

Calvert County EMS Advisory Council

Wednesday, March 17th, 2021

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order - 1900
- II. Pledge of Alliance
- III. Approval of Minutes – Paula Bailey motion, second by Richard Sewell
- IV. Guests - None
- V. American Red Cross – Not Present
- VI. Calvert County Health Department – MCT is now 24 hours/7 days a week and responding to Mental Health calls
- VII. Calvert County Sheriff's Office – Not Present
- VIII. MSP Barrack U – Not Present
- IX. MSP Aviation – Not Present
- X. Old Business
 - a. MOU Task Force – Waiting on signed MOU from the committee for it to go in front of the Commissioners – Al Jeffrey
- XI. New Business
 - a. Citizen Rep – Steve Scelzo was reappointed to the citizen rep position, Heather Howes made a motion, seconded by Paula Bailey
 - b. Backboard pickup – Co 3 to pick up backboards this month
 - c. Co 7 QI – Submitted by Email
 - d. Co 10 QI – Submitted by Email
 - e. Co 1 and 3 Due in April
 - f. Future of EMS Committee – Chuck gave an update on the first meeting where they reviewed how much the calls have increased. Chuck discussed the challenges of predicting the future with outstanding items from the master plan. They requested the council to provide recommendations they may have for future of EMS in regards to career and volunteer.
- XII. Open Discussion
 - a. Co 1 – No Report
 - b. Co 2 – No Report
 - c. Co 3 – No Report
 - d. Co 4 – Not Present
 - e. Co 5 – No Report
 - f. Co 6 – Talked about the COMAR standard
 - g. Co 7 – No Report
 - h. Co 10 – No Report
 - i. Medical Director – Had to leave the meeting. Everyone should still continue to wear masks regardless of vaccination status
 - j. CHMC – Discouraged and frustrated when providers say their officers don't go over stuff with them that is said in Council. She thanked everyone for parking of the medic unit at the ER. They started this week with visitors from 2p-6p only, the ER can have 1 visitor and 1 visitor only until they are discharged, pediatrics can have both parents, but only 1

can be in the building at a time. Trauma consults are an issue, do the trauma consult as soon as possible, don't wait until you're 5 minutes from the hospital.

- k. Calvert Emergency Communications – The new radio system goes live in Tuesday March 23rd, please remind all of your members the radio channels are all changing. Training should have been completed with the members, so they are familiar with what channels are used for what call types and how to navigate the radio channels. All personnel for communications are operating from PSB for this weekend only and they will move back to the Courthouse location Tuesday morning.
 - l. Calvert County EMS Coordinator – No Report
 - m. Citizen Reps – No Report
 - n. Chair of Chief's Council – Not Present
 - o. MIEMSS Rep – No Report
 - p. Career EMS – March 9 the Commissioners approved the budget adjustment for 16 additional employees (8 EMT's, 8 Paramedics) for 2 additional ALS resources in service, in training through July 2, in the field July 5. Company 4 and Company 5 will be staffed with these personnel. CARES funding will continue at 3, 5 & 10 through July. A BLS unit will also be placed in service in the interim. Temporary staff is being assigned to the station and the target date for in service is March 22. Three transitional paramedics are going from BLS to ALS temporary. If this happens Company 4's unit could transition to an ALS unit. They will be A248. Company 4 will go ALS first then Company 5.
 - q. Public Comment -
- XIII. Adjournment – Heather Howes motion, Stacy seconded at 1942