

Meeting of the Talbot County Emergency Services Advisory Board (TCESAB)  
September 27, 2017

Attendees:

Wayne Dyott - Chairman

Jack Harrald

Lois MacDonald

Ruth Sullivan

Brian LeCates

Steve Mroczek

Debbie Timms

Wayne Dyott called this meeting of the TCESAB to order at 7 pm.

Wayne began by reviewing the Minutes from the last meeting on May 31. There were no changes suggested and the Minutes were approved as prepared.

Wayne reported a conversation with Mike Brophy. Mike told Wayne that changes in his obligations have made attending Board meetings impossible. Since Mike is a representative of the Talbot County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (TCVFRA), Wayne asked Steve Mroczek to bring the situation to the attention of the Association's Board and see if they would like to appoint another member.

Brian LeCates gave an update from the Department of Emergency Services (DES).

At the last meeting we discussed the budget approved for DES. One item in that budget is the acquisition of a new ambulance. The Council will review the plan for that acquisition at their October 10 meeting and hopefully approve the release of the procurement document to their ambulance vender. This will be the first ambulance with a power load system. Brian showed several brief videos to familiarize members with this system and it's use.

In response to the growing Opioid problem, DES has begun sharing patient care reports with the Public Health Department. This way, an addiction specialist can follow up with patients who have had an overdose, especially with patient care refusals. This process makes Talbot County the second county in the state to implement this process. A MOU was staffed through the State Attorney General's office documenting this information sharing process.

Brian discussed the "Safe Station" initiative of Councilmen Pack. This idea is being tried in Ann Arundel County and allows a person wishing treatment for an addiction problem to go to a Fire Station and request help. The Talbot County situation is different as our stations are volunteer and not always staffed. Use of Call Boxes, the 991 Center and other ideas are being looked at as ways to adapt the idea to Talbot County.

Mr Hollis has directed that every County Employee be trained in the use of Narcan. DES, together with the Public Health Department will combine this training with CPR for all employees. Planning to reach the 250+ employees is underway.

The Easton Police Department has approached DES to discuss adding a Paramedic to their SWAT team. It is one of the only teams in the state that does not have one. DES is investigating what it will take to provide this capability. One current DES paramedic is current planning to attend training and the necessary paperwork is being developed. They have not yet gone to MIEMSS, who must approve the establishment of a Tactical EMS Program, but DES has made them aware of their planning.

Brian briefly discussed the recent accident that damaged their newest ambulance. The ambulance was crossing RT 50, doing all the "right" things when some one in a hurry used the turn lane to go around the stopped traffic and T-boned the ambulance. There were no injuries to either the occupants of the car or ambulance. The ambulance sustained about \$2,500 in damage

There were no updates from Shore Health or the Talbot County Sherriff.

Steve Mroczek discussed the ongoing TCVFRA Recruiting and Retention program. In July, a fourth annual golf tournament to raise money to assist funding this program. Advertising will continue both in print and on TV to raise awareness and to encourage new members to apply. While all types of members are welcome, the focus remains on responders. The TCVFRA process to develop next year's budget for the 7 fire companies will begin later this year.

Wayne discussed the next presentation to the County Council. He said there is no need to wait to budget time to meet with them. There was agreement among the Board members that the timing of our most recent presentations, during the budget process, provided little value to Council. They are very busy with the annual budget process. A consensus developed that meeting with them in January would give the opportunity to focus on issues rather than the budget. By that time DES has their priorities set but the Council has not heard them. Wayne said he would discuss with Mr. Pack

The Board discussed the annual Board retreat. The last several years we have held this event at the Victory Garden. The decision was that we could hold that event on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October. Members will be contacted with the details.

Next meetings are as below. All will held in the Talbot County EOC at 7PM.

November 29 2017  
January 31 2018

Addition meetings maybe scheduled depending on meeting date with Council  
The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.