

Meeting of the Talbot County Emergency Services Advisory Board (TCESAB)
3 January 2024

Steve Mroczek - Chairperson

Members:

Shirley Bucci	Tim Cannon	Steve Elliot
Tina Kintop	Terry Satchell	Dave Stepp
Ruth Sullivan		

Steve Mroczek opened the meeting at 6 PM 3 January 2024 at Talbot Center.

Meeting began with introductions of new members; Steve Elliot from the Talbot County Sheriff and Tina Kintop the new Chief of Talbot County EMS.

Brian LeCates was absent for today's meeting, so Tina Kintop provided his inputs.

FY2025 Budget-

We anticipate receiving annual budget guidance on January 11 so to this point we have not started assembling a FY 25 budget proposal. We do know that we will be putting in for LEOPS for EMTs, at least one ambulance, and some big-ticket items (furniture/servers) for the move to the new public safety building.

911 Division-

Three new people start 2 January and are beginning the training process to become a communication specialist. This will bring some much-needed relief to the scheduling issues in that division.

Emergency Management Division-

The Emergency Operations Plan has been completed and we are on the agenda later this month to seek County Council adoption.

DES has made a job offer to a person to fill the Emergency Management Coordinator position. This is a new position. Once they have completed their drug test, background investigation, and psychological screening we will have a hire date and at that time we will be able to share the name with this board.

EMS Division-

The Talbot County Office of Law is working on drawing up a lease agreement for the property on Rt.309 for the new North County EMS station. Once that lease is executed, we will be finalizing the plans and going out to bid for the construction.

The Department's Apprenticeship Program is well underway. The plan is that the two apprentices will take EMT classes at Chesapeake Collage after they turn 18.

There are a few new hires in EMS which is helping with all of the open shifts.

Working with For All Seasons to develop a Peer Group. When operational it will also support Law enforcement and Corrections officers.

Tina Kintop said that they are developing a set of SOPs for the EMS Division. When they are complete, they will be shared with the County's Volunteer EMS Departments.

Mobile Integrated Health is being reactivated. Lots of work to do with this program but near term it will focus on 911 frequent callers.

Steve Elliot provided an update from the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office did several things over Christmas for the community, one, called Nichole's Promise was done in conjunction with Gray Street Recovery House took 19 kids who has lost a parent to an overdose shopping at Target. Additionally using some toy donations from Hasbro, the Sheriff worked with Talbot County Elementary Schools to improve Christmas for about 300 kids.

The biggest needs for the coming budget will be additional Deputies and vehicles. By February the Office will be five Officers down. Ordering Police vehicles has become as long a process as it is for Ambulances and Fire Trucks. The five vehicles approved last year should arrive 1 March and by then they will need another five.

Debbie Timms was absent so there were no updates from Shore Health.

Steve Mroczek reported that the budget process among the Volunteer Companies will formally begin later in January. While operating and training costs are always issues, Steve said that he expects that budget issues related to recruiting new members and retention current members will be a major focus of their submissions,

Tim Cannon discussed a recent meeting that the Cordova Firemen's Association had with Brian to discuss the new North County Station. He passed around some architectural drawings of the proposed design. The station will be directly across from Chapel District Elementary School. There will be a traffic light on Cordova Road between them.

Dave Stepp told the group he was happy to see work was already underway on next year's budget requests. Public safety will always be an important issue to Council, and he assured us they would work to meet our needs.

New Business

Proposed schedule for this Year is shown in Attachment 1. Our next meeting will be February 7

**Talbot County
Emergency Services Advisory Board (TCESAB)**

2024 Meeting Schedule

February 7, 2024

March 6, 2024

April 3, 2024

May 1, 2024

June 5, 2024

September 4, 2024

November 2023 (retreat meeting – off site – location/time TBD)

January 8, 2025 (Location TBD)

***All meetings will occur at 6 PM in the EOC at Talbot Center except the
November and January meetings***

Attachment 1