

REGION I EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 20, 2023
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Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

July 20, 2023

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held on July 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Members attending were: Jeff Hobbs, Scott Whetsell, Jonathan Dayton, Wayne Tiemersma, Alison Robinson, Diane Lee, Doug Beitzel, Todd Dyché, Rick DeVore, Al Ward, Cheryl Rexrode, Dwayne Kitis and Alex Kelly; via phone were: Jennifer Ritchie and Mike Salvadge.

The meeting was called to order by Doug Beitzel at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of April 20, 2023 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Welcome Guests

No guests.

President's Report – Doug Beitzel; no report

Committee Reports

Prehospital Care System

A meeting was held to select the recipients for Region I Hall of Fame awards. The ceremony for the awards was held before the Council meeting this evening.

Quality Improvement – No report

Bylaws/Membership

The Council Membership list will be looked at to assess the positions of members who have not been attending meetings.

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 first meeting of the Miltenberger Committee for the upcoming 2024 seminar was held recently; started planning the sessions and getting ideas for a keynote speaker.

Garrett County Activities

Garrett Regional Medical Center – No Report

Garrett County Emergency Services – Wayne Tiemersma

Wayne gave an overview for Garrett County.

- Emergency Manager John Frank is retiring soon. There is a candidate chosen to assume his position and will be announced at a later date.
- They are still looking at completing the financing for the 911 backup center's radio component.
- Video scope protocol, a new initiative for EMS, is going very well.
- The County will be doing Bi-level CPAP in lieu of CPAP only.
- They are in the middle of revamping the Quality Assurance Board and Plan; decided to wait until the new Emergency Manager is in place to take it from draft to final document.

Garrett County Health Department – Diane Lee; no report

Allegany County Activities

Allegany County Emergency Management / Communications – No report

Allegany County Emergency Services Board – Scott Whetsell

- The unit numbering process is still ongoing. The Fire side went back to previous numbering from years ago. EMS numbers have not changed yet; the EMS Subcommittee is reviewing their options.

Allegany County EMS – Mike Salvadge

- They have recently been approved to have 4 EMS Sergeants as an additional level of management in the department. These sergeants will basically be riding in an ambulance for now and be available to fill in when an EMS Lieutenant is not available. There will be one Sergeant for each shift.
- They have been approved for BiPAP and also RSI; are halfway through the training for RSI.

Allegany County Health Department – Allison Robinson

- They have now hired a fulltime Health Officer, Dr. Junie Delizo. He started on June 30.

UPMC Western Maryland – Jeff Hobbs

- Please remind field clinicians about documenting the patient handoff times accurately; also do not declare you're at the hospital until you are parked at hospital entrance to provide a more accurate time.

Allegany College of Maryland – No report

Regional Reports

Regional Medical Director – No report

Region I Specialty Centers – Jeff Hobbs

- Nothing new to report.

MFRI – Todd Dyche

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

Medevac – Rick DeVore

- All the MSP aircraft are now carrying blood, 2 units of O+, to be administered according to protocols.
- Outreach with Trooper 5 has held many demos in the past few months. If you want to schedule a demo, please reach out to them.
- MSP has done 8 aerial/hoist rescues this year, with 4 of those being done by Trooper 5. If you want training on hoist rescues, contact him directly.

CISM – Al Ward

- They had 2 callouts since the last Council meeting.
- 2 members of team have taken IAFF peer support training.

AGCVFRA – Jonathon Dayton

- The Governor has signed the Commission to Advance and Strengthen Fire Fighting and Emergency Medical Services within Maryland.
- The next meeting of the Association will be held at Eastern Garrett County Fire Department on Aug 6.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition

Meghan Roderick sent an email out related to future exercises that will be held. They are looking for volunteers for the Pediatric Surge Tabletop; also having a Crisis Standard of Care Tabletop exercise, and Medical Response and Surge exercise.

Career Fire & EMS – Doug Beitzel

- They have been having approximately 22 calls a day.
- They received a new Rescue Truck recently; training on it was held the other day.
- A new Fire Engine is due to arrive soon.
- Two new ambulances are on order for January.

Commercial Ambulance – No Report

MIEMSS

Cyndy Wright Johnson emailed members an update on EMSC activities.

Region I Report – Alex Kelly

- New Cardiac Device Grants are moving ahead as scheduled.
- Spiral Protocol Books are available. Pocket Protocols should be in next week.
- Ambulance inspections will be held in October.
- The Region I & II Coordinator position is still open; will hopefully have interviews in August.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.



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

July 20, 2024 - 1900 hours
Garrett College

2022-2024 cohort – The cohort is currently on summer break, but continuing to do clinical hours in the field, ER and OR. We retain 20 students and they will resume on August 30th. The last day of class will be May 7th. Graduation is set for Tuesday, May 14th at 7 pm in the Garrett College Performing Arts Conference room. The Council is invited.

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.

Paramedic accelerated hybrid – Entrance testing and student interviews are complete. Acceptance letters will be going out next week. There will be 12 students in this cohort. The first session of class is Wednesday, August 30th @ 8 am. The course is a hybrid model with students doing online content, and meeting F2F on Wednesdays from 8 am-5 pm. Classroom content will be completed in July 2024. Following the capstone clinical time, graduation is expected in the first part of September 2024.

Health Sciences partnerships – The College Presidents from Garrett, Allegany, Potomac State, WVC&TC formed an allied health focus group to look at collaborating with multiple programs. A second meeting was held at Allegany on July 13th. With several programs talked about, the group will begin to push paramedics in the region and which will continue to be offered at Garrett College. The other colleges will advertise our program in their catalogs with a pathway to take GERs at the student's home institution. We are working on a seamless handoff from each institution that would make it easy for students. This work is ongoing but expected to be ready when applications open in March 2024 for the fall 2-year and hybrid programs.

MFRI ALS courses in Region 1 – on the back

ALS (MFRI) courses being offered in Region 1

10/09/23-10/12/23 – ALS Refresher

Allegany County Dept of Emergency Services

9/23/23-9/24/23 – Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS)

Garrett College Career Technology Training Center

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

Allegany County Dept of Emergency Services

12/5/23-12/6/23 – Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS)

Allegany County Dept of Emergency Services

8/22/23 – Maryland Rescue Task Force for EMS

Garrett College Career Technology Training Center

9/19/23 – Maryland Rescue Task Force for EMS

Allegany County Dept of Emergency Services

9/20/23-9/21/23 – Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)

Garrett College Career Technology Training Center

8/23/23-8/24/23 – Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)

Allegany County Dept of Emergency Services



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

Report Date: July 2023

| Class | Log Number | Location | Start Date | Days | # Students | Status |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| EMT | - | GCCTTC | 1/23/23 | M/W/Sat | 14 | Active |
| EMT | - | Cresaptown | 4/5/23 | W/Sun | 17 | Active |
| *EMR | <i>EMS-105-S004-2024</i> | <i>GCCTTC</i> | <i>9/18/23</i> | <i>M/W/Sat</i> | <i>(3)</i> | <i>Open</i> |
| *EMT Refresher | <i>EMS-203-S009-2024</i> | <i>GCCTTC</i> | <i>9/23/23</i> | <i>Sat/Sun</i> | <i>(3)</i> | <i>Open</i> |
| *EMS Officer I | <i>MGMT-203-S002-2024</i> | <i>GCCTTC</i> | <i>10/3/23</i> | <i>Tue (Daytime)</i> | <i>(1)</i> | <i>Open</i> |
| *EMT Refresher | <i>EMS-203-S010-2024</i> | <i>WMRTC</i> | <i>10/22/23</i> | <i>Sun</i> | <i>(6)</i> | <i>Open</i> |
| *EMT | <i>EMS-106-S012-2024</i> | <i>WMRTC</i> | <i>January 2024</i> | <i>Th/Sat</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

Additional Information

1. WMRTC is now in service expect for the training grounds. Here are some important features:
 - \$9 million project
 - 4 total classrooms
 - New large storage building
 - Student break room
 - Pearson Vue testing lab
2. Fall course schedule is currently online. Within the region, several EVO and HM Ops/Awareness courses are scheduled.
3. Department Mentoring Program
 - Please consider developing a mentoring program to assist students – especially for entry-level classes like FFI and EMT.
4. Potential High School Cadet Program for Garrett County may start in the 2024 school year. More information to follow.