



# Fire Services Committee Meeting Minutes 7/9/2019



## CALL TO ORDER

The July 9, 2019 meeting of the Allegany County Fire Services Committee was called to order by Chairman Wayne Rounds at 6:00 P.M. at the Public Safety Building.

## IN ATTENDANCE

The following companies/departments were represented and in attendance:

Bobby Ritchie	Good Will		Carder Miller	Mount Savage	Bryan Miller	Allegany DES
Scott Yates	Shaft		Derek Crippen	Bedford Road	Allen Ruby	Flintstone
Tim Dayton	Potomac/Luke	◆	Eddie Collins	Bedford Road	Dwayne Kitis	MIEMSS
Chris Biggs	ACEMS		Greg Boyd	District 16	Dottie Ruby	Flintstone
Shannon Adams	Bowling Green		Kenny Wolford	Oldtown	Roger Bennett	Allegany DES
Steve Adams	Bowling Green		Phil Via	Allegany DES	Austin Christner	Ellerslie/DES
Wayne Rounds	Barton		John Reginaldi	MEMA		

## MINUTES APPROVAL

The Minutes from the May 14, 2019 meeting were approved as written by motion made by Chief Ritchie, seconded by Chief Adams. Motion passed.

## COMMITTEES

### 1. COMMUNICATIONS

Brian advised they are still working on the CAD. Roger had requested 1.5 million dollars from the Emergency Numbers Board for the Vesta system and for the Next Gen. 911. We were approved for the 1.5 million dollars but not the CAD yet. Roger reported that the alerting system cabinet has arrived and we are waiting to move the alerting devices to the Jackson Mountain Site. The alerting devices are completed and Phil will be linking up with each department to hand out and the department is responsible for hooking the device up. Pagers are out, if there are any issues let us know. There have been some battery issues with the new pagers, but they are under warranty and will be fixed. There will be a brief sheet heading out with how they operate. We will be waiting until the 450 MHz is finished. Chairman Rounds asked about the portables working with mineral county. They are still not working and wondering if they will get them to work soon or what the progress is. There were issues on the recent fire in Mineral county. Might have to do with the different radio brands working together. Roger discussed that they are working toward getting the situation fixed, however this is on Mineral Counties end and not on Allegany's.

### 2. EMS

Chief Biggs reported that operations are ongoing. We are hoping to bring on more additional help including 4 lieutenants which would put someone on shift at all times. We are also hoping for an additional 8-12 employees on top of that. The counties infectious control plan is being revised with the last revision being in 2007 WMHS. We are specking a new ambulance for one. Lifeline, Braun, & Road Rescue was the three. Next few months hopefully add a new one in service.

### 3. FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Nothing to report.

#### 4. MIEMSS

EMS Interim Chief advised that the QA committee is cracking down on run reports. Fire or EMS reports need completed. New Quality Assurance committee is looking at them and making sure they are done and done correctly. If reports are not completed in a correct time then the group will be automatically notified, this is a COMAR regulation.

Dwayne handed out the Region 1 MIEMSS Update. See Attached

Dwayne also announced that he will be taking over Region 2 of MIEMSS which now puts him in charge of Region 1 and Region 2. An associate administrator will be hired under him.

#### 5. MEMA

John reported August 6 there is an EPA tabletop exercise in Charleston, WV. Those who use Web EOC, there will be a refresher course on July 11 in Hagerstown. The Public assistance class will be held on August 14 and on June 26 a quad meeting occurred with multiple states and the CCTA plan is still in progress.

#### 6. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

#### 7. PUMPS TESTING

Steve Shipley reported that gauges are being sent out to be calibrated. We also added new gauges. Anyone wishing to help let Steve or one of members know. Equipment checks will be done soon.

#### 8. FIT TESTING

One machine was given out to Bedford Road, let Austin or Shipley know and we will get it to you. We can also assist you if needed.

#### 9. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Policies are updated on the website. Revised dates are now on the website and the ones voted on recently by the fire services committee. The Rescue standards committee did not meet yet. Survey has been sent out and completed by everyone, Chief Collins reported

Safety Committee – Blocking policy is an updated policy and needed to be specified. We have adjusted them from 55 mph to 35 mph. The new policy requires a Class A pumper rather than a brush or utility vehicle and any road over 35 mph. Exposure report forms are now available and can be utilized until a central collection point is complete. These can be used for the time being.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ridgeley VFD will be hosting a Capitol Fire Command class and a RIT class. The Command Class will be August 24 at PPG road which is currently not full. This class will be free. We will be using Allegany County Buildings for the class. October 26 and 27 is the RIT Class we will be hosting, but there is a waiting list right now. The cost is \$30 per person.

On September 28 – 29 there will be a SARTECH class at PPG. Cole Brown, the state SAR Tech will be teaching the 16-hour class. The county is picking up the cost for everything, but the certification. This is a very good class to take and we will push more information out as soon as we get it. There will be a minimum of 15 people for fire and 15 for law enforcement and dispatch. The class is both hands on and practical application.

Chief Yates asked about the Firehouse Software. He asked when an update was completed because they haven't seen anything within years. Yates was wondering if we should look at lamresponding instead of firehouse software. Roger discussed that lamresponding is not compatible with our current CAD but looking to implement the NFRIS reporting with lamresponding in the future. Multiple departments are also having issues with receiving lamresponding texts. Should we look at something different. Was discussion on what the State Fire Marshal would allow if we were to switch software  
Recommend waiting

At the ESB Meeting, the FY18 appropriations money that Luke Fire Department did not spend was voted to be transferred to the Special Ops program which would amount to approximately \$13,000 for rope equipment for squad 2 and squad 22 for the county rope team.

Chief Ritchie invited everyone to a Power Line Safety drill on July 24, 2019 at 18:00 hours at the Armory and a Cancer Presentation on July 10 at 19:00 hours

Swift water Awareness training is available for individual departments. Please contact Stevie Adams.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Fire Services Committee will be held on September 10, 2019 at the Public Safety Building on PPG Road.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M. by Chairman Wayne Rounds.