

Calvert County EMS Advisory Council
Wednesday, January 20th, 2021
Calvert Advanced Life Support Building
55 Security Blvd, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order - 1904
- II. Pledge of Alliance
- III. Approval of Minutes – Paula Bailey, Second by Thomas Yowell
- IV. Guests -
- V. American Red Cross – Not Present
- VI. Calvert County Health Department – Not Present
- VII. MCT – Dr Fuller – Calvert is down 25% in opioid deaths from the previous year. Calvert Crisis Response will be the MCT’s new name. Hours will change to 24/7 in February. They are available for training if anyone would like them to come out. Heather inquired if they can do a zoom training for all the responders, he advised yes, they could. The health department does not allow you to get the COVID vaccine if you have had COVID in the past 90 days. Discussion on the vaccine, safety of it and problems from it.
- VIII. Calvert County Sheriff’s Office - Not Present
- IX. MSP Barrack U – Not Present
- X. MSP Aviation – Adam Davies – No Report. If you want any training reach out to him.
- XI. Old Business
 - a. MOU Task Force – All the departments would get together this month to sign it so it can get taken to the Commissioners. Joe Ford asked for stations to share the MOU with all staff, so they are aware of what is in it.
- XII. New Business
 - a. Backboard pickup – Company 1 should be picking up this month
 - b. Emergency Communications and Career EMS QI – Emergency Communications - Email was sent out yesterday on the QI report with what was requested last year. Career EMS report – Sent out by Heather and discussed. Company 4 submitted their QI report from November of 2020. Dr. Glen - You should be writing a very good narrative for a refusal, more than you do for a transport.
 - c. Co5 and 6 Due in February
 - d. Nominations/Elections – Chair – Steve Scelzo nominated and declined, Chuck Threlfall nominated, he accepted. Motion to close Thomas Yowell, second by Paula Bailey. Motion passed. Co-Chair – Julia Smith nominated, she accepted. Chris Shannon nominated, he accepted. Julia won by vote. Secretary – Stacy Clas nominated, she accepted. Motion by Julia Smith, Paula Bailey second. Motion passed.
 - e. COVID Vaccines and testing – Any first responders that has reached out to Heather Howes and expressed interest in getting the vaccine will have all been vaccinated as of Friday, January 22, 2021. If any first responder/member of your department would like to get vaccinated, please email Heather.Howes@calvertcountymd.gov as the Health department are moving on to the next group. The clinics are getting bigger. Rapid and PCR testing can be done at the Public Safety Building by strict criteria, reach out to Heather if anyone needs to be tested. Remind providers to wear the proper PPE (eye protection, N95 masks and gloves).

- f. Please send in your companies representative and alternate (Name, cell number and email address) to Heather Howes.
 - g. By Law committee was created last year to look at who can vote and include the career ems on it if this can be looked at and done.
- XIII. Open Discussion
- a. Co 1 – No Report
 - b. Co 2 – No Report
 - c. Co 3 – No Report
 - d. Co 4 – No Report
 - e. Co 5 – No Report
 - f. Co 6 – No Report
 - g. Co 7 – Drill next month open to everyone called “Back in The Day”, 3rd Wednesday
 - h. Co 10 – Major changes to the PIEP program, he will reach out to the individual stations before any changes are made. Request for medics by EMT’s, if you can include why you’re asking for a medic, so the medic has a heads up on the call.
 - i. Medical Director – Dr. Glenn – Dr. Jason Finkelstein just finished his school at Johns Hopkins and is currently working at Medstar, he is coming on as the assistant medical director. He will have a chase car and will be available to help, to teach, etc. There has been a small rash of people encouraging patients to not be transported to the hospital due to COVID exposure. This is never a reason to transport a patient to the hospital. MIEMSS has the COVID protocol, to leave a patient at home, but everything should be checked off on that protocol before leaving a COVID positive patient at home. MIEMSS is changing a protocol where EMT’s can give the COVID vaccine along with other vaccinations. This will be done as part of a team. You will get a short training on IM injections. If you’re interested get in contact with Heather. Dr. Glen encourages everyone to get the COVID vaccine. Chuck inquired about doing epi IM injections as an EMT. Dr. Glen advised the COVID vaccine is done by a team, epi injections would not be done as a team.
 - j. CHMC – Erin advised the hospital is seeing more patients with COVID, you may start seeing a possible delay. They are linked with PG One Call (COVID patients are being transferred to COVID facilities).
 - k. Calvert Emergency Communications – Half of our staff are operating out of the back-up site.
 - l. Calvert County EMS Coordinator – Shock Trauma survey was sent out to the departments, so Shock Trauma can see what kind of training departments are looking for. Burn unit trainings went well. Another burn unit may come out in February. If you are interested in any trainings let Heather know.
 - m. Citizen Reps – All present but no Report
 - n. Chair of Chief’s Council – Not Present
 - o. MIEMSS Rep – Critical care coordination center is working well, they are trying to move patients as quickly as they can to open room up in the emergency departments. He is working closely with Calvert and Charles to get planning undergoing for quality assurance training that is specific for Southern Maryland.
 - p. Career EMS – The commissioners have approved 2 additional transport units in service to staff 16 employees (8 EMT’s, 8 Paramedics). Initial plan is one at Company 5 and one at Company 4. Applicants are in process now, setting up CPAP now, 8-12 weeks before they are cleared through the process. The plan is to hire them all at one time and put them through a 4-6-week mini training academy. Working with the health department

and finance to continue the temporary staffing through these employees getting on the street. In the process of hiring a 5th supervisor, starting on February 8th, Paul Nicholson. Barry Contee's last day is next Friday, January 29, 2021. Applications for the Career Division chief are in the grading process now and interviews should be in the next few weeks.

- q. Public Comment - None
- XIV. Adjournment – Chuck – motion, Michelle 2nd

Vote for Co-Chairperson

Julia Smith Co 1 – Yes, Co 2 – Yes, Co 3 – No, Co 4 – No, Co 5 – Yes, Co 6 – Yes, Co 7 – Yes, Co 10 – Yes, Co 12 – NP, CR – Yes, Yes, Yes, MSP Aviation - abstained