

Calvert County EMS Advisory Council
Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm
In person at CALS and virtual via Zoom

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Guests – none
- V. American Red Cross – No report

- VI. Calvert County Health Department – Denise Dickerson – Regarding the Mobile Crisis Team – December or January will have second team will be available 0700-2300 hours to make things easier and more accessible.

- VII. Calvert County Sheriff's Office – not present. Discussion as to who is the contact person – Dave McDowell was named and it was noted we really need to reach out to get them to participate. Heather Howest will send Chuck the contact information for Dave.

- VIII. MSP Barrack U – not present. Stanis works at MSP and said that leadership has changed so often they weren't aware of the meetings. Stanis will share Deputy Aronson's contact information with Chuck.

- IX. MSP Aviation – Adam is contact – just reach out and he will come and coordinate any aviation drills. They will start carrying blood products, still in the works. Aviation will start carrying TXA on the first of the year and soon they will have a fluid warmer.

- X. Old Business
 - a. MOU Task Force – MOU committee met. There are some issues and will address changes going forward. Next meeting March 2022. For questions talk to Al Jeffreys

Meeting with Stephanie Cleveland at CHMH regarding communication. There was a slight change – everyone that is a volunteer will go through Heather Howes. EMS 20 is still the contact for career. Chuck Threlfall is the backup for volunteers. Still is an open agenda at Chiefs Council and tabled for further discussion.

Also at Chief's Council the recommendation for an EMS provider to be on all lift assists did not go over well – it has been tabled for further discussion. Dr. Glenn says its 100% safeguard against liability if you do it.

Dr. Glenn was asked about Protocol 33 and 37 – no update yet for lift assist and nothing yet for medical facilities. "Subject not alert" will need to have meeting with nursing homes. Calvert Nursing does not respond to emails. The driving factor that's going wrong for "subject not alert" is when EMS arrives the subject is alert – there seems to be a very high percentage of calls for this. Unnecessary resources are utilized for subject not alert. Question was raised is there an EMD question that is generating this response.

Stacy Clas said that EMD asks if the patient is completely alert and if they say no or unknown it gets marked as a priority 1. It is prevalent throughout the country. How can we help this? These are reviewed on a monthly basis and the solution is to send a resource. EMD review committee reviews these, what the caller says is what they go by.

Dr. Glenn asked if we can talk to the contractor who supplies EMD to see if they can balance that out.

XI. New Business

- a. Company 2 – picking up backboards or anyone else, please bring to stations
- b. QI – Company 2 – deferred
- c. QI – Company 4 – gave report. Discussion regarding bickering between hospitals and providers. The hospital needs a picture painted as opposed to what they are for in a category. Communication is key. Kenny Miller suggested we need more trauma decision tree training. Erin Parks and Adam Davies have offered to teach this and will be teaching one tomorrow, November 18, at Company 6. Dr. Glenn stated fundamentally folks at the hospital do not trust assessments from the field. Doctors have patients come in worse than what was reported to be. EMS needs to give good assessments and reports and they can get that trust back. Also remember transport times when helicopters are down due to weather.

XII. Open Discussion

Company 1 – nothing

Company 2 – nothing

Company 3 – Brian Bowen mentioned someone who picked up backboards for three counties. It was stated that we prefer not to do this as we lose our equipment that way

Company 4 – nothing

Company 5 – nothing

Company 6 – nothing

Company 7 – Annual Santa Run will be December 19-20. Sterling is out for an extended period of time.

Company 10 – nothing

Career EMS – Kenny Miller, 10A, Dr. Glenn, Dr. Finklestein and Paul Nicholson met to discuss ALS providers turnover board to have one system and one process – should finalize soon.

Stephanie Cleveland came to the FRE offices to meet with Kenny regarding open communications in EMS – we need to work together. Remarks about staff in the ER being nasty – need to understand that it's a two way street. Need a better way to work together as a team. Added new career EMS – please welcome them.

Question was raised regarding current career staffing – what is the number of full staffed positions?

We have ALS at Dunkirk, North Beach, Solomons. We have BLS at Company 4 and _____. There is a chase unit at CALS, 1 EMS Supervisor and Kenny is available at any time. That leaves completely staffed 8 ALS, 1 chase ALS, 4 BLS and 1 EMS 20. They work 24 on/72 off. 36 people is what we currently have on staff, with the ability to go eventually to 53.

Medical Director – COVID isn't over yet. Other than that, nothing else.

CHMC – Stephanie Cleveland noted all staff has to have vaccines. There will be a FEMA drill with Calvert Cliffs on December 3. Chad is heading up and will take care of a standby ambulance.

Calvert Emergency Communications – Stacy Clas has been working on the building of the dispatch where we have asked ALS be removed from the priority 2 calls. It is taking a long time and is very time consuming. Tones are being put through CAD and when it's done it will automatically go through.

Calvert County EMS Coordinator – Flu shots – let departments know she has flu shots so that she can coordinate flu shots for each station. If anyone is interested in the COVID booster, please go to the Health Department website.

Citizen Reps – Steve Scelzo and Kelly Martin were present with nothing to report. Michelle Weems notified CCEMSAC that she would not be present due to being out of town for death in family.

Chiefs Council Chair – Paramedic Ambulance 5 is not being dispatched as an ALS unit. It was noted that it was downgraded to BLS when no paramedic is onboard.

MIEMSS – Jim Brown is retiring at the end of the month. Please reach out to him and wish him well. There is a new EMS Clinician – Beth Widmer. The Attorney General for MIEMSS will be announced in a few days – will replace Monty.

Status of QA Training – still working on it. Had a few delays – will let everybody know.

Elections and nominations for EMS Advisory will be in January.

Kenny Miller reminded everyone about the holidays – he will be out and about and is happy to cook for the career folks. He has only gotten feedback from Solomons.

Motion to adjourn 20:38