

**REGION I EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JULY 18, 2024**  
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# Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

*July 18, 2024*

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held on July 18, 2024, at 7:01 p.m. Members attending were: Jeff Hobbs, Justin Orendorf, Alison Robinson, Derek Crippen, Doug Beitzel, Dwayne Kitis, Janelle Martin, Mike Salvadge, Lori Peck, Richard DeVore, Shannon Adams, and Wayne Tiemersma

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

## ***Approval of Aprils 18th, 2024 Minutes***

The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

## ***Welcome Guests***

Dr. Chizmar -MIEMSS, Paul Harman NGCRS, Dwayne Kitis- MIEMSS

***President's Report*** – Thanked Committee for Regional Awards attendance.

## ***Committee Reports***

Prehospital Care System – Committee met the end of June and discussed the candidates for the Hall of Fame. July Protocols were reviewed and educational needs acknowledged for the roll out in the Jurisdictions as well as QA efforts, VAIP inspections EMSOP Reverifications within the Region.

Quality Improvement – No additional Report

Bylaws/Membership – No report

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 Launch Meeting scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup> for 2025 planning, which is set for March 7-8, 2025.

## ***Garrett County Activities***

WVU Medicine Garrett Regional Medical Center – No Report

Garrett County Emergency Services Board / Emergency Management & Communications –Derek Crippen; Emergency Services Chief.

- Director Grant is on medical leave with no identified return date. Duties have been split between Derek (ES Chief), Justin (Coms Chief) and Dave (Emergency Planner)

Garrett County Communications – Justin Orendorf

- Working on Back-up 911 center. Awaiting delivery of equipment.

Garrett County Emergency Medical Services – Derek Crippen

- Department is addressing extended response times in identified areas of the county.
- A spare Lucas is being located in Kitzmiller due to extended transport unit ETA
- Working on equipment standardization efforts
- Awaiting final signature for the updated QA/QI plan.

Garrett County Health Department – Lori Peck

- Announcement of Health Officer Bob Stephens's retirement. They are currently recruiting for a new Health officer.
- Hosting ECHO (Exploring Careers in Health Occupations) students on June 24<sup>th</sup>. (3 of these student are from Garrett County).
- H5N1 PPE has been offered to Dairy farmers (Three farms are participating). No current cases in Maryland. Signs and Symptoms were reviewed with the group in attendance.
- Outdated Cavi-wipes are available if requested for personal use.

***Allegany County Activities***

Allegany County Emergency Management / Communications – No Report

Allegany County Emergency Services Board – No Report

Allegany County EMS – Mike Salvadge

- Working on new staff structure due to budget constraints. Delays are possible depending on how the budget process works out and staffing availability is realized.

Allegany County Health Department – Alison Robinson

- Has a new Health Officer (Jena Spear).
- They are in the process of trying to fill several positions within the agency.
- Family planning is back in services and started seeing patients this past month.
- Still holding onto a significant stack of PPE and COVID rapid tests. Let Allison know if there are any needs.

UPMC Western Maryland / Region I Specialty Centers – Jeff Hobbs

- Staffing has been a challenge hospital wide and has currently caused a current lack of bed availability causing additional boarding of patient within the ER. Transfer of Care times have remained very good.
- Vesper Transport has begun operations improving transfer transport times and rates.
- Tele stroke has been implemented improving door –to-needle times.
- Cardiac Intervention Center just successfully completed its reverification.

Allegany College of Maryland – No Report

***Regional Reports***

Regional Medical Director – Dr. Janelle Martin

- Reminded group of Jurisdictional education for 2024 protocol rollout.

State Medical Director – Dr. Tim Chizmar

- Discussed 2024 protocol surrounding defibrillation changes including; Dual sequential defibrillation pad placement, utilization of two monitors (AED is not acceptable as second device).
- New protocols have been distributed. Pocket protocols are no longer available. Phone app is now available.
- EMSOP Reverification letters will be going out shortly. Dr. Delbridge and Chizmar will be meeting with each EMSOP.

MFRI – Todd Dyche

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

MDEM - No Report

Medevac – Rick DeVore

- Whole Blood Program is going well overall. There has been a few request for whole blood to realize blood pressure requirements were not met for administration.
- Early activation continuous to go well.
- Hoist training is starting up again. Please let Rick know if you wish to coordinate trainings.

CISM – No Report

AGCVFRA – No Report

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition – Allison Robinson

- Several workgroups are being formed to work on areas identified through after-action reports.

Career Fire & EMS – Chief Shannon Adams

- CFD is down three positions. Will be hiring one and have two additional offers in process.
- Currently perusing SAFER Grant positions.
- Working with ACDES on coverage and response needs.
- Working with Stryker on Lease program on equipment for Cots, Lucas devices, AEDs and Monitors. Will met needs for the next 10 years.

Commercial Ambulance – No Report

***MIEMSS***

Wayne Tiemersma/Dr. Chizmar

- MIEMSS is interviewing for Director of Clinician Services.
- EMSC email update and information was sent on 7/17/24 to entire committee.
- EMT testing continues. BLS Expirations are now in January 31st and July 31st.
- BLS Renewal education is still under review utilizing modules for 2024/2026.

***Old Business - None***

***New Business -***

- Chief Salvadge announces Mountain Maryland Medical Mission July 27- August 5<sup>th</sup> will be held at the Allegany County Fairgrounds.
- Some discussion was held surrounding the future potential of utilizing Whole Blood within Region 1. This discussion will be ongoing as a supplier is identified and process sustainment realized.
- Next Meeting will be held in-person at UPMC Western Maryland on 10/17/2024 at 7pm.

***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



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

July 18, 2024 - 1900 hours  
Garrett College

**2022-2024 cohort** – This 2-year cohort was completed on May 7th. NREMT psychomotor occurred on May 18<sup>th</sup>. 15 students tested with 14 passing. One student had to retest at another location and passed. The written exam was scheduled on several other dates. To date, 10 students have passed the NRP written with the others working on retesting.

**Paramedic accelerated hybrid** – This 1-year cohort has 9 students. They completed the classroom part of the course on July 10<sup>th</sup> and started their Capstone. This is at least 100 hours in the field and 20 ALS calls. Following the capstone, students will be able to schedule their NRP exam ASAP since there is no longer a psychomotor exam. Graduation is on September 16, 2024, at the Garrett College Performing Arts Center. The council is invited.

**Fall 2024 cohort** – Applications for the 2024-2026 two-year evening program, and the 2024-2025 daytime hybrid program have closed. We have been doing entrance testing and student interviews. Students will be notified at the beginning of August for acceptance with classes beginning in September.

**Accreditation** – Our 5-year reaccreditation is underway. We completed our self-study and have already received our Executive Analysis. Our site visit has been confirmed for December 9 and 10, 2024. This will also be a virtual site visit.

**MFRI classes:**

**EMT** starts 8/22/24 - Thursday/Sunday @ MFRI WMRTC

**EMT Refresher** – 10/19, 10/20, 10/26, 10/27 @ Garrett College CTTC

**ALS Refresher** 9/23/24-9/26/24 – MFRI WMRTC

**Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS)** 11/25/24 & 11/26/24 @ Garrett College CTTC

**Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)** – 8/22/24 & 8/23/24 @ Garrett College CTTC



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EMS Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County

Report Date: July 2024

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	WMRTC	1/11/24	Th/Sat	13	Testing
EMT	-	GCCTTC	2/21/24	W/Sun	13	Active
EMT Refresher	-	GCCTTC	4/13/24	Sat/Sun	24	Completed
EMR Refresher	-	WMRTC	5/8/24	M/W	7	Completed
EMT Refresher	-	GCCTTC	5/19/24	Sat/Sun	5	Completed
EMT	EMS-106-S003-2025	WMRTC	8/22/24	Th/Sun	(21)	Open / Active
<i>*EMT Refresher</i>	<i>EMS-203-S001-2025</i>	<i>GCCTTC</i>	<i>10/19/24</i>	<i>Sat/Sun</i>	<i>(5)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT Refresher</i>	<i>EMS-203-S002-2025</i>	<i>WMRTC</i>	<i>12/7/24</i>	<i>Sat/Sun</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