

Meeting Minutes
Calvert County EMS Advisory Council
Wednesday, August 19th, 2020
7:00pm
a Zoom meeting via the internet or phone

- I. Call to Order – 1903 by Chris Shannon
- II. Pledge of Alliance
- III. Approval of Minutes – Deferred until next month
- IV. Guests - None
- V. American Red Cross – Not Present
- VI. Calvert County Health Department and MCT – Dr Fuller, looking to expand hours in the future. They are being underutilized, if you need them back, call them back. They have an 80%-90% follow up rate with patients. Misunderstanding with EMS personnel that they believe MCT can meet them at the hospital. Once an ambulance is on the grounds of the hospital, they cannot take the patient over. Company 6 is having MCT at a drill tomorrow night at 7pm for educational purposes for the providers on what MCT does and how the process works.
- VII. Calvert County Sheriff's Office – Not Present
- VIII. MSP Barrack U – Not Present
- IX. MSP Aviation – Not Present
 - a. Old Business Reappointment and new appoint for citizen representative for District 1 and 3. (still pending in Commissioner Office, should be on BOCC agenda in September)
 - b. Career EMS -
- X. New Business
 - a. QI reports should be sent to Heather Howes at Heather.Howes@calvertcountymd.gov and she will email them out to email list for our September meeting. Your department's rep or QA/QI officer will need to present your Department's QI report on this call/meeting.

Calvert Emergency Communications deferred from July 2020 - Chris asked if we could do a report with the # of priority 1, 2 & 3 calls. I'm going to break it down per month.
Company 5 & 6 are due this month – Both turned in and presented.
Company 7 & 10 are due in September
 - b. Select By-Law Committee for annual review – Deferred until September meeting.
 - c. Career EMS will be added to QI review for January and June
- XI. Open Discussion
 - a. Co 1 – No Report
 - b. Co 2 - No Report
 - c. Co 3 – If you want information on the 8300 filters adapters, reach out to Thomas Yowell
 - d. Co 4 - No Report
 - e. Co 5 - No Report
 - f. Co 6 – Wanted to thank every company involved in the fatal accident a few weeks ago. MCT drill will be tomorrow night at 7pm if anyone wants to go.
 - g. Co 7 - No Report

- h. Co 10 – Versed is on national shortage, if they do not get the shipment in soon they will have to take it off the PEIP bags to use on front line medic units. If you have any issues with the new people, let Chris know, they have a lot of new faces out there.
 - i. Medical Director – New study from Duke University, wearing bandanas is not only useless, but may make transmission of COVID worse. Move away from using any single layer material. When you use the masks that look like the batman masks when you sneeze/cough it goes through the holes in the front.
 - j. CHMC – Thank you to EMS as the hospital gets you in as quick as they can. Thank you that came out to the BBQ, it was nice to chit chat.
 - k. Calvert Emergency Communications – Radio testing is finishing up this week, the project is still on schedule for going live in October on the new system. Text to 911 goes live tomorrow in the County. Chris asked if there is going to be anymore training on the radio system before we go live. September 9th Train the Trainer for the radio system at Stafford Road.
 - l. Calvert County EMS Coordinator – Wear your PPE. Heather and other Paramedics will be giving out flu shots the year, just waiting for them to arrive and then Heather will coordinate with all departments. Heather sent a field training coach email out for departments to update, please do and return to her. EMS 20 will be/is performing COVID test on TOR patients, any questions see Heather.
 - m. Citizen Reps – No report.
 - n. Chair of Chief’s Council – Not Present
 - o. MIEMSS Rep -
 - p. Career EMS – 5 EMT’s hired and 4 Paramedics hired from the first wave. Four more EMT’s are in the pipeline. A second wave of hiring was done about a month ago for paramedics and supervisors. In another month or so, the other MERIT positions should be filled. Temporary employees are still being hired, a skills assessment is being done on these employees now. PA219 has been in service for several weeks, the paramedic ambulance is sometimes dispatched as a medic unit in Company 5, 6 and 4’s area. They are dispatched because they are either the closest or only ALS resource. Erin asked if the employees being hired as a merit position, are there checks done with the applicant on how they have performed. Barry advised that there is a check done on them. The temporary’s Barry makes phone calls and, on the merits, they go through a thorough background check.
 - q. Public Comment – Thank you to Co6 and Co2 for the weird response plans for the washed out driveways. Medics cannot give as much Epi as they could in the past, this is the most noticeable protocol update.
- XII. Adjournment – 2014