

Meeting of the Talbot County Emergency Services Advisory Board (TCESAB)
March 6 2016

Attendees:

Wayne Dyott - Chairman

Debbie Timms

Lois MacDonald

Steve Mroczek

Bryan LeCates

Diana Mautz

Jack Harrald

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

Wayne said we were still on schedule for our meeting with County Council tomorrow, March 7 at 3:15 to 4:00PM in Council Chambers. Tonight's meeting is intended to go over the outline of our presentation.

Brian LeCates provided an update on Clay Stamps new Temporary Assignment for the Governor Hogan. The assignment is scheduled to last one year.

Wayne said he would start out the presentation with a short introduction and would introduce those who were present and those who could not make it to the presentation.

He would then discuss the Emergency Management Budget, highlighting the upgrade of the 911 Center, Radio system and new CAD System. He said he would also address compensation and changes approved last year to assist addressing compensation issues. Following that Wayne would continue with the EMS budget discussion. He would cover benefits and deferred compensation issues as they pertain to both. He also planned on discussing our support for the increased Training budget requested by EMS.

Debbie Timms said that she would discuss the new ambulance acquisition. She said that she planned to highlight the positive impact on crash safety that the new Power Load system. It is one of only two systems that meet new federal safety standards and the only one comparable with our current Power Lift stretchers. This is in addition to its impact on prevention of routine back and shoulder injuries to providers. The cost of adding this system to an existing ambulance would be about \$25,000.

Lois MacDonald asked for some supporting material about cell towers. Brian identified the two locations that are going into the Cordova area. Wayne said that because of the close linkage of EMS and Cell Towers, we continue to support them.

Debbie said she would address Mobile Integrated Health initiative among Shore Health, Public Health and EMS. She said that as she researched this program, insurance re-embersment and hospital funding can make this program self supporting.

Jack Harrald said he would be discussing the Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan. The risks of inherent to a county with 600 miles of shoreline are clear. This plan is a first in the State of Maryland and the County should be very proud of it.

Steve Mroczek said he would begin by thanking the Council for their support of the Recruiting and Retention program of the Talbot County Volunteer Firemen's Association. The seven companies netted 50 new recruits in 2016. He then said that he would discuss two retention efforts the committee was supporting; the Fire Company members housing initiative and a proposed increase to the monthly Incentive payment.

Wayne said that Scott Mergenthaler had not provided any inputs from the Sheriff's Office.

Wayne discussed future meeting schedule. They will be at 7PM on the last Wednesday of the month. Below are the dates between now and January 2018.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM