

**REGION I EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 18, 2019**  
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# Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

*April 18, 2019*

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held April 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Allegany County Department of Emergency Services located at 86 West Main Street, Frostburg, MD. Members in attendance included: Elizabeth Wooster, Jeff Hinebaugh, Dr. Janelle Martin, Dr. Stephanie Sisler, Donald Dunn, Chris Biggs, Justin Orendorf, Wayne Tiemersma, Joseph Braithwaite, Alison Robinson, Diane Lee, Doug Beitzel, Rick DeVore, Al Ward, Bill Hardy, and Dwayne Kitis.

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Tiemersma at 7:00 p.m.

## Approval of October 18, 2018 Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

## ***Welcome Guests***

Guests attending were Dr. Ted Delbridge, Megan Galvin, and Brian Frearson.

## ***President's Report*** – Wayne Tiemersma

- 50/50 Grants – Have been closed out.
- SHSGP Grant – Due back 15<sup>th</sup> of May to Dwayne; Allegany and Garrett counties are both getting bids ready.
- CRT Course – Ending this year; students must test by end of year with National Registry.
- Advanced EMT (AEMT) – Dr. Delbridge explained more on the AEMT scope of practice and informed the group of AEMT issues for the State. Feedback as to the need of AEMT's in our area is requested back to Dwayne or Wayne.
- Emergency Triage, Treat and Transport (ET3) – Law made it more lenient on paying for transport to alternative care destination; to treat and release; and to triage. The pathway has been set so that this can be done, but Region I does not have any of these programs in place in the area. Bill Hardy said that the hospital is interested in this and would like a meeting to discuss it – possibly in the Prehospital Care System meeting.

## ***Committee Reports***

### Prehospital Care System

- Need to update the Alert Status and Communication Flow Chart.
- Vote will be held on EMS Hall of Fame nominations at next meeting.

### Quality Improvement

- An informal meeting was held and discussion was had on formalizing preceptor programs in the Jurisdiction.

### Bylaws/Membership

- Voting on the appointment/reappointment of members was held and passed unanimously as per the attached Council Membership list.

### ALS Advisory Committee / Garrett College – Doug Beitzel

- Doug gave an update on ALS training in the Region, please see attachment.
- He added that out of the 18 students in the last class 14 are now operating in an ALS capacity somewhere; other ones either need to take initial test or retest.

### Region I Emergency Services Education Council, Inc. – Dwayne Kitis

- The Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar was a success again this year. Dwayne thanked the Allegany County Emergency Services for stepping up this year with all their help; it was much appreciated.

## ***Garrett County Activities***

### Garrett Regional Medical Center – Jeff Hinebaugh

- GRMC has been recertified as an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital.
- They had a successful Active Shooter Drill in February.
- Also participated in an EID drill.
- The hospital/ER is busy with nursing students and some paramedic students coming through now.

### Garrett County Emergency Management & Communications – Justin Orendorf

- Please see attached handout.
- Wayne added that they do have a lot of the Maryland First System capabilities on some trucks now but still need to update the 911 Center for MD First. The system is working very well in Garrett County.

#### Garrett County Emergency Management - EMS – Wayne Tiemersma

- County has possible part-time openings for two EMS; have not been posted yet.
- The Health Department is talking to the County EMS about becoming another site for public training on narcan.
- This coming Tuesday and the Tuesday after, there will be a two seminars with EMS, fire, and law enforcement to talk about the EMS Plan and go through it with them showing how it actually rolls out if there is an incident; also want to encourage the fire side to get through TECC since they will make up the majority of the rescue task force.
- This Fall and next Spring they are looking to hold an Active Shooter tabletop drill and full functional drill; also a Unified Command drill is being discussed.

#### Garrett County Health Department – Diane Lee

- April 27 is National Drug Take Back Day; sites in Oakland area include the Sheriff's Office, State Police Barracks, and Oakland Town Hall. The sites only take pills and patches, not needles or liquids. The Health Department does have packets that you can put liquids or pills in that deactivates them, then you seal it and put in the trash.
- There will be a special showing of the movie "Suicide the Ripple Effect" on May 7 at Garrett College's Auditorium. May is suicide prevention month.

### ***Allegany County Activities***

#### Allegany County Emergency Management/Communications / Emergency Services Board

- When MD First System came out communications were bad in some areas but now have improved, but there are still some issues to correct.

#### Allegany County EMS – Chris Biggs

- The Chief's position was just posted and is in the application process now.
- They are also planning on having four Lieutenant positions.

#### Allegany County Health Department – Alison Robinson

- The Health Department has their MD First radios but have not tested them yet. There will be a Call Center drill in a few weeks and the radios will be tested then.
- They participated in an EID drill.
- There are three measles cases in Maryland so far; the Health Department continues to monitor the cases.

#### WMHS – Bill Hardy

- The Joint Commission finished up their visit last week; best site visit this year, a good experience.
- Traffic pattern around the ED has opened up now since the outside construction of the Behavioral Health Unit is complete.
- Door to Balloon Committee 2018 statistics for EMS was 40 minute on average; accuracy rate for STEMI alerts was 97%. Statistics for 2019 so far show average D2B is 41 minutes and accuracy rate for STEMI alerts is 100%. Bill said the hospital really appreciates all the work EMS does for this program.
- We are not doing as well on strokes as we should be. Some providers aren't calling them strokes or giving stroke alerts. Strokes are time sensitive as well and we need to do a better job on them. Some training for providers will be provided soon.
- The Hospital sends out monthly reports on controlled medications from the Pharmacy Pyxis to all EMS officers, EMS Chiefs and the surrounding Jurisdictions' Chiefs. They urge all departments to use these reports as a reconciliation for their controlled meds.
- The Hospital participated in an EID drill recently; an OP&R drill and an Evac drill will be held also.
- Last year they put in place a clinical affiliation with UPMC and are now in process of looking at full affiliation with them; exploring all options on what can be done.

#### Allegany College of Maryland – No report

### ***Regional Reports***

#### Regional Medical Director – Dr. Martin

- We need to push out education to crews on Measles and work with respective hospitals for response plans, too.

#### Regional Pediatric Medical Director – No report

#### Region I Specialty Center – Elizabeth Wooster

- Elizabeth thanked Wayne & Dwayne for checking into why WMHS and GRMC were put on Yellow Alert recently.

- The Center just did some teaching last week at the PPG Building; teaching for the next two months is dedicated solely to EMS. She would like feedback on what EMS in the area would like to have presented. The training takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.
- The hospital has made a lot of changes within operations for the Trauma program. The changes instituted have had a significant positive impact for patient care, along with operational smoothness and cohesive work.
- WMHS has hired a neurosurgeon with possibly another one to come also; UPMC is helping in this effort. From public perspective, the two current neurosurgeons at WMHS have worked 40 years with every other day on call; they deserve respect for all they have done.
- EMS Reports – they have been working with Allegany County and the State Registry to obtain some improvement on related issues.
- Wayne added that both counties are moving forward with the CRISP System.

MFRI – Todd Dyché

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

MEMA – No Report

Medevac – Rick DeVore

- They now have ReVel ventilators on all aircraft.
- Three pilots have been hired and are in flight training now; three medics just graduated from the academy and will be doing their field and in-house training next. Recruiting will continue with hopes of hiring more in the future.

CISM – Al Ward

- One call this year so far.
- Next meeting will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- CISM class is coming up in conjunction with EMS Care.
- There is a new PowerPoint presentation available for use by anyone that is interested in presenting it to their organization.

AGCVFRA – No report; waiting on a representative to be assigned by that association.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition – Megan Galvin

- They are working on the last four big projects that are due by the end of June.
  - Resource Assessment
  - Hazard Vulnerability
  - Coalition Surge Assessment
  - Regional Response Plan
- Also in the process of ordering training supplies for Stop the Bleed courses.
- They applied for supplemental funding for the Region I & II Coalition to be used for a mobile (tent) hospital and it has been approved. The mobile hospital will hold up to 16 patient beds; WMHS has the same one and Meritus Hospital is also ordering one.

Career Fire & EMS – No report

Commercial Ambulance – J.R. Braithwaite

- Things are going well in both counties.
- They are getting a new ambulance in Cumberland and also converting a BLS to an ALS truck to have another one for Garrett County.

MIEMSS – Dr. Ted Delbridge

- MIEMSS is embarking on the process to update the Maryland EMS Plan; the EMS Board makes the plan and are empowered to follow the plan that is made. The last plan for Maryland is 4 to 5 years old; the new plan will take about 6-8 months to complete.

MIEMSS Region I Report – Dwayne Kitis

- Protocols are out and online now.
- We have been rolling out Pediatric High Performance CPR in the area; anyone who wants to hold this training, please let Dwayne know.
- EMS Care will be held in Ocean City soon.
- The Allegany County QA Committee is being revamped; interviews are scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Wayne also added that both counties are in the middle of their 5 year cycle for recertification of the Jurisdiction; it needs to be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

***Old Business*** - None

***New Business***

- The committee needs to submit three names for our SEMSAC position; Wayne Tiemersma, Doug Beitzel, and Jeff Hinebaugh were voted on to be the Region I nominees.
- The State Volunteer ALS position is also open on the SEMSAC Committee; the group decided to submit Justin Orendorf for consideration.

***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Region I EMS Advisory Council Membership  
April 18, 2019**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Representation</b>		<b>Expiration Date **</b>
Elizabeth Wooster	Region 1 Specialty Center	Reappointment	01/15/21
Jill Spiker	Emergency Department Manager - Allegany County	Reappointment	01/15/22
Jeffrey Hinebaugh	Emergency Department Manager - Garrett County	Reappointment	01/15/22
Dr. Janelle Martin	Regional Medical Director	No Action Required	01/15/21
Dr. Stephanie Sisler	Regional Pediatric Medical Director	No Action Required	01/15/21
Kenneth May	Allegany County Emergency Services Board	Reappointment	01/15/21
John Frank	Garrett County Emergency Services Board	No Action Required	01/15/21
VACANT	Allegany-Garrett Counties Vol. Fire & Rescue Association	Appointment	01/15/20
Donnie Dunn	Career Fire & EMS Departments	Reappointment	01/15/22
Harry Copen	Allegany County Department of Public Safety - Emergency Mgt & Communications	Appointment	01/15/22
Chris Biggs	Allegany County Department of Public Safety - EMS Division	Appointment	01/15/20
Justin Orendorf	Garrett County Emergency Management & Communications	Appointment	01/15/20
Wayne Tiemersma	Garrett County Emergency Management - EMS	No Action Required	01/15/20
Joseph Braithwaite	Commercial Ambulance	Appointment	01/15/20
Alison Robinson	Health Department – Allegany County	Reappointment	01/15/22
Diane Lee	Health Department – Garrett County	Reappointment	01/15/22
Doug Beitzel	Education – Garrett County	No Action Required	01/15/20
Kathy Condor	Education – Allegany County	Reappointment	01/15/22
Todd Dyche	MFRI	Reappointment	01/15/22
Rick DeVore	MSP Aviation Division	Appointment	01/15/20
Allan Ward	MCISM	No Action Required	01/15/21
VACANT	Public At Large – Allegany County	Appointment	01/15/21
Cheryl Rexrode	Public At Large - Garrett County	Reappointment	01/15/21

\*\* Expiration Dates in blue have been adjusted to comply with By-Laws



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

April 18, 2019 - 1900 hours – Station 51

**Cohort Report and status**

2016-2018 cohort

Students completing program: 18

Passed NRP written: 11, Passed NRP psychomotor: 16, Registered NRP: 11

State (MD, WV, VA) Paramedic: 11

Students currently CRTI while testing for Paramedic: 3. Testing and re-testing are ongoing.

2018-2020 cohort – 30 students started the paramedic program in September 2018.

4 students withdrew and 2 failed the 1<sup>st</sup> semester with 24 students passing all requirements of the first semester. At the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, 2 additional students returned from the last cohort bringing the total to 26. Since then 3 students withdrew bring the current class size to 23 students. The semester ends June 13<sup>th</sup> with l'99 psychomotor testing on June 15, 2019. The students will then schedule their l'99 written. All l'99 testing and retesting **must** be complete by Dec 31, 2019 with NREMT will no longer support the exam.

**Paramedic degree program**

Garrett College is complete with the proposal for an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree. The title will be **Associate of Applied Science – Paramedic Studies**. The proposal went before the college's Curriculum and Standards Committee on February 15, 2019 and present to the Garrett College Board of Trustees during their March meeting. It was approved and now moves to the Maryland Higher Education Commission. This process will take 90-120 days. It is already being placed in our fall catalog as a student could start their GERs between cohorts.

This program will present an opportunity for two types of students: 1. the current paramedic student or future student attending class. 2. Current Paramedics who can earn half their degree since they are already a paramedic. 100% of the remaining classes will be available on-line. We are also proposing this is as a "work shortage" program which would allow in county tuition for all students. An informational campaign will begin soon to education current providers on what is available, and the steps to apply.



# **GARRETT COUNTY**

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

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### Garrett County 911 Quarterly Update

2019 Year to Date

11307 Admin/911 Calls  
995 Ems Calls  
434 Fire Calls  
1924 Police Calls  
3353 Total Dispatched Incidents

- Phone upgrades have been ongoing over the last 2 weeks to bring the department online for text to 911.
- Radio testing has been on going with the individual fire and ems departments in the county in preparation for the Maryland First Radio System.
- Budget numbers have been submitted for the new FY year for console upgrades to allow for the county to begin using the Maryland First Radio system for Police, Fire, and Ems.
- Additional funding is being requested to increase our staffing levels to 3 communications officers per shift.

Justin Orendorf, Asst. Chief  
Garrett County 911





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EMS Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County

Report Date: April 2019

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	GCCTTC	1/14/19	M/W/Sat	5	Canceled
EMT	-	WMRTC	2/24/19	Su/W	25	Active
EMT Refresher	EMS-203-S043-2019	GCCTTC	5/4/19	Sa/Su	(7)	Open
EMT Refresher	EMS-203-S046-2019	WMRTC	6/1/19	Sat/Sun	(6)	Open
EMT Skills	EMS-202-S026-2019	WMRTC	6/3/19	M/W	(6)	Open

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. Preregister online at <http://www.mfri.org/cgi-bin/schedule.cgi?S=Online> for the following training opportunities:
  - a. EMT Refresher (12 hour) – Every month
2. Fall schedule is online and active.