

Meeting of the Talbot County Emergency Services Advisory Board (TCESAB)
May 31, 2017

Attendees:

Wayne Dyott - Chairman

Debbie Timms

Steve Mroczek

Richard Smith

Bryan LeCates

Ruth Sullivan

Wayne Dyott called this special meeting of the TCESAB to order at 6 pm.

Brian LeCates began with an updates from the Department of Emergency Services.

The EOC upgrade is complete. The EOC now has a video wall that is capable of displaying up to seven different images form a wide range of sources. This will improve it ability to function as an EOC as well as improve if functional as a meeting space. This was all completed with grant funding as opposed to County funding.

The phone system continues to have difficulties. They are on the admin side only, the 911 phones are working correctly but there is no voice mail on the admin side of the system. The vender is working on a no cost to the county solution to this problem. Parts are currently shipping and Brian said they expect installation to be complete in about two weeks.

The CAD system is tentively set to go life on June 26th. Actual cutover will be later that week. Work has been under way creating the various interfaces necessary for the system to connect with other state and county systems. The County has approved additional physical computer servers to allow the CAD to run on their own computers rather than on virtual ones to improve performance..

After the CAD system is operational, the mobile solution for Law enforcement will be activated. It will allow operators to see the physical location of all officers. This solution will be extended to EMS and parts of the Fire Service in about 9 months. Each Department will get one license.

The EMS Division has been very busy with a combination of special events and a seasonal up tick in the number of calls.

The County has created an Opioid Intervention Team lead by the County Health Department. A Local Drug and Alcohol Committee (LDAC) has also been created with all the stake holders including elected officials and the courts. EMS has met with them and briefed on their charters. A County action plan is being drafted for submission.

The county is still seeing an increase in drug overdoses. Data Collection is not good in this area. The state requires a Situational Report every two weeks from every County. Law enforcement and EMS are sharing data but regular data collect from Shore Health is a challenge. Many drug cases get to the hospital without EMS or law enforcement being involved. Brian asked for an official POC for this purpose.

The new drugs being seen are increasing the danger to the drug users as well as to health care providers. Debbie Timms said we need to create a regular referral system for drug users. She also discussed their recent K 2 overdoses.

The new budget has been approved. An increase in the training budget was approved as well as a new ambulance and an one step pay increase for all employees

Steve Mroczek reported that the volunteer fire companies of the county received their funding as requested in their budget request. Additionally, an increase in the Incentive Program will raise the monthly payout from \$183.50 to \$200 per month. At the same time, the Death Benefit will be paid to for any county firefighter who dies and has 25 years of service regardless of age.

Debbie Timms discussed the new Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) Center at Easton Hospital. The center is taking walk-ins from the community and referrals from the ED. EMS cannot bring patients to the center as it is not certified by the state. EMS will need to continue to bypass Easton and go to Peninsula Regional or Ann Arundel. That certification process will take about a year. Brian said that he hoped that fast track it as it is a game changer for EMS. He said that it was a state of the art center and it is a valuable resource to the community.

There was no input from the Talbot County Sherriff.

Debbie asked Brian if there was any money in the budget for land acquisition in the North County. He said that Council knew the cost but none was budgeted.

Future meeting are scheduled as below. All will held in the Talbot County EOC at 7PM.

July 26 2017
September 27 2017
October 25 2017
January 31 2018

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM