippen, Doug Beitzel, Dwayne Kitis, Janelle Martin, Jennifer Ritchie, Jonathan Dayton, Kathy Condor, Lori Peck, Mike Salvadge, Richard DeVore, Sam Grant, Scott Whetsell, Shannon Adams, Wendy Helms and Wayne Tiemersma

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

Approval of January 18, 2024 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Welcome Guests

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

President's Report – no report

Committee Reports

Prehospital Care System – Committee will be meeting before the next Council meeting to go over a few things including re-designation for jurisdictions.

Quality Improvement – No report

Bylaws/Membership

There are still two openings on the Council Membership – one for the position of Allegany County Department of Emergency Management Communications, and the other for the Regional Pediatric Medical Director.

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 was held in March; went well with reviews from the participants being excellent.
- Next Monday night will be the after-action meeting for the 2024 Seminar and then we will start planning soon for the next seminar, which is set for March 7-8, 2025.

Garrett County Activities

WVU Medicine Garrett Regional Medical Center – Amber Ganoë for Kim Gordon

- An EMS replenishment protocol has been worked out so that they can have drug boxes with certain medications, no narcotics, but things that are heavily utilized changed out at the hospital when needed. That procedure was developed and the process will go live on April 23, 2024; communication will be sent out whenever that is ready.

Garrett County Emergency Services Board / Emergency Management & Communications – Sam Grant; Emergency Manager

- In February Dr. Rameen Shafiei was brought on as our new Medical Director.
- Working on a revamp of our QA program.
- Also working on internal continuing education.
- Finally received all of the approvals from FEMA for the new 911 backup center. A deposit has been put down on the contract and have finally started receiving equipment. Optimistically, the project should be up and running by this summer or fall, and hopefully this time next year that Center will be fully functional.

Garrett County Emergency Medical Services – Derek Crippen

- EMS Department is revamping some of our SOGs, procedures and policies. We are also doing some response evaluation and data analysts on that, so we can see which areas we're lacking in and which areas some improvements can be made for response times and coverage.
- We've joined up with Allegany County with a new joint training program between our counties that will allow Clinicians to freely go to training in either county for more continuing ED hours for both jurisdictions.

Garrett County Health Department – Lori Peck

- We are partnering with Allegany Health Department to put together a CPR / First Aid class. We need 14 attendees and it's to strengthen our Maryland Medical Response Corps - our volunteer group. Anyone who would like to participate needs to go on line first to start the process.
- The HD is hosting a group of ECHO (Exploring Careers in Health Occupations) students to provide educational information for those students. It will be held on July 24th starting at 11:30 at the Health Department. There are three scholarships (\$150) available for three Garrett County students to attend; students can apply online at the Garrett County Health Department website.
- The HD also held a Health Fair recently.

Allegany County Activities

Allegany County Emergency Management / Communications – Mike Salvadge

- Recently implemented the new CAD system at the 911 Center. If you have any issues or see a problems with it, please get hold of Chief Shipley. The big thing for us is now having an electronic handshake that's working with EMAIS again, so we can upload our reports from CAD.

Allegany County Emergency Services Board – Scott Whetsell

- The pre-alerts have been reinstated on all EMS Echo level calls, as well as fire calls that indicate either active fire or active smoke showing.
- The new Officer Standards went into effect officially January 1, 2024, with a hard stop date of April 1, 2024 for those companies who were not in compliance with the new standards. There's still a couple companies that they are working on getting them up to standards and until their standards are met the County allocation funds are being withheld from those companies to make sure that they meet the training standard requirements.
- An updated Mutual Aid Agreement has been produced by the County and is going around to all the EMS and fire departments in the county to sign. The last Mutual Aid Agreement was from 20 plus years ago and nothing contextually has actually changed about it. It just needs updating with the new people.
- Ambulance Response Policy - there was an update to the response policy that was adopted by the board in February. There's still some changes that need made on it to get it up to the latest standards. We're waiting on that to come back to the Emergency Services Board with all the latest standards from the group.

Allegany County EMS – Mike Salvadge

- They're running an Academy EMS Officer class. It's starting in the next couple weeks. If anybody has providers that would like to go through this, have them get with Sue Clark-Cecil.
- Through the establishment of our Resuscitation Academy, the first ever Phoenix Awards were recently held. These awards are for all the people involved from dispatch to hospital personnel that cared and help save a patient suffering from cardiac arrest. Those saves are considered somebody who went into out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and received life saving measures, then continued in the hospital and were discharged with little or no deficiencies. I believe we've had six of them this year to date which is more that we've had traditionally annually.
- The vents are all up and running. There are two in the county now; one on the supervisors Chase truck and one on the truck in LaVale with the Sergeant. Also, we have conducted one successful RSI since that program went live a handful of weeks back, so that service is also available.

Allegany County Health Department – Alison Robinson

- The HD is still looking for a new Health Officer.
- They are in the process of revamping a lot of their Plans.
- The Reproductive Health Program has come back to the Health Department; it will be active July 1st.

UPMC Western Maryland / Region I Specialty Centers – Wendy Helms

- Chrissy Lechliter was named the CNO Vice President, Patient Services effective January 28th.
- UPMC just signed a contract with Vesper for commercial ambulance service. That'll probably be taking effect in June.
- We have a telestroke program that's up and running since February. When EMS come in with strokes, we do that shortstop before we take them over to CAT scan and we go on and do a telestroke consult with UPMC providers.
- UPMC just started performing TAVR at the end of February, which is a transcatheter aortic valve replacement. It's an alternative to open heart surgery for patients with aortic valve disease and it's minimally invasive; that's been going very well.

Allegany College of Maryland – Kathy Condor

- Dave Smarik is now over our CPR area.
- Kathy is planning to retire in January 2025. Melanie Chapman would likely be the person to contact as Kathy's replacement on this committee.

Regional Reports

Regional Medical Director – Dr. Janelle Martin

Dr. Martin gave an overview of the protocol changes for 2024 that will go into effect as of July 1, 2024

MFRI – Todd Dyche

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

Medevac – Rick DeVore

- MSP and the Aviation Command were on the initial response and recovery for the Francis Scott Key bridge collapse incident, and continue to staff the command post and manage the TFR that's around that incident.
- With personnel changes within the departments lately, they recognized the need for a refresher on LZ safety. So, if the counties could work together and get departments together to schedule a demo for LZ safety, that would be great and he'll reach out then to get those organized.
- Need to continue using the early activation policy and if they're not needed it will be converted to a training flight. Looking back, the time savings is very significant and it's obviously in the patient's best interest.
- They continue to staff whole blood on all of the aircraft. If for whatever reason we're down for weather and can't get an aircraft out, logistically we'll try to work out to rendezvous with you so that we can actually get that whole blood delivered to the scene.
- Recently the Aviation Command has worked with all the counties across the state, as far as with active 911 alerts, trying to tie in the county CAD systems. Whenever there's that initial call that would implement an aircraft response we're actually getting the alerts almost immediately, and it just further launches us quickly to get to the scene as early as possible
- If anybody needs anything from Trooper 5, just reach out to Rick.

CISM – Al Ward

- They had one call out since the last Council meeting. Call if you need them; available 24/7.

AGCVFRA – Jonathon Dayton

- Allegany/Garrett's convention will be the first Saturday of June at Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Company in Cumberland. If you want to attend, it will begin at noon. We will have sessions throughout the afternoon and then an awards dinner and memorial service that evening starting at 5pm; tickets for food are \$25 (includes lunch & dinner). The awards submissions are open until May 1st. You can go online to our website and fill that form out. The only thing we're asking is that the Department Chief or President fill that out for the nomination.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition – No Report

Career Fire & EMS – Chief Shannon Adams

- Our call volume keeps going up. We've hit the highest calls we've seen in the month this past March; between fire and EMS we were 50 calls above what was before for the month and we've also cut some mutual aid back a little bit.
- We're getting ready to graduate six new paramedics from the Garrett College program and one is finishing out in the hybrid. So, we're hoping by the end of the year to have seven new paramedics to help with the call volume.
- We did apply for a Safer Grant; trying for nine positions.
- We were set to get two new ambulances, but then found out about a month ago that we'd be lucky to see them by this October.

Commercial Ambulance – No Report

MIEMSS

Wayne Tiemersma

- Cyndy Wright Johnson emailed members an update on EMSC activities.
- Randy Linthicum is the new Deputy Director at MIEMSS.
- In July, we will have the MIEMSS Region I Emergency Medical Services Hall of Fame inductions. We'll be starting that process here in the next few weeks and want to make sure that we are getting a comprehensive list of people to consider towards that honor. Please contact us with any nominations.
- The BLS recertification process is under review now for how we're doing the hours and how recertification for skills evaluation will be done.

Old Business – None

New Business

- The next two meetings will be in person. The July meeting will be at Garrett College where we will also be doing the Hall of Fame awards, and then the October meeting will be at UPMC Western Maryland.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.