

Calvert County EMS Advisory Council

Wednesday, July 21st, 2021

In person at CALS and virtual via zoom

Agenda

- I. Call to Order - @1905
- II. Pledge of Alliance
- III. Approval of Minutes – No minutes to approve
- IV. Guests - None
- V. American Red Cross - Not Present, Colton sent an email.
- VI. Calvert County Health Department – Denise, reminder they are 24 hours a day for fire/ems and police.
- VII. Calvert County Sheriff's Office – Not Present
- VIII. MSP Barrack U – Not Present
- IX. MSP Aviation – No Report. Contact him if you have any issues or problems.
- X. Old Business
 - a. MOU Task Force – Is at the companies waiting on signatures. AI is waiting to get it back from the Association to present to the Commissioners.
- XI. New Business
 - a. Co7 Backboard pickup
 - b. Co 2 & Co 4 due since deferred from May – Co 2 Deferred, Co 4 Turned in
 - c. Communications QI – Deferred to August
 - d. Career EMS QI – Turned In
 - e. Co 5 and Co 6 Due in August
 - f. Future of EMS Committee
- XII. Open Discussion
 - a. Co 1 – No Report
 - b. Co 2 – No Report
 - c. Co 3 – No Report
 - d. Co 4 – Not Present
 - e. Co 5 – No Report
 - f. Co 6 – No Report
 - g. Co 7 – Sterling, hosting an EMT Refresher the first weekend in August. They have picked up backboards. Their banquet is next weekend. With the medication shortage, he asked if Public Safety would come together to purchase BLS medication. AI advised he is more than willing to discuss it with all the departments for ALS and BLS medication.
 - h. Co 10 – Chris asked for a hand with the vending machine, he advised some items will drop to the bottom that were not needed. Please take those items that drop to the bottom even if you didn't request it. This can cause an issue for the hospital since the items are not secure. They are working on getting a box to put next to the vending machine for these items to be dropped in.
 - i. Medical Director – COVID is picking back up, the numbers are much lower in Calvert than it has been in the past but it is clear that with both vaccinations you can still get the virus. Although you have the vaccine and may contract COVID and have minor symptoms, you can pass it on to others that have not been vaccinated who may have serious symptoms. There is an increase in kids under 12 in contracting the virus. There

has been a lot of heartburn about trauma transfers coming out of Southern Maryland, they are calling for a dual consult, neither doctor is interested in picking up a delta patient. To improve this as a provider, do a more thorough examination to possibly move the patient up the trauma decision tree or decide in your own mind where the patient should be going. Once you've made your mind up, call that facility and present it in a clear manner. Albuterol is a work in process, and we will come to you to train the trainer. October 15th is the drop date for switching over from a provisional.

- j. CHMC – There is a trauma education that Erin did with EMS20 and she is offering to teach it as a drill to any station that wants it. Parking is hit or miss, one unit parked on the curb literally. Thank you for reminding the patients to wear a mask. She shouted out to EMS20 from North Beach for a great job on a trauma patient they brought in.
 - k. Calvert Emergency Communications – Not Present
 - l. Calvert County EMS Coordinator – COVID is picking back up, if you need additional PPE let her know. Masks for all patients and providers in the back with the patient. Put an N95 on providers with COVID positive patients. Dr Glen advised the delta variant of COVID is showing up as sinusitis instead of the tradition flu like symptoms. Discussion on the trauma decision in Region V.
 - m. Citizen Reps – No Report
 - n. Chair of Chief's Council – Not Present
 - o. MIEMSS Rep – the EMS Council will be reporting to the Region V EMS Council in the future to align everything with a regional level to a state level. Pocket protocols are not in headquarters yet. When they are, companies will be contacted to see how they will be distributed. Region V is in charge of putting together the QA/QI program, they are hoping by the middle of August they will be ready to test the QA/QI Officer course. PG Hospital has moved and is now Capital Region Hospital. Encourage people to use the at hospital dashboard for hospital status.
 - p. Career EMS – A Chief was selected, Kenny Miller was selected and will start August 30, 2021. Paramedic and EMT interviews were completed, a list of candidates was sent to HR that are continuing on. After 4-6, those selected should have a start date possibly in September. They will be in orientation for 6 weeks once hired. Heather is receiving 15-20 requests for reports a week on reports for MVA's and anything involving drugs will be pulled. The reports are lacking a lot of information and will not uphold in court. If you write a good narrative you more than likely will not be needed in court. Michelle suggested we reach out to the State's Attorney to do report writing drill again.
 - q. Public Comment – Erin asked about the QA reports not coming in until the day of the meeting and if we could make a motion that they be turned in the Wednesday prior to the meeting so there is time to read them over. Erin motioned that all QA reports must be submitted to Calvert Fire Rescue EMS the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting. Jill Wahlgren seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed.
- XIII. Adjournment - @2019 Motion by Michelle, seconded by Richard Sewell

Heather Howes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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