

REGION I EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 10, 2025
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Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

July 10, 2025

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held on July 10, at 7:00 p.m. Members attending were: Jeff Hobbs, Scott Whetsell, Shannon Adams, Mike Salvadge, Allison Robinson, Doug Beitzel, Rick DeVore. Online: Kim Gordon, Stephen Todd Dyche. MIEMSS: Wayne Tiemersma and Alex Kelly.

The meeting was called to order by Alison Robinson at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of April 17, 2025 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Welcome Guests

Marissa Arnone, Paul Harman. MIEMSS: Abby Butler, Elizabeth Wooster, Dr. Ted Delbridge, Dr. Rameen Shafiei, Dr. Tim Chizmar, Cyndy Wright Johnson, and Dwayne Kitis.

President's Report – No report

Committee Reports

Prehospital Care System – Met at the beginning of June and selected the individuals to be honored for the 2025 Region I EMS Hall of Fame. The new protocols were discussed as well as QA/QI initiatives with both the counties. Discussed next meeting fall of '25.

Quality Improvement – No report

Bylaws/Membership – A new slate of members will need to be voted on in October including the positions currently held by Jonathan Dayton, Mike Salvadge, Justin Orendorf, Derek Crippen, Scott Flaskamp, Doug Beitzel, and Rick DeVore.

ALS Advisory Committee / Garrett College – Doug Beitzel

- We have three different cohorts.
 - Our hybrid program. we only have three students in that right now. They'll be completed here in September. And are just finishing their clinicals and capstone.
 - The two-year program (class 23) is on break right now between the first and second year. returning back here September and finish in May. There are 13 students.
 - Class 24 will begin this fall. It's another hybrid program. There is entrance testing and interviews start tomorrow. We have 13 applicants for September.
- We're in the middle of our five-year reaccreditation. All steps have been completed; the program is awaiting the board's action.
- The training program has purchased an in-class simulator, the project has been delayed. It is anticipated to be completed before the fall class.

Region I Emergency Services Education Council, Inc. – Wayne Tiemersma

- The Miltenberger Seminar Kick-off planning meeting is scheduled for this month.

Garrett County Activities

WVU Medicine Garrett Regional Medical Center – Kim Gordon

- GRMC will have an active shooter training next week the 23rd there will be a full drill with victims.
- The current Director of the ED and ICU has resigned, Recruitment and posting is forthcoming. Kim Gordon will be the Acting Director until filled.

Garrett County Emergency Services Board / EMS / Emergency Management & Communications – Written report submitted.

- Garrett County is in the process of transitioning oversight of the 911 Communications Center from the Garrett County Sheriff's Office to the Department of Emergency Management. Additional 911 Specialist positions are advertised as of today and the transition process will begin in the near future.
- The Department is proud to report that Garrett County EMS has reached full staffing capacity. This achievement follows an aggressive recruitment and onboarding effort throughout late 2024 and early 2025
- Notable outcomes:
 - Consistent, timely emergency medical response throughout the county.

- Increased availability of EMS personnel to support volunteer fire departments during major incidents.
 - Greater resilience during periods of high call volume, including seasonal surges.
- Beginning in May of 2025, the EMS Division added a second clinician to serve the southern portion of the county. This strategic investment was made in response to identified service gaps and rising call volumes.
- As we continue into the second half of 2025, the Department of Emergency Management is focused on:
 - Continued recovery operations from the flooding event which continues to keep the Savage River Rd closed.
 - Enhancing severe weather readiness and improving real-time situational awareness tools.
 - Strengthening partnerships with local agencies, volunteer organizations, and state/federal entities to ensure community resilience across all hazards.

Garrett County Health Department – No Report

Allegany County Activities

Allegany County Emergency Management / Communications – Mike Salvadge

- Roger Bennett is now the appointed Director
- New programs have been made available for flood recovery. Information is online.

Allegany County Emergency Services Board – Scott Whetsell

No Report

Allegany County EMS – Mike Salvadge

- Testing and interviews have begun for hiring. Another round will begin after completion of the current process.
- Approval was recently given for the purchase of new ventilators and video scopes.
- New jurisdictional policies are being developed for first attempt use of the video scopes and anterior/posterior AED pad placement.
- Allegany County is looking at the feasibility of Whole Blood OP.

Allegany County Health Department – Alison Robinson

- Not sure of grant viability with projected budget cuts.
- Assisting EM with statewide disaster relief and disaster recovery case management for Lonaconing and Westernport and other areas.

UPMC Western Maryland and Region I Specialty Centers – Jeff Hobbs

- UPMCWM was awarded the Platinum Performance Achievement Award this week by American College of Cardiology for our work in chest pain and PCI.
- Upgrading to Epic patient health records platform.
- Security upgrades in the coming weeks including construction that will block certain areas of the hospital. Entrances will be narrowed down to two with metal detectors, etc.
- Medications for the new protocols are already in the PIXIS.
- Jeff is looking into a needleless transfer devices availability due to the discontinued Baxter Advantage system.
- The hospital is upgrading rapid infusers in the whole hospital to a more technologically advanced product. Jeff informed MSP that Belmont Buddy Light were purchased for specialty transport if they were to have anything fail.

Allegany College of Maryland – No Report

Regional Reports

Regional Medical Director – No Report

Jurisdictional Medical Director – Dr. Shafiei

- Offered recognition and gratitude for the success of the Allegany County RSI program.

MFRI – Todd Dyche

- A handout was provided on EMS classes in the Region.
- Classes are running very well, especially at the EMT level. Alternating courses between Allegany and Garrett running has made a tremendous difference in having those courses lift off and proceed with very little issues.
- an NFA sponsored course called EMS functions and incident command system is going to be held at the MFRI headquarters in College Park on September 15th and 16th. It is a 16-hour seminar course, and if you want to register

for that, either reach out to Todd Dyche or go to the MIFRI website under the seminar tab, and you can register there for that course.

Medevac – Rick DeVore

- Command Wide the whole blood program has administered blood to 218 patients with 282 units given, and the command has possessed over 1,500 units so far.
- Trooper 5, is roughly 20 medevacs ahead this year than we were last year, which was our busiest year, for a long time.
- There were two new- hire pilots here around the March time frame. One of them has already completed their check ride and the other one should be completing their check ride here within the month.
- Allegany County and Garrett County were contacted. Trooper 5 is currently out of service. for approximately 7 to 10 days until we get a new aircraft out of heavy inspection but procedures stay the same as far as requesting aircraft and Syscom will dispatch whatever asset is available for those calls

CISM – No Report

AGCVFRA – No Report

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition – No Report

Career Fire & EMS – Chief Shannon Adams

- CFD had six EMT students, four of which had passed at the time in the last meeting, the other two passed recently.
- The second new ambulance has been delivered.
- CFD is working on updating their hiring list. Recruitment announcements were posted yesterday.
- Chief Adams discussed their Stryker lease program with the group.
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Commercial Ambulance – No Report

MIEMSS

Region I - Wayne Tiemersma

- Reminded Departments to funnel news for the MIEMSS newsletter to them for submission.

OCI – Abby Butler

- Introduced herself and her role with Perinatal Programs at MIEMSS.

EMSC - Cyndy Wright Johnson

- A webinar is online focusing on correct restraint, educating the mother who is pregnant on how to be correctly restrained, what are the injury patterns? and how do you prioritize, and all of that.
- Awaiting a date from Washington County Public Training Academy for another open PEP class for both regions and all four jurisdictions in the fall.
- We have 23 ENTC scholarships still. If you know anyone who is interested in taking an emergency nurse pediatric course we do have those funds through the end of next year.
- Our pediatric and nursing champions will meet on July 23rd. We're going to focus on pediatric disaster resources because that is one of the biggest questions received about pediatric readiness.
- Our physician forum is going to focus on the newest protocols for pediatric sepsis on July 30th
- The Right Care When It Counts and Star of Life awards are open.
- Discussion was held about educational resources for child heat emergencies/ fatalities in vehicles.
- Pediatric assessment cards and posters, and pediatric readiness imitative information is available.

OCI – Elizabeth Wooster

- Assisting Allegany County with some education and is available to the region if requested.

OMD – Dr. Chizmar

- Thanked Clinicians for taking the time to do the Protocol updates, MIEMSS works hard to making the topics relevant to the job they do.
- Discussed consolidation of the protocols in the future.
- Documentation of Waveform capnography continues to be an area that needs QA/QI attention.
- Midazolam, Fentanyl, and Ketamine are the three highest commonly reported for dosing errors. Midazolam dosing is being looked at to understand the efficacy of use in seizures.

MIEMSS Executive Director – Dr. Delbridge

- The newest member of the State EMS Board is Jeff Hobbs...Congratulations!
- Dr. Delbridge discussed the limitations of the MIEMSS budget.
- EDAS system launch was discussed.
- Turn Over of Care efforts continue to be relevant and looked on.
- BLS continuing education requirements were discussed. MIEMSS will work to make sure work accomplished to date is recognized.

MIEMSS Mission Support – Dwayne Kitis

- Thanked the pre-hospital committee for continuing the Region 1 EMS Hall of Fame
- Reminded departments about the Cardiac Devices Grant CDG grant this year. The grant s going to be revamp in the future.

Old Business – None

New Business - None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.